

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, July 6, 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, Bob Rhoades, Bob Foltz, Joyce Swain, David Mills, Kraig Nace, Dianne Dahlin, Jennie Nickel, Mike Horanic, Jason Hoffman, Edward Katona, Barb Zeigler and Duane Nieves.

Barry Schrope led the pledge to the American flag followed by a brief moment of silence in honor of the men and women who serve our country in the armed forces.

The minutes of the June 7, 2010 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the July 6, 2010 regular meeting for public viewing. Annette Mullen made the motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

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

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS presented a letter to the Supervisors and residents explaining how the township donation was allocated and the call statistics report from January 2010 to June 2010.

The Dittmar/Corl subdivision plan was tabled until next month. Burget and Associates called the township office and advised they have not received the earth-moving permit.

The report from the planning commission to the supervisors regarding the citizen's advisory committee recommendations was discussed. The planning commission members have advised the first step to this process is updating the township comprehensive plan. The supervisors asked the secretary to mail a copy of the report from the planning commission to the members of the citizens advisory committee.

The New Bloomfield EMS/ALS resolution was discussed again this evening. Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS states he has spoken to the chiefs and assistant chiefs of West Shore EMS and encouraged them to attend tonight's meeting. Duane Nieves, assistant chief of West Shore EMS was in attendance to answer questions. Mr. Nace states West Shore does station a Perry County Paramedic at the Duncannon EMS station, which is approximately 100/150 yards from Penn Township/Wheatfield Township line and have had a very good working relationship with West Shore EMS. The supervisors asked Mr. Nieves why there was not a medic stationed at the western end of the county. Mr. Nieves stated at one time Carlisle ALS had a unit there and they continued the operation after they merged but the problem was the call volume was not there (average of one call per day) and could not be supported. Mr. Nieves states the Perry County operation out of Duncannon EMS is an absolute break even. They have tried to bring a unit back to the western end of the county but the financial backing is just not there. The supervisors asked New Bloomfield how they would support this endeavor. Jason Hoffman of New Bloomfield EMS states they do not have the operating expenses that West Shore EMS has, they do not have officers and chief and assistant chiefs they have board of directors which are volunteers and they would not have rent expenses. Mr. Hoffman states they are not looking to replace West Shore they are looking to go in addition to them. The supervisors state the important thing is time, not money. Mr. Nace stated there is a meeting of the Perry County EMS Council on Wednesday, July 21st at 7:30 at the Marysville Fire House and that maybe the supervisors should go there to talk about their concerns and ask questions. The supervisors state there are areas in Wheatfield Township that are closer to New Bloomfield EMS and there are areas that are closer to Duncannon EMS and that this is a tough situation. There were many questions and concerns from the supervisors and those in attendance. The supervisors advise they would like to see another ALS in the county but would also like to look into this further and possibly change fire box lines first to better suit response time for township residents before a decision is made.

The secretary presented to the supervisors a draft ordinance pertaining to regulating parking and storage of miscellaneous materials on township roads and right-of-way. The township has spoken to the State Police about parking and storage of items on township right-of-ways. The supervisors were advised they would have to pass an ordinance so that state police could enforce it. Barry Schrope made a motion to advertise the ordinance and schedule a public hearing, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. The public hearing is to be held at 7:00 p.m. on August 2, 2010, prior to the regular monthly meeting.

Correspondence has been received from PSATS urging township supervisors to adopt a resolution opposing legislation to eliminate townships (HB 2431 and SB 1357). Resolution 02-2010 was presented to the supervisors for their approval. Annette Mullen stated she does not believe townships are a cost effective way to run government, she would like to see townships consolidate. Annette feels that PSATS

has a special interest in this. Annette stated she feels Wheatfield Township does a good job, but there are limitations to services the township can provide. Jim Fuller states he thinks the township operates more efficiently than county. Barry Schrope stated as well he would not like to see the township be run by the county. Jim Fuller made a motion to approve Resolution 02-2010, Barry Schrope second the motion, Annette Mullen opposed.

The supervisors advise Glutz Hole Road from the intersection of Linton Hill Road to Dellville Road has been renamed to Linton Hill Road as well as renumbered.

The supervisors discussed the Hoch property. The 30-day time line to have the property cleaned up is July 21, 2010 (the letter was picked up June 21, 2010). The zoning officer stated he was by the property a couple of times and the dumpster remains full and not much has been cleaned up on the property. Jennie Nickel advised she was contacted by Ms. Hoch and advised she was the one who reported her. Ms. Nickel would like to know how she obtained her name. Ms. Nickel was advised the minutes are posted monthly on the township website and when someone makes comments at a public meeting it is public information. The supervisors asked the secretary to contact Ms. Hoch to set up an appointment for July 14th, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. The supervisors and zoning officer will go to the property and advise Ms. Hoch of their expectations of cleanup.

Line painting over the sealcoat on Linton Hill Road from Rt. 274 to Dave's World is to be completed on July 7, 2010.

Jim Fuller states he would like to see curb installed along the parking lot for recycling instead of the telephone poles. Jim states the township is also interested in installing a lighted sign between the pole and guide wire for Wheatfield Township. A bid package for the curb will be drawn up.

The supervisors asked the solicitor to revise the letter that has been sent to the Morrison's attorney regarding removal of commercial property. The supervisors asked her to clarify that this also includes all commercial vehicles.

The UCC ordinance has been adopted and approved. The township contacted the Department of Labor requesting a waiver of the 180-day waiting period required by law. The waiver has been granted and the township began enforcement of the UCC on July 1, 2010.

Lester Nace advised he has heard nothing regarding the helipad he has spoken previously about and also a township resident that is interested in raising one alpaca has contacted him.

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

16060 – 16101, 005-2010 and 5-2010, except 16060, 16068, 16069, 16070, 16079, 16096 and 16099, all seven approved.

16060, 16068, 16079, 16096, 16099 – Barry and Annette approved, Jim abstained.

16069 – Jim and Barry approved, Annette abstained.

16070 – 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, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary