

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, December 6, 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, Rick Schaar, Bob Noaker, Tony Bentley, Chris Deiter, Bob Rhoades, Dexter Potter, David Mills, Joyce Swain, Darrin Foster, Sam Garula, Chad Jumper, Ashley Jumper, Lenny Jumper, Dianne Dahlin, Kraig Nace, Barb Zeigler, Joe Burget and Darlene Johnson.

Jim Fuller 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 are in harm's way.

The minutes of the November 1, 2010 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the December 6, 2010 regular meeting for public viewing. Barry Schrope made the motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller announced to those in attendance at tonight's meeting that Dianne Dahlin was recording the meeting.

Tony Bentley states as a resident of Wheatfield Township and Assistant Chief of New Bloomfield Fire Co. he hopes the supervisors take into consideration all citizens of the township in their decision of EMS and ALS so that all citizens are taken care of.

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

Joyce Swain asked when the ALS resolution is taking affect and also states New Bloomfield should be given an answer.

Dianne Dahlin states she would like to see the meetings follow Roberts Rules.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS presented to the supervisors information on how the 2010 donation received from the township was used, information on Act 7 of 2008, year to date call information, billing information and subscription drive information. Mr. Nace states he will be doing a presentation at the Perry County Convention in February on EMS services. Mr. Nace advised there is some confusion with EMS subscription notices being sent by New Bloomfield EMS to those residents affected by the recent changes to fire boxes; he stated Duncannon EMS/West Shore ALS will honor those subscriptions purchased until April 30, 2012. Emergency Management expects to have the recent changes made by the beginning of next year. Mr. Nace thanked the supervisors for their continuing support of EMS.

Barb Zeigler states there should be a class held for recycling because many still continue to bring stuff that is not sorted correctly.

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

Darrin Foster of Lou Harford's office presented the Chad Jumper subdivision plan for approval. Darrin states all comments have been addressed and advised the township planning commission has reviewed the plan and recommended approval of the plan and requested AOR's. The requested AOR's are 1 – Preliminary Plan Procedure, 2 – Sheet Size Requirement and 3 – Property Map Scale. 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, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Joe Burget of Burget and Associates presented the Shawn Fuller subdivision plan for approval. Joe states this is a lot addition and all comments have been addressed. The township planning commission has reviewed the plan and has recommended approval of the plan and requested AOR's. The requested AOR's are 1 – Submission Deadline, 2 – Preliminary Plat Procedure, 3 – Sheet Size/Scale, 4 – Parent Tract Scale, 5 – Contour Intervals, 6 – Lot Identification, 7 – E&S Plan and 8 – Stormwater Management. 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 fee's being paid, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

The Duncannon Fire Police has sent a letter to the township requesting a donation for more equipment. The letter was vague as to what equipment was needed. Annette Mullen advised she would contact Kevin Trevenen and get more information. Issue tabled until next month's meeting.

The Tax Collection Committee sent a reminder to each taxing authority to appoint their 2011 delegate and alternate at their December meeting. Annette Mullen made a motion to appoint Vicki Jenkins as delegate and Barry Schrope as alternate, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Annette Mullen made a motion to appoint Kent Johnson to the resigned auditor position by Frank Hall for 2011, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. The supervisors advise anyone interested in being elected for the vacant auditor position would have to be on the primary and general election ballot for 2011. The elected auditor would finish out Mr. Hall's term, term to expire January 1, 2014.

Perry County Emergency Management has sent a letter to the township regarding ALS services. The letter states that New Bloomfield EMS anticipates it will have an Advanced Life Support unit by the beginning of next year; currently West Shore ALS is the only ALS unit operational in Perry County. The County has done research on this and based on a Supreme Court ruling the decision of primary emergency services is a local municipality decision. The County is requesting notification from the township as to whom the township wants to provide primary ALS services to the residents. Annette Mullen made a motion to approve and sign the letter stating West Shore ALS is to provide ALS services for the 2-03, 2-04, 2-05 and 8-04 fire boxes in Wheatfield Township and New Bloomfield ALS is to provide ALS services in the Wheatfield Township portion of the 8-05 fire box, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Annette Mullen made a motion to adopt the 2011 budget as presented, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion for the days and time for township meetings to be as follows: monthly Board of Supervisors meetings will be held the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. with the exception of holidays that fall on Monday, they will be held the Tuesday immediately following the holiday, the Planning Commission will meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., the Recreation Board will meet the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. and the Auditors will hold their organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Meetings will be advertised as required by law.

Due to the recent reassessment in Perry County the millage rate for the township must be adjusted, the millage rate by law may not exceed a 5% increase. Barry Schrope made a motion to not raise the millage as allowed and use the equalized millage of .199, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Annette Mullen made a motion for real estate transfer tax to remain at 1% and earned income tax to remain at 1.8%, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Annette Mullen made a motion to pay for mileage at the rate of .51 cents per mile, the 2011 IRS standard mileage rate, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. New mileage rate will be effective January 1, 2011.

The Perry County Convention is Saturday, February 26, 2011. The supervisor's tabled action until next month's meeting so that more information can be gathered on the workshops.

The supervisors advise the township is in need of another fireproof cabinet and advised the secretary to order one.

Township Solicitor Johanna Rehkamp advised Blue Ridge Cable TV has approved the new franchise agreement and has agreed to free high speed internet service and free phone service when available in our area. The new agreement will be renewable each year instead of every 5 years. Annette Mullen made a motion to accept and sign the agreement, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Annette Mullen states the tractor needs tires and she feels the township should get aggressive in looking for a new tractor.

Jim Fuller advised the Sulphur Springs Bridge has been hit again and that the new guard rails are bent. The township does not know who hit the guard rails. Annette Mullen stated this should be documented with the State Police.

Jim Fuller states there is a water problem on Hunkey Hollow Road by Barry Foster. Jim asked the other supervisors for permission to go to the residents and ask if the township can correct the problem. An easement would be needed from the residents to go on their property. Barry Schrope states he would like to look at it again.

Joyce Swain states she would like to know what the supervisors motioned to do with the budget and ALS services resolution and states the supervisors are not telling the residents what's going on. Jim Fuller states she may get copies of all documents. Annette Mullen advised Mrs. Swain no resolution was

signed tonight, it was a letter to Perry County Emergency Management regarding ALS services (letter was read aloud). Annette advised no resolution was needed for the changes made to ALS services; everybody in the township will be covered.

Dianne Dahlin states the supervisors need to let the people hear what they are passing, loud enough to hear and word for word as to how it is being passed. Mrs. Dahlin asked if New Bloomfield ALS doesn't start until who knows when and if the changes the supervisors made are effective the first of January and New Bloomfield doesn't have their ALS who will receive the money the people are paying, New Bloomfield or West Shore ALS. Mrs. Dahlin stated nothing has been explained to anyone. Mrs. Dahlin states it is illegal to do things the way the supervisors are doing it. Mrs. Dahlin also states we are in the worst economic times and the supervisors have purchased a truck and are considering a new tractor and building and last year it was asked not to take raises and you did and she hopes that this year no raises are given because there are a lot of people out of work and a lot of people not getting raises. Mrs. Dahlin states the tax revenue is going to go down and the people are going to be stuck with a bunch of new stuff that can't be afforded. Annette Mullen states no new equipment has been bought in 10 years.

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

16261 – 16303, 010-2010 and 10-2010, except 16261, 16280 and 16302, all three approved.

16261, 16280, 16302 – Barry and Annette approved, Jim abstained.

Barry Schrope 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 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary