

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, March 1, 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, Rick Schaar, Charles Biretz, Bob Foltz, Jeanine Holman, Bob Noaker, Darrel Jones, Carlton Williams, Randy Gardner, Dave Jenkins, Dianne Dahlin, Darlene Johnson, Jennie Nickel, Kevin Bissonnette, Kraig Nace, Barb Zeigler, Sam Garula, Joyce Swain and David Mills.

Annette Mullen 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.

Barry Schrope made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the January 4, 2010 regular meeting, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. The minutes of the February 1, 2010 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the March 1, 2010 regular meeting for public viewing. Jim Fuller made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Jeanine Holman presented the supervisors with a memo from the Shermanata Grange inviting the township to participate in Community Days to be held on April 10, 2010. Community Days will allow residents to get to know more about the township and all it has to offer.

Dianne Dahlin was wondering if anything is being done about the Morrison property and states the property is getting worse. Ms. Dahlin also states they are entering Rt. 274 from places other than their driveway.

Darlene Johnson states she called the township the one day regarding Pennells Church Road and would like to thank the road crew for their quick response.

Kevin Bissonnette of the Duncannon Fire Co. presented the 2009 year end report for fire calls, contact list and the 2010 budget. Mr. Bissonnette states the audit for 2009 audit is not complete yet.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS presented the final call numbers for 2009, the audit report will be forthcoming. Mr. Nace thanked the supervisors for they're on going support of EMS and looks forward to working with the supervisors in the future.

Sam Garula would like to say nice job to the roadcrew for the good job done on snow removal. Mr. Garula would also like to say thank you to the Fire Company and EMS for volunteering in our community.

David Mills would like to thank the supervisors for their continuing support of recreation in the community. Mr. Mills states he would also like to say thank you for the good job of snow removal on Montebello Road.

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

Charles Biretz of Basin Hill Road would like to thank the township road crew for keeping the roads open during the snowstorms. Mr. Biretz asked about the township right-of-way and who maintains the right-of-way when the grass is dug up by the plows. The supervisors advise Mr. Biretz the township has access to more than 16 ½ ft. from the center of the road and it is his responsibility to fix where the grass is dug up. Mr. Biretz asked if snow fence could be installed between his house and Ms. Swails house. Mr. Biretz said if the township provides the fence and materials he would put it up each October. The supervisors advise they will provide him with the snow fence and posts if he wants to install it and asked Mr. Biretz to be in touch with the roadmaster as to where it should be placed when the time comes.

Darrell Jones states he is here tonight to request the township adopt a dog ordinance. Mr. Jones states his neighbor, who happens to be his brother, has a dog that constantly barks (howls) when left unattended outside. Mr. Jones states he has spoke to the Zoning Officer, State Police, District Justice and wrote a letter to Representative Mark Keller. The District Justice and Rep. Keller recommended to Mr. Jones that he should request the township adopt an ordinance, stating nobody can enforce the noise unless there is an ordinance with the township. Mr. Jones presented the supervisors with a copy of Penn Township's ordinance. After a lengthy discussion some in attendance suggested a noise ordinance, disturbing the peace ordinance or a nuisance ordinance, some were opposed to any dog ordinance. Lester states he has been there several times and has spoken to the brother regarding the complaints. Lester also states he would wonder if the Penn Township ordinance would be enforceable because of it being vague. The supervisors will look into options and asked Lester to go speak to Barry Jones again and let him know the township is considering an ordinance.

Resolution 01-2010 regarding recording devices at township meetings was presented to the supervisors for their approval. Barry Schrope made a motion to adopt resolution 01-2010, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. The wording atop of the agenda regarding obtaining permission will be reworded to inform the Chairman prior to the meeting.

Barry Schrope made a motion to release \$12,000 as budgeted as a donation to the township Recreation Board, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. The Duncannon EMS, New Bloomfield EMS, Duncannon Fire Co. and New Bloomfield Fire Co. donations will be held until the township receives their financial reports.

The township has received 4 bids for dumpster service for this years spring cleanup. Bids have been received from Sylvester's Services, Deimler's Recycling, Cocolamus Creek Disposal and Waste Management. Barry Schrope made a motion to accept the bid from Sylvester's Services, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Options will be looked into for the recycling of scrap metal.

The supervisors advised the State has cut back on money townships will receive from Liquid Fuels for road maintenance. Jim Fuller suggested the township not pave this year and only do sealcoat on a portion of Linton Hill Road from Rt. 274 to Daves World. Annette Mullen states she prefers paving over sealcoat. Annette states she would like to know how long sealcoat lasts and also states the residents don't like the tar and chip. Jim Fuller states the roads that have been sealcoated are holding up well. Jim advised in the contract for sealcoat the contractor must vacuum the roads after the sealcoat is done to remove the excess stones. A road inspection will be scheduled with the roadmaster and supervisors. Barry Schrope made a motion to approve the advertisement to accept bids for the 2010 sealcoat project, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Vicki will advertise as required in the local papers and mail bid packages to previous bidders.

In 2004 the Building Codes law became effective and at the time the township chose to opt out of the U.C.C. through the Dept. of Labor and Industry, which governed who the township residents could use for inspections on new construction. The downfall is if you put up a commercial building now you must use Labor and Industry for inspections. If the township would opt in residents building commercial buildings would have the option to use local inspectors the same as residential homes and the township would have more consistency. For the township to opt in there is an application process. Jim Fuller made a motion to pursue the application process of opting in, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller discussed the issue of several garbage trucks traveling township roads and tearing up the berm of the road. Jim suggested the township bid out garbage service and then only one company will be on the township roads and there won't be as much wear and tear. After a lengthy discussion on several different options, the supervisors will think about it and revisit the subject in the future.

At last months meeting the supervisors asked Vicki to contact Moore Ins. regarding the township installing a security system and inquire about if there would be any savings for the property insurance. Vicki advised she spoke with Robin at Moore Ins. and the maximum credit on commercial buildings is 5%, which equates to \$45.00/yr. savings for the township. The supervisors decide the cost out weighs the savings.

Glenn Chandler Director for Community Aid stopped at the township building and asked if they could have a clothing container here at the township building. Community Aid is a Faith Based Non-Profit Corporation and supports several organizations. Jim Fuller made a motion for a container to be placed here at the township building, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. If the container gets unsightly the township will ask them to pick up the container.

At last months meeting Bill Miller of 115 Linton Hill Road (Penn Twp. side) was here at the meeting regarding a water problem he was having on his property. Jim Fuller and Annette Mullen advise they met with Henry Holman and Vince Bernhard, Penn Twp. Supervisors at the property. An agreement has been drawn up (temporary easement) so that Penn Twp. can go back a resident's lane and install a drain tile to alleviate the water issue. All work is to be done by Penn Twp.

The township has received 3 faxed quotes for the replacement of the entrance guide rails to the Sulphur Springs Bridge. Morgan Rail, Inc. \$2,851.88, Chemung Supply \$2,984.00 and Wm. Orr & Sons, Inc. \$4,200.00. Barry Schrope made a motion to award the bid to Morgan Rail, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

The supervisors received an email from John Kennedy of PennDot regarding the advertisement ad for the engineering consultant process for the replacement of Sulphur Springs Bridge. Ads will be placed in a daily paper (Patriot News) and on the ACEC website requesting Statements of Interest. Statements of Interest from engineers will be due in the township by March 22, 2010. Jim Fuller made a motion to advertise for S.O.I.'s, Barry Schrope second the motion, all in favor.

The supervisors discuss the Rock & Bonnie Morrison property. Jim Fuller advised the township has been working on this issue since 1997. The township has sent many of letters pleading for the property to be cleaned up and to date it continues to get worse. The property is zoned ag/residential and it is obvious they are running a commercial business from the property. Lester states Rock Morrison has been to several Penn Twp. meetings trying to expedite permits on the property he bought in Penn Twp. for his business, but nothing at this point. Lester states he has suggested installing fence or screening around the property. The question is, when will he be moving the equipment and material from his property at 908 New Bloomfield Road to his new location in Penn Twp. The supervisors agree that something needs to be done, the property is unsightly and not zoned commercial. A certified letter will be sent to Rock & Bonnie Morrison requesting them to attend a meeting with the supervisors and zoning officer to discuss the issue.

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:

15881 – 15928 and 1-2010, except 15898, 15900, 15913 and 15915, all four approved.

15898, 15913 – Barry and Annette approved, Jim abstained.

15900, 15915 – Jim and Annette approved, Barry abstained.

Annette Mullen 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 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary