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The regularly scheduled Wayne Township Supervisor Board Meeting was the Municipal Building, 1418 Wampum Road, Ellwood City, PA, November 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Chairman, Dennis Hall, Supervisors: Robert Abraham, Charles Hutchison; Solicitor, Ryan Long; Secretary/Treasurer, Shari Baney Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, lead by Chairman Dennis Hall.

Robert Abraham made motion to **Approve the Minutes** from the last 3 October meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles Hutchison. Vote: Hall, Aye; Abraham, Aye; Hutchison

## Public Input:

### Dolores Duncan –

1) Wanted to know what was going to be done with the houses in Burnstown. House in reference was 61 Spring Avenue Portersville Road. Mrs. Duncan explained about the Szakelyhidi house, in particular, Ray Evans, & John Tindall's home all need torn down. Those homes are devaluating her home.

2) She also explained Szakelyhidi leaving his dog in a house alone and it ended up breaking an upstairs window and out on the roof it went.

Cornell Jerome stepped up and said that some of the homes are hooked into the sewer lines but nobody lives there. It is a rat infested home and they will be moving forward with fines from their investigations. If the homes are being remodeled then they are going to pay sewer bills.

Hall responded the township has an order authority to demolish two of the 3 homes and Szakelyhidi home is one of them. It is Tindall and Szakelyhidi's home.

3) Duncan stated that the Szakelyhidi lives in Franklin Township but uses the 61 Spring Avenue address to avoid other costs and expenses. Abraham said it isn't an easy process for demolition because there is a cost involved and the township may end up incurring the costs if the residents don't. The township was not aware there were 5 homes like the Szakelyhidi. Township is in the moving forward process. Duncan stated she offered to give the owner \$500 to tear the house down.. Cornell said she might be able to renegotiate that deal. Ray Evans bought the house for taxes. Title owner is the responsible one.

### Bill Hepler-

1) February, requested an inventory of equipment, and mentioned a couple meetings after that that the township was working on that. Hall said. What is the status?

2) Fosnot day off. Legal or illegal. Attorney Long researched who sets the holiday pay and got in touch with the Penna Association of Townships supervisors set the paid holidays and the auditors confirm that. There is nothing wrong with it legally. Holiday or taking a day off for respect for the township supervisor who passed away. Hepler said, an employee, okay; supervisor is something else. The auditors set Compensated/compensation. Long stated there was NO case law suggesting anything illegal as an employee or supervisor taking the Fosnot funeral day. Unique circumstance! Based there is nothing wrong, not illegal. Hepler said the auditors set the holidays. LONG said there is no set direction consistent with this particular "grieving day". BUT, the supervisors set the holidays and the auditors' rubber-stamp/confirm the holidays for them and their employees. It is not the position or role of the auditors to set the holidays Auditors set the compensation for supervisors who are employees of the township.

3) How much \$\$ was spent on purchases this year. How much \$\$ is left in the account. Secretary stated the supervisors are given a monthly report of expenditures so they do know how much is spent each month, however, are not given a cumulative total.

**Frank Stefura-**

Human Relations –Dominic Farina, President of Community Alternative Inc., along with the developers of the ½ way house, filed a complaint against Wayne Twp and Wayne Twp Planning Commission based on discriminatory conduct, discriminated against the individuals who would house the ½ way house. They have mental health issues/problems and that would be a protective class. Could not comment more on it because of litigation issues. Our insurance company is condemning the township. Long stated it was in its infancy stage of fact gathering.

**Don Maine -**

1) Was reading the paper where the Wayne Township Supervisors were eliminating the auditors and he said these auditors were “elected officials”. He said he didn’t feel they were being overpaid that they were doing a good job. Question, is it legal to eliminate the auditors? Abraham said they were not eliminating them; they were just getting an outside auditor to do the books. He said they would be setting the wages. He said they were having an outside auditor do the books for one year to make sure everything is correct. Hutchison said when they went to get a loan for the skid steer; the bank said that the auditor's paperwork was not done properly. Audrey Borison objected to that statement and wanted to know if he checked with the State. Conversation continued about the figures NOT being in the right spot per the bank and Borison said what does the bank know. Hutchison said it was with reference to OUR copy.

Long stated supervisors are permitted to go outside and consider an auditor. This is NOT exclusive, is a common thing with other townships. The statute and resolution is available for inspection. Long mentioned other different townships have done similar audits. Abraham stated they have decided to do this for one year with a certified accountant because things have been the same way for how many years and they just wanted to start out with a clean slate and stop people from pointing out the township supervisors were doing things wrong. Want to start out fresh.

2) Maine thought the supervisors were questioning the integrity of the auditors and that was not the case.

**Old Business:** nothing

**New Business:** Police have a new juvenile custody procedure/policy procedure coming from the State they want approved. Abraham made a motion to accept the Juvenile Custody Protection Policy for Wayne Township. When you pick up a juvenile 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hutchison. VOTE: Hall, Aye; Abraham, Aye; Hutchison, Aye

**Cornell Jerome** – 1) wanted to know if they heard anymore more about the Beatrice situation? Let the township off the hook or what they’re going to do. Said the line was cutoff 3 years ago and it was a known thing.

2).How much was spent on the salt bin cover? \$38,000.

3) Cornell wanted to know about repaving the Squaw Run Mount Hope and Tierra Park? Question: 1) You are not going to tar and chip? 2) How is it bid? per foot/hundred/thousand. Where are you getting the \$\$ to fund that? Response, Liquid Fuel \$\$ The township gets so much \$\$ mile. 4) There will be no taxes raised? He mentioned culverts would need repaved, etc. Hall stated this is funded by the State and State approved for material and labor. Abraham said the Township gets so much a year per mile and definitely not enough to cover all the roads but its done little by little. 5) Cornell said Lundy Lane looks good. Cornell said all the manholes have been marked

Hall stated the township is redoing its **Land Development Ordinance** and has already been sent to the L.C Planning Commission. It now goes to the Wayne Township Planning Commission. Hall made a motion to send this on to the Wayne Township Planning Commission meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> to review and each member is given a copy of it. Hutchison 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion . Vote: Hall, Aye; Abraham, Aye; Hutchison

Abraham made a **Motion to Approve the Hardship Case** of Josh Magill, 252 Eidemiller Road to tie into an existing septic system since the mother died and there is a hardship. All pending approvals. The trailer is placed at the address, so noted, and tied into the existing septic system. The area is not tied into the

sewage system. Pending the approval of the SCO and Maury Waltz, motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hall. VOTE: Hall, Aye; Abraham, Aye; Hutchison, Aye

Cornell question: Is Maury getting anything for anybody for Squaw Run? Hall stated that Waltz got \$400,000+ grant \$\$ from the Community Development Grant. Resolution. It was stated they residents will have to apply and be approved individually depending on their income, but there is so much \$\$ at the disposal to tie into the lines. Wanted to know what the guidelines were. No information on it yet. It is a long procedure to go through. Mr. Waltz is going to Harrisburg Thursday to finalize this slow process.

Comment on: Low-income housing is ONE of the grants that have been approved for the Community Block Grant. But this grant is separate grant from the home improvement.

Abraham made a **Motion to Pay Bills**. Hutchison 2<sup>nd</sup> it. Vote: Hall, Aye; Abraham, Aye; Hutchison, Aye

Board Members went into an Executive Session to discuss the land and the possibility of hiring a part-time policeman.

Reconvened to Board Room. Motion was made by Hall to hire Chris Hardy on a part-time as needed basis at a \$7.64/hr pay rate., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hutchison. Vote: Hall, Aye; Abraham, Aye; Hutchison, Aye

Motion was made by Abraham to go into a buyer's agreement for the junkyard property next door at a price of \$90,000 providing it met EPA and SEO requirements. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hutchison Vote: Hall, Aye; Abraham, Aye; Hutchison, Aye

Motion was made by Abraham to Adjourn the Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hutchison. All in favor. Vote: Hall, Aye; Abraham, Aye; Hutchison, Aye. Meeting end: 8:10

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