

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, March 2, 2009 in the Township Building. Jim Fuller called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Bob Hines, Barry Schrope, Jim Fuller, Johanna Rehkamp, Vicki Jenkins, Lester Nace, Kraig Nace, Bob Foltz, Thom Casey, John Weldon, Dave Jenkins, Robert Noaker, Jennie Nickel, Jeff Beinhower, Loraine Vogel, Barb Zeigler, Kent Johnson, David Mills, Scott Fuller, Darrin Foster, Joyce Swain, Ron Swain, Dale Meyer, Dianne Dahlin and Byron Worner.

Barry Schrope 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 minutes of the February 2, 2009 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the March 2, 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.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS presented the supervisors with their 2008-year end report. Kraig indicated there audit and financial report for 2008 would be forthcoming. Kraig thanked the supervisors for their continued support.

Robert Noaker indicated they have obtained Waste Management for their recycling needs and wondered if the township would be interested in what Waste Management has to offer. The supervisors advise there is no cost to the township for the monthly recycling program and at this time the township is committed to the County.

Jennie Nickel wanted to know if the zoning had changed along Route 274 for business usage. Jennie presented the supervisors with a business advertisement for "My Wife's Barn". The supervisors advise that portion of Route 274 is zoned Neighborhood Commercial and the business would be a permitted use.

David Mills would like to thank the township supervisors for supporting recreation in the township.

Joyce Swain would like to know what the status is with the Harry & Bonnie Morrison property. Lester advised he has spoken to Mr. Morrison on February 20, 2009 and their game plan is to have everything moved to the new location by the end of the year.

Dale Meyer would like to compliment the Duncannon EMS for their presentation and report they presented the supervisors tonight.

Dianne Dahlin also commented about the Morrison property and she feels for the neighbors to leave it go to the end of the year is disgusting. Dianne was also wondering what raises were given by the auditors and if it was reflected in the minutes. The supervisors advised the minutes from the auditors were posted at last months meeting and she could request a copy of their minutes.

Byron Worner of the Duncannon Fire Company presented the supervisors with their 2008 annual activity report and January and February of 2009 monthly activity report. Byron also gave a letter to the supervisors with the official contact information for the fire company. They are in the process of having a professional audit done and when it is finished the township will receive a copy. Byron also spoke of the letter that was sent to the township regarding two pieces of fire equipment being out of service and in need of repair.

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

A letter has been received from Lou Harfords office requesting a 90-day time extension on the Joe & Gwen McNaughton subdivision plan. Barry Schrope made a motion to grant the 90-day time extension, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor.

Darren Foster of Lou Harfords office presented the Phillip Vogel and Kent and Darlene Johnson final subdivision plans for supervisor signatures.

The supervisors advise the township office hours have been extended by one hour per day. The new office hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The supervisors state they have asked the secretary to work on updating the township zoning and subdivision books so the township would not have the cost of an engineer and have also asked the secretary to create a website for the township. The supervisors advise the secretary hours will be increased to 35 hours per week and will be eligible to enroll in the township pension plan.

The township auditors have completed their annual financial report for the township and presented a copy to the supervisors for their review. The recreation board and tax collector have also been audited and all records were found to be in order.

Barry Schrope made a motion to release \$3,000 as budgeted as a donation to the New Bloomfield EMS, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor. Barry Schrope made a motion to release \$10,000 as budgeted as a donation to the township Recreation Board, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor. The Duncannon EMS, Duncannon Fire Co. and New Bloomfield Fire Co. donations will be held until the township receives their financial reports.

The township has received 3 bids for dumpster service for this years spring cleanup. Bids have been received from Sylvester's Services, Perry County Metals and Cocolamus Creek Disposal. After much discussion the supervisors table a decision until April's meeting.

Barry Schrope made a motion to approve the advertisement to accept bids for the 2009 road-paving project and sealcoat, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor. Vicki will advertise as required in the local papers and mail bid packages to previous bidders.

The supervisors spoke of several miscellaneous agenda items. Barry Schrope indicated he is the Emergency Management Coordinator for Wheatfield Township and the township is in need of an evacuation shelter. Barry advised he has briefly talked to Kraig Nace about entering into an agreement with Duncannon EMS.

Barry Schrope and Jim Fuller attended a meeting at the New Bloomfield Fire house regarding their desire to build a new fire station. Barry stated it was an informal meeting; they were just looking for input from surrounding townships that they serve. Jim Fuller advised they were impressed with the leadership at the New Bloomfield Fire Co.

Jim Fuller advised of the possibility of looking for advertisements from local businesses for the fall newsletter to help offset the cost to the township.

Jim Fuller stated the Commissioners are looking into the possibility of moving the voting poll place to Snyder's United Methodist Church. If there is a change the Commissioners will advertise the change in the local papers.

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

15407 – 15446 and 01-2009, except 15407, 15421, 15423 and 15436, all four approved.

15407, 15421, 15436 – Bob and Barry approved, Jim abstained.

15423 – Jim and Bob approved, Barry abstained.

Jim Fuller second the motion to approve the checks, with all in favor.

There being no further business Barry Schrope made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary