

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, December 7, 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, Rick Schaar, Bob Foltz, Carlton Williams, Darlene Johnson, Jennie Nickel, Kraig Nace, Barb Zeigler, Robert Noaker, Robert Noaker Sr., Sam Garula, Jeff Beinhower, Dianne Dahlin and Annette Mullen.

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 November 2, 2009 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the December 7, 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.

Jennie Nickel stated the Hoch property on Windy Hill which needs cleaned up has been on the agenda since last December. Ms. Nickel states she has been past the property and at the property for census taking and it is horrible, she could throw up. Ms. Nickel wants to know what is being done about it. The supervisors suggest maybe she go over and offer to help clean up the property. Lester Nace asked Ms. Nickel if she has ever found someone home there. Lester states he has been there at least 50 times and has found nobody home. Ms. Nickel asked Lester to take a garbage bag out there and clean it up. Lester offered to meet Ms. Nickel out there the next morning and they can both pick up the trash.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS states with this being Bob Hines last meeting as supervisor he would like to wish him good luck. Mr. Nace indicated Penn Township has budgeted a \$14,000 donation this year and the Duncannon Boro for the first time has budgeted \$2,500 towards EMS operations. Mr. Nace also indicated the EMS has purchased a 1997 wheelchair accessible van for \$1,500 for the use of transporting patients and to alleviate the use of the emergency vehicles for non emergency use.

Barb Zeigler would like to thank the supervisors and the employees on board for doing a good job. Mrs. Zeigler states at the last recycling the glass crusher that was purchased was used and works well. Mrs. Zeigler also states it is a shame we have people in this township that cannot find anything good to say, but when it comes to offering a helping hand they don't want to help.

Bob Noaker Jr. would like to thank Bob Hines for serving as township supervisors and putting up with everything and he appreciates all of Bob's hard work.

Sam Garula would like to thank the supervisors for the good work they are doing and serving the residents of the township. Mr. Garula also states if the issue of the property on Windy Hill has been going on this long and the township has an ordinance for this type of problem then there should be a consequence and move forward with the consequence.

Dianne Dahlin states she agrees with Ms. Nickel and Mr. Garula. Mrs. Dahlin states it is under the zoning and it is this townships responsibility to take care of it. Mrs. Dahlin states to ask Ms. Nickel to help clean up the property is ridiculous. Mrs. Dahlin also states she would like to see last months meeting minutes amended to reflect James Fuller was out of order regarding the Poppe issue. No action was taken.

Annette Mullen would like to thank Bob Hines for his service and that she will have hard shoes to fill. Ms. Mullen stated Bob listened to the needs of the people when the county cut glass from the recycling program and did a lot of research for the purchase of the glass crusher. Ms. Mullen states she hopes Bob will stay involved in the township.

The Scott Cramer subdivision plan was discussed. Johanna Rehkamp advised she has reviewed the legal documents (Quit Claim deed and the Cramer to Cramer right of way for the common driveway) provided by Mr. Cramer and has found them to be acceptable. Approval from DEP on the non-building waiver is the only remaining condition to be met and then the plan can be signed.

The supervisors have discussed giving the New Bloomfield Fire Co. an extra \$4,000 donation as they did for the Duncannon Fire Co. for repairs of equipment. Barry Schrope made a motion to release \$4,000 as a donation to the New Bloomfield Fire Co. for their building fund, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

The supervisors advise the County Commissioners have extended the recycling program until August 2010 due to the contract agreement with Mr. Sharar. The supervisors state they are interested in continuing the recycling program in the township after the County contract is over.

Correspondence has been received from the Humane Society regarding contracting with them for the removal of stray animals in Wheatfield Township. With no support from those in attendance the supervisors took no action.

The supervisors advise a letter has been sent to Sylvester's Services, Inc. regarding complaints received about the use of garbage trucks on the Sulphur Springs Bridge and advising the weight limit on the bridge is posted at 10 tons. The supervisors advise the township is in the process of obtaining federal money for the replacement of the bridge.

Barry Schrope made a motion to adopt the 2010 budget as presented, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor. Barry Schrope made a motion for taxes to remain at .272 mills on all real estate assessments; a 1% real estate transfer tax and a 1.8% earned income tax, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion for the days and time for township meetings to be as follows: monthly Board of Supervisors meetings will be the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. with the exception of holidays the meetings will be held the Tuesday immediately following the first Monday of the month, the Planning Commission will meet the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m., the Recreation Board will meet the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. and the Auditors will hold their re-organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at 7:30 p.m., Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to pay for mileage at the rate of .50 cents per mile, the 2010 IRS standard mileage rate, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor. New mileage rate will be effective January 1, 2010.

The Perry County Convention is Saturday, February 27, 2009. Bob Hines made a motion to pay the registration fee, \$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, Planning Commission and Secretary.

An Oath of Office will be provided to the people who have been elected or appointed to a township office prior to assuming duties. The Oath of Office will need to be notarized before a notary public, district justice or judge.

Barry Schrope advised he had met with Ty Poppe at his property on Paradise Road. Barry states Johanna Rehkamp has advised unless Mr. Poppe can tell what ordinance is violated the township cannot get involved in the situation. Barry states as far as the township is concerned no ordinance has been violated.

Lester Nace advised an article was in the paper regarding inflatable pools. Lester advised inflatable pools do follow under the Uniform Construction Code and requires inspections.

Jim Fuller states he would like to give regards and thanks to Bob Hines as this is his last meeting as a supervisor with the township. A round of applause was given for Bob.

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

15752 – 15787 and 10-2009, except 15752 and 15764, all two approved.

15752 and 15764 – Bob and Barry approved, Jim 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, Bob Hines second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary