

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, July 5, 2011 in the Township Building. Jim Fuller called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Jim Fuller, Barry Schroepe, Annette Mullen, Johanna Rehkamp, Vicki Jenkins, Lester Nace, Rick Schaar, Dexter Potter, Bob Foltz, Dave Jenkins, Dianne Dahlin, Darrel Croutharmel, David Mills, Barb Zeigler, Loraine Vogel and Bob Rhoades.

Barry Schroepe 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.

Jim Fuller advised those in attendance that Dianne Dahlin will be recording tonight's meeting.

The minutes of the June 6, 2011 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the July 5, 2011 regular meeting for public viewing. Annette Mullen stated she would like to amend the June minutes to reflect that John Madden stated half of the topography study would be required for the new building. Annette Mullen made the motion to approve the minutes with the discussed amendment, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Dianne Dahlin read aloud a letter prepared by her regarding a remark made at a last month's meeting by Jim about West Shore EMS. Dianne stated she thinks Jim made the remark that he really does not care about West Shore EMS. Dianne stated she is an employee of West Shore EMS, but that is not why she is talking about this that first and foremost she is a resident of Wheatfield Township. Dianne stated the decisions that are made by the board affect her and her family. Dianne states all though Jim may not care about West Shore EMS there are many township residents that owe their lives to West Shore, they have protected the residents for over 20 years, but Jim does not care about that all he cares about is what he wants not what is best for the community. Dianne states she also has to wonder why Jim wants to short change Duncannon EMS/Fire Co. and give New Bloomfield more for less coverage. Dianne states she also thought at last month's meeting Annette asked to have all digging on the property stop until the township received the engineers report and she has seen them working at digging again.

Darrel Croutharmel of the Duncannon EMS thanked the supervisors for the 2011 donation received.

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

Jim Fuller advised from July 18th – 22nd the office would have hours from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. A note will be posted on the door with the hours and also be posted on the website.

Correspondence has been received from PSATS regarding the IRS Standard Mileage Rate. The rate has been increased effective July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 to 55.5 cents per mile. Annette Mullen made a motion to approve the new rate of 55.5 effective July 1, 2011, Barry Schroepe second the motion, with all in favor.

At last month's meeting the supervisors tabled signing the memorandum of understanding from the Tri County Regional Planning Commission until the solicitor reviewed the plan. Johanna advised she has read the Regional Growth Management Plan and the memorandum of understanding and stated all looked fine, non-binding and by signing the understanding the township would be eligible for grants for planning. Annette Mullen made the motion to sign the memorandum of understanding, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller advised he has spoken to Ken Baker of Pennells Church Road about water running onto his property. Jim stated Mr. Baker was wondering if the township could do anything for him. Jim stated it is a tough situation, when you are at the bottom of the hill you get the water.

At last month's meeting Jim Reisinger asked about hiring some part time help. The supervisors advise there is no interest at this time, but will keep in consideration for next summer.

Jim Fuller stated he and Lester Nace would be attending a field conference with the Public Utility Commission on Thursday, July 7th to discuss the proposed upgrade to flashing light signs and gates at the RR crossing on Linton Hill Road.

Jim Fuller advised the township has received a letter from DEP regarding 2 outstanding items for the GP11 permit for the Dark Hollow Road culvert. Jim stated he has spoken to John Madden and he will address the 2 items in question and meet with DEP at the site.

Annette Mullen asked the other supervisors about putting a spot on the website updating the people with what is going on with Sulphur Springs Bridge and Dark Hollow Road. Vicki advised it should not be a problem; just a page would need to be created.

Barry Schroepe asked if the township has received a price on the culvert box yet. Jim advised him the township has not received anything yet.

A letter has been received from Pennoni regarding the Sulphur Springs Bridge inspection. Pennoni advised the weight limit posting sign had to be placed closer to Rt. 849. Jim advised he spoke with Mr. Garula and showed him the letter from Pennoni. Jim advised he has moved the sign as requested.

Jim Fuller advised the recreation board is working on the new ball field and asked if the township could do some backhoe work for them.

Jim Fuller advised Martin Paving has brought in their equipment to start the paving patch work tomorrow morning on Dark Hollow Road and Basin Hill Road.

Jim Fuller asked the other supervisors about line painting the township roads. Jim stated a lot of the lines are faded and he is interested in painting 20 miles this year. The township has submitted our requested line painting mileage to the Perry County Council of Government for them to bid with other township requests.

Barry Schrope advised those in attendance from the recreation board that his wife and son were at Wagner Park the other weekend and there were smashed bottles in the middle of the ball field and fireworks. Barry advised his wife and son cleaned it up. The recreation board thanked them for picking up the glass and fireworks.

Annette Mullen advised she has spoken to Duane from the Duncannon Borough about their recycling program and he stated they were very happy with Sylvester's. Annette stated the current contract for recycling expires the end of August. Annette stated Duncannon Borough and Penn Township currently split the cost and possibly Wheatfield Township could join them and split the cost three ways. Jim advised he would go into their recycling on Saturday and look at how their program works.

Lester Nace advised he was interviewed by Gannett Fleming for the update to the township comprehensive plan.

Dianne Dahlin asked if the detour signs were ever placed on Dark Hollow Road. Jim advised signs have been placed. Dianne asked if a camera was ever placed on the park property as discussed before. Jim advised they have not had any problems with the gate since they have kept it unlocked. Jim stated game cameras only register 50 feet and it would be difficult to hide the camera. Dianne also asked if the township could consider doing what Halifax does for recycling and leave the containers out all of the time. Annette stated she would like to go to Halifax and see what their problems are and how much it costs.

Bob Hines stated all kinds of junk is piled up at the Halifax recycling center. Bob also stated he was interviewed by Gannett Fleming.

Bob Foltz stated the recreation board has responded to the questionnaire received from Gannett Fleming regarding Wagner Park. Bob stated he also sent a copy of the Wheatfield Township Park and Recreation Plan. Bob stated another Boy Scout from Rye Township has contacted the recreation board about an Eagle Scout project at Wagner Park. Bob stated he is proposing to put mile markers on the trail along the ridge and drop down over the bank and go up along the west side of the street and come out at the pavilion on the northern end.

Jim Fuller stated he has spoken to Dave Barrick's grandson regarding an Eagle Scout project at the Dellville Covered Bridge. Jim asked him to get something together to present to the supervisors and they will look at it.

Vicki Jenkins stated Mike Amsler of Don Jacobs Insurance has contacted the township about wanted to give the township a quote for insurance (property, auto, liability and umbrella). The supervisors advise that is fine.

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

16572 – 16615, 0005-2011, 005-2011 and 5-2011, except 16577, 16578, 16579, 16589 and 16608, all five approved.

16579, 16589, 16608 – Barry and Annette approved, Jim abstained.

16578 – Jim and Barry approved, Annette abstained.

16577 – Jim and Annette approved, Barry abstained.

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

Jim Fuller stated he spoke to Dave Jenkins about obtaining a jack hammer from his employer to dig out a tile on the corner of Dark Hollow Road and Pleasant Grove Road. Jim advised Dave was able to bring home a jack hammer and was able to break the stuff out so the tile could be replaced. The supervisors thanked Dave for his help.

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 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary