

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, January 5, 2009 in the Township Building. Barry Schrope called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Bob Hines, Barry Schrope, Jim Fuller, Johanna Rehkamp, Vicki Jenkins, Lester Nace, Craig Gilbert, Bob Foltz, Carlton Williams, Ken Kline, Robert Noaker, Rick Schaar, Dave Jenkins, John Weldon, Jeff Beinhower, Leigh Walter, Jennie Nickel, Dale Meyer, Dave Mills, Darrin Foster, Dianne Dahlin, Mike Horanic, David Timothy and Jim Reisinger.

Bob Hines led the pledge to the American flag. A brief moment of silence was observed after the pledge in honor of the men and women who serve our country in the armed forces.

The first order of business was to reorganize. Jim Fuller was appointed Temporary Chair to start the reorganization. Vicki Jenkins was appointed Temporary Secretary.

Barry Schrope made a motion to appoint Jim Fuller as Chairman, Bob Hines second the motion. There were no other nominations. All were in favor.

Bob Hines made a motion to appoint Barry Schrope as Vice-Chairman, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to retain Vicki Jenkins as Secretary/Treasurer, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor.

The minutes of the December 1, 2008 meeting and the December 15, 2008 special meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the January 5, 2009 regular meeting for public viewing. Barry Schrope made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to raise the Secretary/Treasurer hourly rate by the percentage set by the auditors for the supervisors, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor.

Bob Hines made a motion for Vicki Jenkins vacation and sick time to remain the same, nine (9) vacation days, eight (8) sick days and to give two (2) personal days, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to keep the Treasurer bond at \$500,000, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to keep the Recreation Board bond for Bob Foltz at \$30,000, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made the motion to retain Orrstown Bank as depository for the township funds, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor.

Bob Hines made a motion for Jim Fuller to remain Roadmaster, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to retain Turner and O'Connell as Township Solicitor, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Solicitor fee will remain \$150 per meeting.

Barry Schrope made a motion to appoint Madden Engineering Services as Township Engineer, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor. Engineer fee is \$80 per meeting.

Barry Schrope made a motion to accept Roland Finkenbinder's resignation as Vacancy Board Chairman, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to appoint Dave Jenkins as Township Vacancy board Chairman, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Bob Hines made a motion to reappoint J.C. Smith as Township SEO, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. A new fee schedule for 2009 has been received.

Bob Hines made a motion to reappoint Mike Higgins as Alternate SEO, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to reappoint Lester Nace as Zoning Officer, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor. Bob Hines made a motion to raise the Zoning Officer hourly rate by the percentage set by the auditors for the supervisors, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Mileage will be paid at the rate of 55 cents per mile; this is the 2009 IRS standard mileage rate.

Bob Hines made a motion to reappoint Lou Harford as Assistant Zoning Officer, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Bob Hines made a motion to raise the Assistant Zoning Officer hourly rate by the percentage set by the auditors for the supervisors, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Mileage will be paid at the rate of 55 cents per mile; this is the 2009 IRS standard mileage rate.

Barry Schrope made a motion for Lee Potter to remain full time laborer, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Bob Hines made a motion for Lee Potter’s hourly rate to be increased to \$12.50 per hour, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Bob Hines made a motion for Lee Potter’s vacation days to be increased to four (4) days, sick days to remain at two (2) and to give Lee one (1) personal day, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion for Barry Schrope and Bob Hines to be called first if a part time laborer would be needed, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor. The auditors will set Bob and Barry’s hourly pay rate as part time employee at their organizational meeting.

Barry Schrope made a motion to pay part time laborers (if needed) at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to retain The Capital Tax Collection Bureau to collect the local income taxes, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to reappoint Bob Hines as the Chief Executive Officer for the township pension fund, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to reappoint Vicki Jenkins as the CDL testing contact person, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Barry Schrope made the motion to have all random CDL tests conducted on site, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to appoint Barb Zeigler to a 4-year term on the Planning Commission, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to accept Dale Moyer’s resignation from the Recreation Board, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor. Volunteer applications will be looked through to try to fill the vacancy.

Jim Fuller made a motion to reappoint Vicki Jenkins as Zoning Hearing Board secretary, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Jim Fuller made a motion to raise the Zoning Hearing Board secretary hourly rate by the percentage set by the auditors for the supervisors, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Craig Gilbert asked what the status of his subdivision plan was. The supervisors advised it was tabled by the planning commission last meeting and advised him to attend the next planning commission meeting.

Ken Kline advised he feels guide rails should be installed at Dellville Road and Pine Hill Road where the new bridge was constructed. The supervisors advise they will look into the situation.

The supervisors advised at this time they would be opening up bids for the truck advertised and would come back to public comment.

Bids received for the 2008 Ford F250 were opened and read aloud. The supervisors advised three bids have been received. Two of the bids were received as advertised and the third bid from L.B. Smith Ford was just received at tonight’s meeting and not sealed in an envelope as required. The results were as follows:

Maguires Ford	2008 Ford F250 Super-Cab 4x4	\$33,000.00
L.B. Smith Ford	2009 Ford F250 Crew Cab 4x4	\$36,808.00
Tri Star Ford	2009 Ford F250 Super Cab 4x4	\$31,333.72

Jim Fuller made a motion to award the bid to Maguires Ford for the purchase of a 2008 Ford F250 Super-Cab 4x4 as advertised, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor.

Leigh Walter states at last month’s meeting the solicitor offered to look into the Noaker variance further and Ms. Walter was wondering if there was any other information she found out. Johanna Rehkamp read from the variance facts and conclusions and stated she believes they are within their variance rights and if there was a problem with the variance it should have been appealed at that time.

Jennie Nickel stated Mr. Watts is doing business as usual at his Cook Road property.

Dale Meyer read aloud a letter he has prepared for the supervisors suggesting the township develop a detailed planning budget. Dale states he would volunteer to assist the supervisors in this process.

Dave Mills would like to thank the supervisors for their continued support of recreation in the township.

Dianne Dahlin states she would like to comment about the fire company and states at the last meeting the supervisors advised the fire company would be getting what they are currently getting and would not be discussing the fire tax. Ms. Dahlin said she believes it should be looked at further and stated EMS gets money for each house they go to for each call and the fire company gets nothing. Ms. Dahlin states the township needs good fire protection. Ms. Dahlin states she is also hoping the auditors will consider the

current economy when they are looking at raises. Ms. Dahlin would also like to know how the vacancy board chairman was picked, were applications considered or did they pick someone out of a hat they liked.

Mike Horanic would also like to comment on Mr. Watts and confirmed activity at the Cook Road property.

Lester Nace stated in response to Ms. Dahlin's comment the EMS does not get paid on every call; they only get paid if they transport somebody. Mr. Nace also advised a call report from the EMS would be forthcoming.

Jim Reisinger would also like to comment about the fire company. Mr. Reisinger states he agrees with the supervisors in having to look at the fire company financials and feels the township has an obligation to look at the financials before money is released. Mr. Reisinger feels the Duncannon Fire Company is trying to hold the township hostage. Mr. Reisinger also advised he is the chairman of the citizens advisory committee and there is a suggestion box here at the township building if anyone has a comment or suggestion for the committee.

A letter has been received from Lou Harford's office requesting a 90-day time extension on the Cramer subdivision plan. Barry Schrope made a motion to grant the 90-day time extension, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor.

Darrin Foster of Lou Harford's office presented the Hoverter subdivision plan for approval. Darrin states the planning commission has reviewed the plan and has recommended approval of the requested AOR's and accepts the plan as final plan. The requested AOR's are 1 – Preliminary Plan Procedures, 2 – Stormwater Management, 3 – Erosion & Sedimentation Control, 4 – Existing Contours at 5' Interval, 5 – Required Property Map Scale of 1", 6 – Required 50' Private Right of Way Width & 7 – Design Standards. Bob Hines made a motion to accept the AOR's as requested, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Bob Hines made a motion to approve the plan as presented, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

The Perry County Convention is Saturday, February 28, 2009. Bob Hines made a motion to pay \$50.00 for attendance and reimbursement for mileage at the IRS standard mileage rate, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. The Supervisors extended the invitation to the Auditors, Tax Collector and Secretary.

The State Convention will be held April 19 – 22, 2009 in Hershey. Jim Fuller made a motion to pay for Vicki Jenkins to attend the convention if she should choose to do so and pay all fees involved for the one day of training, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Statements of Financial Interest for the year 2008 will be distributed. They are due back April 1, 2009.

The Humane Society has sent a letter to the township regarding signing a contract for their services. The Humane Society would not be able to give a contract price until after the 1<sup>st</sup> year. The contract price depends on how many animals would be picked up from the township. The first year would be paid per animal at a cost of \$131.75/cat, \$118.45/dog, \$257.96/pit bull, emergency service \$75.00 and pick up service \$50.00. The supervisors state this could get costly for the township and does not feel the township is ready to sign a contract with the Humane Society. The township receives approximately 3 – 4 calls a year about stray animals.

The supervisors advise each year the Perry County COG looks for a delegate from the township. Jim Fuller is currently the delegate for Wheatfield Township. Barry Schrope made a motion to retain Jim Fuller as delegate for Wheatfield Township, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor.

In accordance with the Right-to-Know law the township has to designate someone as Open Records Officer. Jim Fuller made a motion to appoint Vicki Jenkins to this position, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

The supervisors advise the township has received the audit report from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the New Bloomfield Fire Company. The audit report is public record and available for examination by all interested citizens. The New Bloomfield Fire Company currently receives fire relief monies from New Bloomfield Borough, Carroll Township, Centre Township and Wheatfield Township totaling \$31,572.

Barry Schrope made a motion to approve the checks from the general fund for the month of December with each supervisor abstaining from approval on those they had a personal interest in. They were as follows:

15309 – 15359 and 11-2008, except 15309, 15310, 15312, 15313, 15314, 15315, 15330, 15331, 15332, 15334, 15353, 15354 and 15356, all thirteen approved.

15309, 15313, 15330, 15331, 15353 – Bob and Barry approved, Jim abstained.

15310, 15314, 15332, 15354 – Jim and Barry approved, Bob abstained.

15312, 15315, 15334, 15356 – Jim and Bob approved, Barry abstained.

Bob Hines second the motion to approve the checks, with all in favor.

There being no further business Jim Fuller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins  
Twp. Secretary