

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, April 5, 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, Dave Jenkins, Bob Foltz, Darlene Johnson, Jennie Nickel, Kevin Bissonnette, Barb Zeigler, Dexter Potter, Tom Hudson, Karen Hudson, Chad Jumper, Ashley Jumper, Darrin Foster and David Mills.

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 March 1, 2010 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the April 5, 2010 regular meeting for public viewing. Barry Schrope made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Kevin Bissonnette of the Duncannon Fire Co. presented the supervisors with the February and March financial reports and the signed 2009 audit report. Kevin stated the fire company has retired the 1990 Chevy Suburban utility truck and purchased a 2009 Chevy 4 door pickup truck with a utility box for \$36,000.

Tom Hudson of Linton Hill Road discussed the issue of real estate signs and hedges being a sight distance problem at the corner of Linton Hill Road and Rt. 849 and the fence and hedges on the other side of Rt. 849. Mr. Hudson asked if something could be done about the situation. Jim Fuller advised they will keep an eye on the hedges and move the signs back and he will try to talk to the people again.

David Mills would like to thank the supervisors for their continuing support of Wagner Park and recreation in the community.

Darrin Foster of Lou Harfords office presented the Donald Myers subdivision plan for approval. Darrin states this is a lot addition and presented the non-building waiver for DEP to the secretary for signature. All comments have been addressed. The township planning commission has recommended approval of the plan and the requested AOR's. The requested AOR's are 1 – Preliminary Plan Procedure and 2 – Sheet Size Requirement. Annette Mullen made a motion to accept the AOR's as requested, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Annette Mullen made a motion to approve the plan as presented contingent upon engineering fees being paid and approval from DEP on the non-building waiver, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to release \$30,000 as budgeted as a donation to the Duncannon Fire Co., Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller discussed with the other supervisors the need for additional storage space for equipment. A possible location for a pole building would be behind the recycling center by cutting into the bank. Options will be looked into and whether the township could self-build and if prevailing wages would have to apply.

Capital Blue Cross has sent the township their renewal rates for the year. There has been a 4% increase in the premium for the renewal year. Other options and providers have been looked into and with Health America there would be a 30% savings for the year. Annette Mullen made a motion to switch to Health America for the townships health insurance provider, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

The secretary presented to the supervisors a draft model ordinance adopting the UCC as discussed at last months meeting. A letter needs to be sent to the Department of Labor and Industry informing them of the townships intent to reverse its opt-out status and begin enforcing the UCC. Annette Mullen made a motion to advertise the ordinance pending approval from Department of Labor and Industry and schedule a public hearing, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Vicki will send a letter and a copy of the drafted ordinance to Labor and Industry.

A township resident from Dark Hollow Road has complained about Don Woods (Pappy) excessive speed on township roads. Vicki will call Sgt. Ringer of the Newport State Police Barracks and file a complaint.

The supervisors advise they are still working on the Morrison property and pursuing other options with the township solicitor. Mr. & Mrs. Morrison was sent a letter requesting they attend a meeting with the supervisors and zoning officer. Mr. & Mrs. Morrison declined.

The supervisors advised they have received 19 Statements of Interest from engineers for the Sulphur Springs Bridge. The zoning officer has already read through them and as well all supervisors will read through them. The entrance guide rails have been replaced and the pony truss has been pulled back. The school district has called regarding the improvements to the bridge and asked if there would be another inspection from Pennoni. Vicki will contact Pennoni to inquire about another inspection.

Jim Fuller advised he was on Cook Road and Sylvester's Garbage truck was coming one way and Waste Management was coming the other way. Jim advised there are 5 garbage trucks (weighing an average of 35 tons) running on township roads and destroying the roads. Jim states he would like to look into the option of using just one garbage service in the township. A survey could be placed in the fall newsletter with an explanation as to why the situation is being looked into.

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

15929 – 15982, 002-2010 and 2-2010, except 15929, 15930, 15931, 15944, 15951, 15953, 15969 and 15972, all eight approved.

15929, 15944, 15951, 15969, 15972 – Barry and Annette approved, Jim abstained.

15931, 15953 – Jim and Annette approved, Barry abstained.

15930 – Jim and Barry approved, Annette abstained.

Annette Mullen second the motion to approve the checks, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to hold an executive session with the attorney regarding the Harry and Bonnie Morrison property at 9:10 p.m., Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. The supervisors and attorney returned from the executive session at 9:35 p.m. The supervisors asked the attorney to draft a letter to the Morrison's.

There being no further business Annette Mullen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary