

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, May 2, 2011 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, Rick Schaar, Bob Rhoades, Bob Foltz, John Weldon, Justin Kretzing, Tony Bentley, Dave Jenkins, Dexter Potter, Mike Horanic, David Mills, Darlene Johnson, Kent Johnson and Kraig Nace.

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 7, 2011 and April 4, 2011 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the May 2, 2011 regular meeting for public viewing. Barry Schrope made the motion to approve the revised March 7, 2011 minutes as presented, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Jim Fuller made the motion to approve the April 4, 2011 minutes as presented, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Tony Bentley thanked the supervisors for their support to all emergency services.

Mike Horanic read aloud a letter he has prepared regarding some concerns he has. Mr. Horanic said he and others have had the feeling that they can't make comments or bring to the board observations on concerns within the township without being told they are out of order or in some cases belittled by people on the board. Mr. Horanic stated the internal bickering among the supervisors in open meetings is counterproductive and states the people would feel more comfortable at meetings if the personality conflicts were left at the door and the board would respect their constituent's complaints and concerns.

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

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS thanked the supervisors for their ongoing support of EMS operations within Wheatfield Township. Mr. Nace states he understands the township has received a letter from Larry Smeigh of Emergency Services regarding ALS response order. Mr. Nace asked the supervisors to request a time extension to the May 13th dead line so that the supervisors can obtain more information and offered his help in assisting the supervisors with their decision if needed. Mr. Nace requested a copy of the letter from Emergency Services.

Burget & Associates will not be presenting the David & Doris Barrick subdivision plan tonight due to not having approval back yet from DEP on the sewage module.

Bids received for the 2011 road project (seal coat/base repair) were opened and read. The results were as follows:

Martin Paving	\$1.16/sq. yd. - \$39,440/seal coat	\$44.00/sq. yd. - \$12,980/base repair	- \$52,420
Wilson Paving	\$1.47/sq. yd. - \$49,980/seal coat	\$44&50/sq. yd. - \$13,340/base repair	- \$63,320
Hammer East	\$1.35/sq. yd. - \$45,900/seal coat	\$67.75/sq. yd. - \$19,986.25/base repair	- \$65,886.25
Jay Fulkroad	\$1.71/sq. yd. - \$58,140/seal coat	\$137.15/sq. yd. - \$40,459.25/base repair	- \$98,599.25
Schlusser's Paving	\$40.00/sq. yd. - \$11,800/base repair	bid only	
Eastern Industries	\$80&\$122.00/sq. yd. - \$26,120/base repair	bid only	

Jim Fuller made a motion to award the seal coat/base repair bid to Martin Paving, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Justin Kretzing of the New Bloomfield Fire Co. presented to the supervisors their 2010 audit report and thanked the supervisors for their support.

The Duncannon Fire Co. submitted their annual audit report for 2010 to the supervisors at April's meeting. Annette Mullen advised \$45,000 has been budgeted for the fire companies, with Duncannon covering 74% and New Bloomfield covering 25% and she would like to split the donation by coverage with \$33,300 going to Duncannon and \$11,700 going to New Bloomfield. Justin Kretzing of New Bloomfield Fire Co. stated if this is what is being discussed tonight then he feels in fairness to Duncannon Fire Co. because they are not present at tonight's meeting there should be a meeting between the fire companies and supervisors to discuss the changes in the amounts of the donation. Annette stated it is changing because the fire boxes and coverage have changed. Barry Schrope stated he would not have a problem meeting with the fire companies and that he would like to review the fire boxes again in a year before making a change to the donation. Barry stated if there is a fire in Wheatfield Township both fire companies are coming. Annette stated the Duncannon Fire Co. submitted their audit report at last month's meeting and are expecting to receive a check this month and if there is a meeting scheduled that delays the release of their money. Jim Fuller states he was at the meeting when Mr. Worner of the Duncannon Fire Co. stated they

did not want to start a conflict between the fire companies over money. Jim stated that is why he wanted to see New Bloomfield have Pine Hill Road so that the donation could be kept closer to 2/3 & 1/3 and keep things calm. Barry stated he has talked to some people and they don't feel a big swing should be made in donations in one year because it wouldn't give the fire companies time to adjust. Annette stated the change is not like the big jump for EMS; fire has only changed by \$4,000. Jim stated he is satisfied with the 2/3 & 1/3 split, but if the others feel a meeting is needed that is fine. Barry stated he would like to set up a meeting with the fire companies. The supervisors advised the secretary to set up an evening meeting as soon as possible.

The supervisors advised Dark Hollow Road is closed from Roseglen Road to Pleasant Grove Road due to a tile collapsing and causing a sinkhole. The supervisors will be meeting with the township engineer as soon as possible to discuss options. Jim advised he has met with John Madden at the site; John has taken some pictures and has contacted DEP to start the application process. The Conservation District was there and emergency management and Rohrer Bus have been contacted. Jim advised it appears it will be closed for several months.

Cheryl Beinhower of the Susquenita Midget Football Association contacted the township office regarding advertising in the township newsletter and website for their football/cheerleading registration. The supervisors see no problem with their request. Vicki will contact Mrs. Beinhower.

The commercial phone service with Blue Ridge CATV has been connected. The contract for free internet and commercial phone service is on a yearly agreement.

Jim Fuller advised he has contacted Property Management regarding the garbage/loitering problem at the pull off along Rt. 274 and Cook Road. Jim advised he met with Mel Moore employee of Pfautz's and discussed closing off the area, but there are several families that use the pull off to drop off their children for the school bus stop. Jim advised they discussed and agreed upon putting up a game camera and a sign advising the property is under video surveillance with a sign underneath advising a \$300 littering fine.

Jim Fuller advised he has spoken with Mike Polcha of the Loysville Youth Development Center regarding some of the boys helping out with the monthly recycling. Mr. Polcha advised they are looking to start in June and the boys would have two supervisors accompany them. Jim thanked all of those who continually help with the monthly recycling.

Jim Fuller and Lester Nace attended the HATS meeting on April 8, 2011. Jim advised they spoke with Terry Adams and Mr. Adams indicated there are no worries with the funding for Sulphur Springs Bridge the money has already been appropriated. The federal obligation is for 80%. Lester advised Mr. Adams told him Commissioner Naylor is the Perry County representative for this committee and if able to speak with Mr. Naylor the township should make certain the township knows this money is available and should be released as soon as possible.

The contract from Gannett Fleming for the update to the comprehensive plan has been received. The contract was reviewed by the township solicitor. Johanna Rehkamp advised the contract looked fine. Barry Schrope signed the contract.

Jim Fuller advised someone damaged three stop signs, two mailboxes and two one lane bridge signs. The signs have been replaced and an incident report has been filed with the State Police.

Jim Fuller stated a thank you letter has been received by the New Bloomfield EMS for the donation.

Barry Schrope asked if anything has been heard from the State Police regarding the shingles that were dumped at Wagner Park after the spring cleanup. Jim advised an incident report was filed with the State Police and several names and addresses were pulled from the debris, but nothing has been heard from the police.

Annette Mullen discussed the classes she attended at this years PSATS Convention in Hershey. Annette stated she attended a class on Comprehensive Municipal Financing and found it helpful. Annette stated the man who ran the class was an accountant and supervisors and indicated the format the township is currently using doesn't allow for transparency and that is what she is having a problem with, the way the township looks at things. Annette states you cannot easily look at a spreadsheet and see how much you spent on things, too many subcategories and you don't know what is in those subcategories. Annette stated she desires to see the township have a five year budget plan, with less money coming from the government it will allow the township to plan better for the future.

Annette Mullen stated when the supervisors meet with the fire companies maybe they could ask to be more productive that the budget process begins in September and the township would like to hear from the fire companies as to what their projections are for the following year and what they are working on. Annette states she is interested in how much other townships are giving in coverage compared to us. Maybe the information will help the supervisors in how much to give and how much is needed. Annette stated she would like to have the input way before budget time.

Annette Mullen asked the other supervisors what is the plan for the building. Annette stated she brought up about a topography study at last month's meeting and she would really like to go that route. Annette stated she does not want to spend any more time digging with the backhoe until there is a clear plan on how the land should be developed. Barry asked if John Madden would be able to do the topography study, Annette advised yes. Jim stated he is interested in an equipment building not an office complex. Annette stated she is still interested in receiving a topography study because she believes the salt shed should be moved and the township should plan for what we have now and not future land purchases. Barry stated when the supervisors meet with John Madden about Dark Hollow Road they could ask about the topography study. The supervisors advise the topography study will be brought up again at next month's meeting after meeting with Madden.

Annette Mullen asked when tires will be purchased for the tractor. Jim advised tires were purchased. Annette asked if tires will be purchased for the backhoe this year. Jim advised he does not think the backhoe is ready for tires yet; the tires on the front are in pretty good shape. Annette advised they are not in the best of shape and when she saw them at the spring cleanup they looked in need. The supervisors advise they will look at them after the meeting. Annette stated she does not want to wait as long for new tires on the backhoe as what was waited for new tires on the tractor.

Lester Nace commented on spring cleanup stating it went well this year. Lester stated no one was backed out onto the road and there was not nearly as much rubbish as previous years.

Bob Rhoades advised Tri County has grant money available that might be able to be used for Dark Hollow Road or a shed and wanted to know if the township received any information. No information has been received. Mr. Rhoades will call Vicki tomorrow with the contact information.

Kraig Nace advised Duncannon EMS will be hosting a community safety day on Saturday, May 14th with free car seat checks and also cow patty bingo will be played to benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life fundraiser at Susquenita in June. Kraig also stated in reference to the ALS listing, Penn Township has opted to make no changes and if the supervisors are so inclined in the interim he requests no changes be made until research is done.

Barry Schrope made a motion for the solicitor to send Larry Smeigh of Emergency Management a letter requesting a time extension on the May 13th deadline regarding the ALS response order, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

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

16497 – 16533, 040211, 0003-2011, 003-2011 and 3-2011, except 16498 and 16516, both approved.

16498, 16516 – Barry and Annette approved, Jim abstained.

Annette Mullen 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 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary