

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, June 6, 2011 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, Kevin Bissonnette, Dexter Potter, Bob Foltz, Jim Reisinger, Kraig Nace, Rick Schaar, Dave Jenkins, Mitch Robb, John Madden, David Mills, Dianne Dahlin, Josh George, Jeff Beinhower and Sgt. Ringer.

Jim Fuller 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 May 2, 2011 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the June 6, 2011 regular meeting for public viewing. Jim Fuller made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Kevin Bissonnette of the Duncannon Fire Co. presented the supervisors with a list of contacts and numbers for the Duncannon Fire Co. officials.

Jim Reisinger asked the supervisors to consider hiring some graduating seniors to help with the summer maintenance along the roads in the township.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS states the 990 form is almost done and will forward when he receives it from the accountant and also stated if there were any questions on the ALS order of response or comments he made after last month's meeting they could discuss that at tonight's meeting. Mr. Nace thanked the supervisors for their ongoing support.

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

Barry Schrope states he would like to thank the Recreation Board for allowing the trout derby to be held at Wagner Park.

Sgt. Ringer of the Newport State Police Barrack's reported there were 35 incidents in Wheatfield Township last month. Sgt. Ringer thanked the supervisors for supporting Crime Stoppers and posting a sign in the township building.

Burget & Associates presented the David & Doris Barrick subdivision plan for approval. The township planning commission has recommended approval of the plan and the requested AOR's. The requested AOR's are 1 – Final Plan Review, 2 – Sheet Size, 3 – Map Scale, 4 – Stormwater Management Plan and 5 – Stormwater Ratio. Barry Schrope made a motion to accept the AOR's as requested, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Barry Schrope made a motion to approve the plan as presented, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

A letter (copy on file) has been received from the Duncannon Fire Co. and New Bloomfield Fire Co. presidents regarding the split of the donation money allocated this year. Both presidents are in agreement with the 2011 donation being split 2/3 to Duncannon and 1/3 to New Bloomfield stating last fall when the changes to the fire boxes were discussed that any changes made would not decrease the amount of money that either of the fire companies receive. Annette Mullen stated she thinks she knows what the problem is and wants to make it clear as to why she has a problem with the donation being split 2/3 and 1/3, the coverage is different now with Duncannon covering 74% and New Bloomfield covering 25%. Annette states the problem comes with giving less money than the year before and she does not think it is the fire company's responsibility deciding the donations; they can come and tell her their budget. Annette stated there was to be a meeting with the supervisors and fire companies but the fire companies decided amongst themselves they did not want to meet with the supervisors and she would like to make the public aware of that. Annette states it does not make sense to give someone more money for less coverage and the donation should be split by coverage area. Annette states this is where the township is at for this year but should be looked at differently next year. Kevin Bissonnette of the Duncannon Fire Co. stated he and Justin Kretzing of the New Bloomfield Fire Co. have been working on a plan to present to the supervisors for future donations and they should have something by the end of the month. Barry Schrope stated he would like to sit down with the fire companies and discuss that plan before the township starts working on the budget for next year. Barry Schrope made a motion to release \$30,000 budgeted as a donation to the Duncannon Fire Co. and \$15,000 budgeted as a donation to the New Bloomfield Fire Co., Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

A letter has been received from Larry Smeigh of Emergency Management asking the supervisors to designate the ALS response order in Wheatfield Township. Annette Mullen made a motion for the top 10 to be 1 – West Shore M81 – Shermanata Dr., 2 – New Bloomfield M1, 3 – West Shore M86, 4 – West

Shore M85, 5 – West Shore M85, 6 – West Shore M81 – Gettysburg Rd., 7 – Susquehanna Twp. M9, 8 – Life Team M1 – Linglestown Rd., 9 – Life Team M1 – Cameron St. and 10 – West Shore M82, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Vicki will prepare and send a letter to Larry Smeigh directing them of the supervisors' decision.

John Madden, township engineer gave an update on the Dark Hollow Road culvert. John suggested the township apply for the GP11 permit replace in kind as close as possible and forget the aluminized box it will probably be a box culvert. John advised the township will apply for the GP11 permit (rehabilitation replacement and maintenance of existing culverts) through DEP and it will probably take 30 – 60 days to receive, once the permit is received they can do the construction drawings so the township would be in a position to put the job out to bid, the construction drawings should take about 30 days and then another month or so to receive bids. The job should start approximately in 4 – 6 months. At this point the GP11 permit has not been filed with DEP. Dave Jenkins asked about detour signs being set up since the road will be closed for several months.

Annette Mullen states she spoke to John Madden a couple months ago about a topography study. Annette states before we continue to dig for the new equipment shed with the current erosion on the bank behind the building and plus she has some concerns with the condition of the salt shed a topography study should be done to see how best to utilize the land for future needs. Annette Mullen made a motion for Madden Engineering to do a topography study on the land, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. John Madden advised it should take 2 – 3 weeks to complete and cost approximately \$1200.00. Annette advised John stated half of the topography study would be required anyway before starting the new equipment shed.

The supervisors advise there were 19 loads of scrap disposed of from the annual spring cleanup, which netted \$4,422.50, and expenses were \$3,768.57.

Barry Schrope asked the township solicitor about amending the budget for the box culvert on Dark Hollow Road. Johanna advised if it is more than 10% above the budgeted amount yes the township will have to amend the budget. Barry also asked about the letter from Pennoni regarding the damage to the approach guide rail on the Sulphur Springs Bridge. Jim advised the guide rail will need bolted back into place.

Jim Fuller advised there was a good turnout for recycling this month, well over 100 people.

Tri County Regional Planning commission has submitted to the township a memorandum of understanding for the Regional Growth Management Plan to adopt. A copy of the plan was given to the township solicitor to review. The supervisors state they would like to review for another month. Tabled until next month.

Lester Nace advised he has issued 27 permits thus far this year. Lester states he still has 2 or 3 properties in foreclosure where the grass is high and getting someone to mow them has been a problem.

Dianne Dahlin asked if the township mows the properties with high grass can the township in turn bill the mortgage companies.

Rick Schaar asked how much the 4 new tires cost for the New Holland tractor. Jim advised the tires cost \$1,650.

Jim Reisinger asked why the donation to the fire companies was not split by coverage, why should they be paid more for doing less.

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

16534 – 16571, 0004-2011, 004-2011 and 4-2011, except 16534, 16546 and 16567, all three approved.

16534, 16546, 16567 – 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 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary