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The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, November 1, 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, Lester Nace, Vicki Jenkins, Bob Rhoades, Bob Foltz, Rick Schaar, John Taylor, Dexter Potter, Jennie Nickel, Kraig Nace, Anthony Liddick, Joyce Swain, David Mills, Dianne Dahlin, Mike Horanic, Shawn Fuller, Guy Sowers, Jeff Beinhower and Kent Johnson.

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 September 7, 2010 regular meeting, October 4, 2010 regular meeting and the October 21, 2010 workshop meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the November 1, 2010 regular meeting for public viewing. Jim Fuller made a motion to approve the revised minutes as presented by the secretary from the September 7, 2010 regular meeting, Barry Schrope second the motion, Annette Mullen opposed, motion carries. Barry Schrope made a motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary from the October 4, 2010 regular meeting and the October 21, 2010 workshop meeting, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Bob Rhoades stated he does not see why the supervisors cannot add what Annette Mullen asked for and would like in the minutes from the September 7, 2010 meeting.

Jennie Nickel stated the fall newsletter was very nice.

Kraig Nace would like to thank the supervisors for their support of EMS operations in the township.

Joyce Swain states in June New Bloomfield EMS asked the supervisors to make their new medic first due in their portion of the township and believes it is time for the supervisors to address the request and give them an answer.

David Mills would like to thank the supervisors for supporting recreation in the township.

Dianne Dahlin states that she supports Annette Mullen for her concern of the things left out of the minutes and believes some of the issues were very important.

Shawn Fuller states he has submitted a subdivision plan to the planning commission and is requesting from the supervisors waiver of the 9 business day plan submission prior to the planning commission meeting. Barry Schrope stated he does not have a problem with it, but at last month's meeting a plan was brought in and the planning commission didn't feel they had enough time to review the plan. Annette Mullen asked if this was a supervisor's decision or the planning commission's decision. Annette states she was on the planning commission and several times people have not submitted on time and they would not look at the plan and feels she cannot make a decision on this. Shawn stated he knows there are rules to follow, but due to the urgency of this he is asking for approval. Barry Schrope made a motion for the planning commission and engineer to look at the plan at their discretion if they feel they have had adequate time to review the plan, Annette Mullen second the motion, Jim Fuller abstained.

Industrial Motor Supply has submitted a quote for \$33,554.00 to put a stainless steel dump body, lights, hydraulics, spreader, snow plow, toolbox and pintle plate, backup alarm, ladder and installing township supplied two-way radio on the Ford F550 truck purchased. Barry Schrope made a motion to accept Industrial Motor Supply's quote, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

The supervisors at the October 21, 2010 budget workshop meeting discussed cashing in the Certificate of Deposit due in November and depositing the money into the General Fund and designating its use for the proposed pole building. Annette Mullen made a motion to transfer the Certificate of Deposit back to the General Fund and be used solely for the proposed pole building, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

The supervisors discussed the Harry & Bonnie Morrison property located on New Bloomfield Road. The solicitor has written a letter to them advising all commercial vehicles, equipment and debris had to be removed from the property by November 1, 2010. The supervisors have examined the property and advised most everything has been removed except for a couple of barrels and some debris. The supervisors asked the solicitor to send a letter to the Morrison's thanking them for cleaning up the property and ask them what is in the barrels and also advise them if the commercial materials and equipment start appearing again a written warning will be issued and if they don't comply a fine will be issued. The supervisors asked the zoning officer to stop at the property and inquire as to what is in the barrels if it is hazardous materials or if they are empty and the little bit of debris that was left. Lester asked that he be able to talk to the Morrison's before the letter is sent by the solicitor.

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At last month's meeting Bob Peiffer of the Chamber of Commerce made a formal request to the supervisors to join the Chamber of Commerce. The supervisors advise they have looked over the material and how it would benefit the township to join and at this time feel there is no need to join.

The supervisors have received a letter of resignation from Frank Hall for his position as township auditor. Annette Mullen made a motion to accept Mr. Hall's resignation, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. The supervisors advise they will have to appoint someone to his position. A couple of people were suggested to fill this position. The supervisors tabled an appointment until December's meeting.

Blue Ridge Cable TV sent a letter to the township asking to extend the current franchise agreement between the township and Blue Ridge for another five years. After contacting other townships in the area and PSATS, townships may impose a fee to Blue Ridge for running the lines over the township right of way. The supervisors discussed the fee's being charged by other townships in the area and advise they are not interested at this time in imposing a fee that would possibly be passed onto the residents, but they are interested in negotiating free high speed internet for the township building and facilities and possibly phone service from Blue Ridge if available for commercial. The supervisors asked the solicitor to contact Blue Ridge about negotiating the free items and prepare a new franchise agreement from the example from Rye Township with changes as discussed.

As previously discussed at the last several meetings and workshops the supervisors revisit realigning the 8-04 firebox and the 2-04 fire box in Wheatfield Township. Annette Mullen showed to those in attendance the current fire box map and the proposed changes being discussed. Annette Mullen made a motion to extend the 2-04 fire box to Dark Hollow Road to include both sides of Dark Hollow Road with Duncannon Fire Co. and Duncannon EMS and the remaining 8-04 fire box to be New Bloomfield Fire Co. with Duncannon EMS, Barry Schrope second the motion, Jim Fuller opposed, stating he feels Pine Hill Road should be New Bloomfield Fire Co./EMS.

The proposed 2011 budget was reviewed. Chart of account #414 Planning and Zoning amount is pending upon the planning commission opening up the request for proposals received for updating the township comprehensive plan at their meeting held on November 8, 2010. Jim Fuller made a motion to approve the proposed budget and advertise for adoption in December pending opening of the request for proposals bids for the township comprehensive plan, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

The township has received a letter from Perry County Crime Stoppers thanking the township for their donation.

The contract from Perry County Planning Commission regarding the Municipal Planning Advisory Service for 2011 has been received. The supervisors unanimously agreed they are not interested in using the service this year.

Barry Schrope advised the Zoning Course he and the others attended was very beneficial. Those who attended all classes received a certificate of accreditation. Those who received certificates were Barry Schrope, Lester Nace, Paul Finkenbinder, David Mills, Bob Rhoades, Barb Zeigler and Jennifer Wilson.

Lester Nace stated he has issued more permits in October than previous months.

Dianne Dahlin states she raises her hand almost all the time to be recognized and others just speak out and she speaks out once and gets in trouble. Mrs. Dahlin states the rules should be the same for all.

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

16218 - 16260, 009-2010 and 9-2010, except 16219 and 16240, both approved.

16219, 16240 – Barry and Annette approved, Jim abstained.

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

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 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins Twp. Secretary