

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, September 7, 2010 in the Township Building. Jim Fuller called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Jim Fuller, Barry Schrope, Annette Mullen, Johanna Rehkamp, Vicki Jenkins, Lester Nace, Bob Rhoades, Bob Foltz, Dexter Potter, Dave Jenkins, Duane Nieves, Jennie Nickel, Darlene Johnson, David Mills, Byron Worner, Mitch Robb, Jason Hoffman, Joyce Swain and Kraig Nace.

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 August 2, 2010 regular meeting and the August 24, 2010 workshop meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the September 7, 2010 regular meeting for public viewing. Barry Schrope made the motion to approve both sets of minutes as presented by the secretary, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jennie Nickel states she would like to comment on the June 7, 2010 minutes regarding Mike Horanic's driveway. Ms. Nickel states you have to be very careful when you back out of his driveway.

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

Kraig Nace states he sent an email to the township office in response to the request of the supervisors for the EMS call statistics in Wheatfield Township. Mr. Nace also presented to the supervisors their overall call statistics and thanked the supervisors for their continuing support.

There was discussion between the supervisors and more information presented to the supervisors from New Bloomfield and Duncannon EMS regarding fire box lines and response times. The supervisors advise they have met with the Fire Co. Chiefs and the EMS Directors. Information was requested at that time and has just been received. The supervisors state they will review all new information and scheduled another workshop for Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Building. Workshop will be advertised as required and posted on the township website.

Annette Mullen, member of the township planning commission, has submitted to the supervisors her letter of resignation. Barry Schrope made a motion to accept Annette Mullen's letter of resignation, Jim Fuller second the motion, Annette Mullen abstained. The supervisors advised Jennifer Wilson has expressed interest in finishing Annette's term. Annette Mullen made a motion to appoint Jennifer Wilson to finish out the term on the township planning commission, term to expire January 1, 2011, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

At April's meeting Jim Fuller discussed with the other supervisors the need for additional storage space for equipment and the possibility of installing a pole building. Jim asked the other supervisors for permission to proceed as roadmaster to get a bid package together, stake out the area and remove the two pine trees as time permits. The supervisors advise they will set up a date for a workshop at the next township meeting to go over price, specs, size, etc. for the upcoming budget. All supervisors were in agreement to stake out the area (50' x 96') and remove the trees.

Annette Mullen made a motion for Trick or Treat night to be held on Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. The time and date will be advertised in the local paper and placed on the township website.

Jim Fuller advised the gate at the shale pit has been destroyed. Jim received pricing for a new gate from Tractor Supply on different styles. Jim states he has also spoken to the state police about a game camera and they believe they would be able to utilize a game camera to observe who is going in and out. Annette Mullen made a motion to purchase a galvanized gate, signs indicating no unauthorized motorized vehicles and a game camera, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

The supervisors asked the solicitor to send Rock and Bonnie Morrison another letter reminding them of the deadline to have the commercial material and vehicles removed by November 1, 2010.

Annette Mullen states with the budget process starting next meeting, she would like to have more information on equipment, such as condition and what the future needs are for updating equipment so that all equipment does not need replaced at once. Annette would like to see better records kept for equipment such as individual folders so that information can be easily obtained as to what has been replaced, the cost of the repair and how many man hours were involved if the township made their own repairs. Annette asked Jim what the status is of the New Holland tractor. Annette stated she drove the tractor in April and it was grinding then when put into reverse. Annette stated she asked last month about the repair and it is still not fixed. Jim advised there is still some mowing to do yet. Jim stated he believes

the tractor is the most needed replacement of equipment the township has. Annette asked why the tractor was not fixed prior to the mowing season. Annette stated if the equipment is not working properly she wants it fixed. Jim stated he saw no need for service; he does not want to put a lot of money into this tractor if the township is going to buy a new tractor. Annette asked Jim if he was not going to fix something if he doesn't think it needs fixed because of the cost of transporting the equipment. Jim stated he has to make a judgment call on what equipment is wearing out the fastest and what is needed most. Annette stated she is concerned with that. Jim stated when things are broke he fixes it and the tractor is not grinding when put into reverse, every now and then it does not respond right away. Annette stated she would at least expect Jim to contact the service department and let them know what the tractor is doing. Annette stated the decision should not be totally up to Jim. Jim stated as roadmaster he is the one who decides that. Barry stated if it is broke fix it and that Jim normally calls him if something is broke and indicates it is being fixed. Barry stated he knew nothing of the tractor; he drove it in February and noticed nothing wrong with it. Barry believes the tractor is not big enough. The supervisor's state they will obtain information on equipment and schedule a workshop to discuss information received. Workshop will be scheduled at next month's meeting.

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

16141 – 16176, 007-2010 and 7-2010, except 16149 and 16163, both approved.

16149, 16163 – Barry and Annette approved, Jim abstained.

Jim Fuller second the motion to approve the checks, with all in favor.

There being no further business Jim Fuller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins  
Twp. Secretary