

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, June 1, 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, Vince Bernhard, Bob Rhoades, Bob Foltz, Dale Meyer, Jim Reisinger, Jennie Nickel, Joyce Swain, Ron Swain, Darlene Johnson, Kent Johnson, Kevin Bissonnette, Dianne Dahlin, Jeff Beinhower, John Worley, Barb Zeigler, David Mills, Kraig Nace, Chris Smith, Linda Fuller and Byron Worner.

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 minutes of the May 4, 2009 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the June 1, 2009 regular meeting for public viewing. Barry Schrope made the motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor.

Kevin Bissonnette of the Duncannon Fire Co. presented the supervisors with a full in house audit and advised they have not received the audit back from the attorney yet, but will see the township receives a copy when completed.

Dianne Dahlin states she is not against Wagner Park, but she is against the inequalities of the board in contributing unbudgeted funds for the park. Mrs. Dahlin states the work that is being done at the park for the new field is not in the books, there is no record of hours or equipment being used or repair and maintenance for that equipment, this is not being charged to the park, in fact it is probably not being recorded at all. Mrs. Dahlin states 2 months ago the Duncannon Fire Company came to the supervisors meeting and informed the supervisors there were 2 pieces of equipment in need of repair and no money for repairs; and the supervisors did not offer any money. Mrs. Dahlin states this is an injustice of taxpayer money.

David Mills would like to thank the supervisors for their continued support of Wagner Park and the residents who have given their time to help move ground at the new field.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS presented the supervisors with a copy of their 2008 990 and a breakdown of how the money received as a donation was used. Mr. Nace thanked the township for their continuing support of the EMS.

Dale Meyer read aloud a letter he has prepared addressing the issue of apparent excessive taxation on the citizens of Wheatfield Township (copy on file). Mr. Meyer would like for the township to cease collecting real estate taxes, reduce the wage tax rate of 1.8% until such time revenue requirements justify such collection and rebate to its citizens the accumulated revenue it has collected in excess of township needs. The supervisors state the township does not collect the full 1.8%, the school gets 1.3% and the township gets .5% of the local earned income tax collected. The supervisors state they have been trying to save money in the last few years and have not purchased any large equipment for the simple reason of the township having a bridge on Sulphur Springs Road that will need replaced and has an estimated replacement cost of 1 million dollars and the cost excludes engineering and right-of-way costs. The supervisors advise the township has finished the paving for this year at a cost of \$130,000 and also the township will be using funds to pay for the townships portion of the 50/50 grant required for the Hoverland acquisition. The supervisors advise they have received partial payment from DCNR toward the purchase and will receive the final payment after settlement. Mr. Meyer states he would rather save his own money then have the township save it for him. During discussion with Mr. Meyer, Mrs. Dahlin made a derogative comment towards Jim Fuller. Chairman Fuller advised Mrs. Dahlin she was out of order and if not quiet she would be asked to leave.

Barry Schrope made a motion to release \$20,000 as budgeted as a donation to the Duncannon Fire Co., Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Byron Worner of the Duncannon Fire Co. addressed the supervisors as to the need for additional funds from the township for equipment repair. Three bids were received for the repair. The bid was awarded to Interstate Truck equipment for \$17,500. Duncannon Fire Co. has \$5,000 of their own money to put towards the repair and the Duncannon Borough has offered a \$12,000 interest free loan to be paid off by the end of 2011. Byron states they are requesting an additional \$4,000 donation from Wheatfield Township and Penn Township, between the 3 municipalities that would be \$12,000 and the fire company at \$5,000. Jim Fuller made the motion to release an additional \$4,000 donation to the Duncannon Fire Co., Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. A copy of the house rules for the fire company was presented to the supervisors.

Correspondence has been received from PennDOT informing municipalities the required annual State Liquid Fuels forms will have to be done electronically beginning this coming year. PennDOT requires a resolution be passed agreeing to use the dotGrants on-line reporting system. Barry Schrope made a motion to approve resolution 02-2009, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor.

PSATS has sent the township a letter requesting the approval of two appointments as Trustees of the Pension Fund. The supervisors would like to look into this further and tabled action until next month.

All municipalities and school boards are required to appoint a representative to meet and vote on selecting a tax collector for the Earned Income Tax. Barry Schrope made a motion to appoint Vicki Jenkins as the Earned Income Tax Committee Representative as required by Act 32 of 2008, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to hire Dexter Potter as a full time employee of the township, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor. Dexter will be starting June 15, 2009 at an hourly rate of \$12.00.

The supervisors would like to thank Ron Swain for volunteering a days labor at the park for hauling ground to the new field.

Alpha Space has painted the middle line on Linton Hill Road due to paving of the road.

Barry Schrope made a motion to send Carl Hancock a check for \$25.00 and a letter of appreciation for his continued service of mowing the cemetery on Dellville Road, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. The supervisors state Leroy Beck mows the cemetery on Montebello Road but does not want any compensation for doing so. The supervisors ask Vicki to send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Beck as well.

The supervisors would like to thank all candidates for removing signs after the election.

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

15525 – 15558 and 04-2009, except 15529, 15530, 15543 and 15544, all four approved.

15529, 15543 – Bob and Barry approved, Jim abstained.

15530, 15544 – Jim and Bob approved, Barry abstained.

Bob Hines 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, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary