

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, January 4, 2010 in the Township Building. Jim Fuller called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Annette Mullen, Barry Schrope, Jim Fuller, Johanna Rehkamp, Vicki Jenkins, Lester Nace, Dave Jenkins, Dave Mills, Bob Foltz, Rick Schaar, Erin Jenkins, Carlton Williams, Jeff Beinhower, Darlene Johnson, Jennie Nickel, Bob Rhoades, Dianne Dahlin and Sam Garula.

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.

Jim Fuller states the supervisors would like to welcome Annette Mullen as the newly elected supervisor.

The first order of business was to reorganize. Annette Mullen 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, Annette Mullen second the motion. There were no other nominations. All were in favor.

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

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

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

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

Annette Mullen made a motion the policy for Vicki Jenkins carry over vacation, sick and personal time be in conjunction with the rules set forth by the Auditors for the working Supervisors with the maximum allowed to carry over being 5 vacation days, 24 sick days and no personal time, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to keep the Treasurer bond at \$500,000, Barry Schrope 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.

Annette Mullen made the motion to retain Orrstown Bank as depository for the township funds, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion for Jim Fuller to remain Roadmaster, Annette Mullen second the motion, Jim Fuller abstained.

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.

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

Barry Schrope made a motion to reappoint Dave Jenkins as Township Vacancy board Chairman, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to reappoint J.C. Smith as Township SEO, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. The fee schedule for 2010 will remain the same.

Barry Schrope made a motion to reappoint Mike Higgins as Alternate SEO, Jim Fuller second the motion, Annette Mullen opposed.

Barry Schrope made a motion to reappoint Lester Nace as Zoning Officer, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Jim Fuller made a motion to raise the Zoning Officer hourly rate by the percentage set by the auditors for the supervisors, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Mileage will be paid at the rate of 50 cents per mile; this is the 2010 IRS standard mileage rate.

Barry Schrope made a motion to reappoint Lou Harford as Assistant Zoning Officer, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Jim Fuller made a motion to raise the Assistant Zoning Officer hourly rate by the percentage set by the auditors for the supervisors, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Mileage will be paid at the rate of 50 cents per mile; this is the 2010 IRS standard mileage rate.

Jim Fuller made a motion for Dexter Potter to remain full time laborer, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion for Dexter Potter's hourly rate remain at \$12.00 per hour until after Dexter obtains his CDL license after which it will be increased to \$12.50 per hour, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Annette Mullen made a motion for Dexter Potter to receive two (2) sick days and one (1) personal day, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Vacation days will be evaluated after Dexter obtains his CDL license.

Jim Fuller made a motion for Barry Schrope to be called first if a part time laborer would be needed, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. The auditors will set Barry's hourly pay rate as part time employee at their organizational meeting. Barry Schrope to obtain his CDL license within the year.

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

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

Jim Fuller made a motion to appoint Vicki Jenkins as the Chief Executive Officer for the township pension fund, Barry Schrope 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, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Annette Mullen made a motion to reappoint David Mills to a 4-year term on the Planning Commission, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to reappoint Rick Schaar to a 5-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

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 the salary for the Zoning Hearing Board secretary remain the same at \$13.33 per hour, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

The minutes of the December 7, 2009 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the January 4, 2010 regular meeting for public viewing. Barry Schrope made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

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

Jennie Nickel states she is not going to comment on the Hoch property this month because she would be asked to go out and clean it up and insulted by Barb Zeigler for not volunteering in the community, and she does not think she should be ordered to go out there when there are paid employees who could clean it up. Ms. Nickel states she did not tell Mr. Nace to go out and clean up and that Mr. Fuller will just have to find someone else to go out there and maybe he has a relative that is not doing anything.

Dianne Dahlin states after the primary election this year she submitted a letter of interest to the supervisors for what she thought would be an open position on the planning commission and at last months meeting she was informed Annette Mullen would still be serving on the planning commission plus supervisor. Ms. Dahlin states she believes this is a conflict of interest and why when people are willing to volunteer are they turned down and Annette retains both positions. Ms. Dahlin asked for the supervisors to consider adding another position to the planning commission.

Sam Garula would like to congratulate Annette Mullen for her position as supervisor. Mr. Garula also would like to thank the roadmaster for obtaining permission to move the watch children sign on Rt. 849 and Sulphur Springs Road to a better location.

The State Convention will be held April 18 – 21, 2010 in Hershey. Barry Schrope made a motion to pay for Annette Mullen to attend the convention if she should choose to do so and pay all fees involved for the training, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Statements of Financial Interest for the year 2009 will be distributed. They are due back April 1, 2010.

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission has sent a letter requesting the township nominate one member to represent the Perry Southeast Plan Development Section. Bob Rhoades is the current representative. Bob has been contacted and is still interested in serving as the representative. Jim Fuller

made a motion for Bob Rhoades to remain as representative, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Due to the recent election and the change of supervisor a new signature card resolution with current supervisors will need to be signed at Orrstown Bank. Barry Schrope made a motion for Vicki Jenkins and Jim Fuller to be 1st and 2nd signature on all expense/payroll checks, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

The supervisors discuss creating a resolution regarding recording devices used at township meetings by guests and setting guidelines for such equipment. A resolution will be worked at and presented at next months meeting and a notice will be posted at the top of the monthly agenda regarding the policy.

Jim Fuller states there are some large limbs hanging over the township building that need to be removed and states the township will have to rent a piece of equipment to reach the limbs. Jim Fuller suggests using Carlton Williams van with a bucket. Mr. Williams states the township is welcomed to use his van at no cost. The township will purchase a gas card as a thank you to Mr. Williams for his donation of equipment.

Lester Nace advises at last months meeting he thought he presented a challenge and not an order but he did go out to the Hoch property on Roseglen Road, at no expense to the township, the following day and picked up all trash in the township right-of-way. Lester advised while he was there he got to speak with Ms. Hoch and there are some issues there with health, family and finances. Lester spoke with her about the complaints the township has received about the property and Ms. Hoch stated she would try to make an attempt to clean up the property. Lester informed Ms. Hoch of the monthly recycling, spring cleanup and the glass crusher. Lester also advised at the other side of Roseglen Road toward Rt. 274 there was another house in desperate need of cleanup. Lester spoke to the cleanup agency from the real estate company and they were waiting to hear the resident has moved out of the property. Lester advised they had indeed moved out and the cleanup agency was there the next day and worked for approximately 5 – 6 days. Annette Mullen asked Lester if Ms. Hoch would be susceptible to a youth group helping her to clean up her property, Lester advised he believes she would be.

The supervisors ask if there are any other comments regarding action taken at the meeting. Dianne Dahlin states she spoke to Barry Schrope last month about the possibility of putting a light farther out in the parking lot, it is tough to see out there, particularly with ice and snow being on the ground. Dave Jenkins states he would like to see two separate pay scales for part time work, one pay for an unskilled labor and one pay for a laborer who has a CDL.

Jim Fuller 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:

15788 – 15842, 120309 and 11-2009, except 15788, 15807, 15808, 15809, 15811, 15827 and 15829, all seven approved.

15788, 15807, 15809, 15827 – Barry and Annette approved, Jim abstained.

15808, 15811, 15829 – Jim and Annette approved, Barry abstained.

Barry Schrope 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, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary