

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, November 7, 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, Lester Nace, Vicki Jenkins, Rick Schaar, Bob Foltz, Luke Roman (Perry County Times), Pat Palmer, Janet Lebkicher, Darlene Johnson, Dave Jenkins, Holly Potter, Dianne Dahlin, Bob Noaker, Kraig Nace, Dexter Potter, Phil Vogel, Loraine Vogel, Darrell Breighner, Shannon Breighner, Justin Kretzing, Tom Burd, Candi Schrope and David Mills.

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 October 3, 2011 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the November 7, 2011 regular meeting for public viewing. Annette Mullen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller announced Dianne Dahlin will be recording tonight's meeting.

Darlene Johnson stated she would like to understand the protocol for disseminating information to the public that has not been discussed by the supervisors at a public meeting. While talking to a number of the residents of the township it was brought to her attention that a letter from Burget was received regarding a quote that was requested by the township. It is her understanding the letter was not brought to the attention of the other supervisors and it was being shared with the general public by Jim and Dexter and if this information she received is correct, she believes Jim should look at the way he is representing himself as a supervisor of the township and his behavior is disgraceful and totally inappropriate and for him to allow an employee access in dissemination of this information is unethical. Mrs. Johnson stated as a tax payer she would like to understand why the roads in the township were not plowed in a timely fashion on the 29<sup>th</sup>. From other residents she spoke with and her visual she had seen going around the township she did not see any of the big trucks and she doesn't know why, as a taxpayer she would think it would cost more money to plow the roads with the small vehicles than with the big vehicles. Mrs. Johnson stated there was ample time in notification of this storm.

Dianne Dahlin stated she will follow up on what Darlene said. Mrs. Dahlin thinks the supervisors should answer her question on the trucks. Mrs. Dahlin also stated if Jim is taking a letter around that has not been brought up at a meeting and has not been dealt with that is against all the rules, he is liable to be sued and with that in mind it is the taxpayers who are going to end up having to pay that. Mrs. Dahlin stated it seems to her Jim is becoming a liability to the township and that he has done a lot of things that are way out of line for your position.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS gave the supervisors updated call reports through the end of October. Mr. Nace stated the Duncannon EMS appreciates the supervisor's ongoing support. Mr. Nace also stated he is somewhat concerned that an area that was not affected by the EMS box change has received membership subscription applications from New Bloomfield EMS/ALS. Mr. Nace stated Duncannon EMS to the best of his knowledge have only solicited their coverage area and he is not sure why this came out and certainly not to the area where it was sent (Roseglen Road – Lester Nace). Mr. Nace asked the supervisors to provide some support in looking into this so the residents of the township are not confused.

Darrell Breighner stated he doesn't know who is in charge of the snow plowing but they have had to replace their mailboxes a few different times and why this keeps happening. The supervisors advise Mr. Breighner he would have to contact the state because his mailboxes are along a state route.

Candi Schrope stated she believes the supervisors and others who plow have done an awesome job the past couple of winters in keeping the road clear. Mrs. Schrope stated she is Barry's wife and he was away over the weekend when we had the snow in October and the township was short one guy. Mrs. Schrope stated she never hears anyone come up to Barry and say thanks for getting out there at three in the morning and clearing our roads so we can get to work safely, you never hear that; but yet you constantly hear people complain and say negative things. Mrs. Schrope stated she is not a negative person so it is hard for her to constantly listen to this and stated she used to come to the meetings all the time and got so disgusted that she could not bear to sit and listen to it anymore.

Loraine Vogel thanked Candi Schrope for saying that because the road crew does do a great job, they keep the weeds and stuff down on the side of the roads during the summer time and she always

appreciates how they keep Pennells Church clear during snow. Mrs. Vogel stated that was being negative what she heard a little bit earlier.

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

Jim Fuller stated he and Dexter Potter spent eight hours each plowing, Bob Hines was in for three hours and had to leave for a banquet. Jim stated there was one complaint received from Hemlock Drive which they usually let the development go lastly and try to keep the main township roads open. Jim stated there were three vehicles out and he was not able to get anyone else to come out. Jim stated they did their best.

Pat Palmer Director of the Duncannon Senior Center states she is here tonight seeking financial support for the Senior Center. Seniors from the township are served by the center. Ms. Palmer indicated they send out 5,040 meals a year for shut ins and 4,200 meals to seniors coming in. Ms. Palmer stated they have going to the Duncannon Borough and other townships they serve seeking support as well. There are seven centers in Perry County, only two centers have to pay rent and they are one of them. The Office of Aging gives each center a certain amount of money to run the center on. Duncannon is one of the larger centers in Perry County. They have a projected budget to the end of December 2012 and at that point will have to shut their doors because they have no funding available. Ms. Palmer stated she would hate to see this happen; this is a very important place for our seniors to come to. Ms. Palmer stated she is here tonight to ask for any kind of support the township could provide. Ms. Palmer presented the supervisors with a copy of their budget to review. Jim Fuller stated the supervisors will respond to their request. Bob Noaker asked if the township could find out the percentage of seniors from Wheatfield Township that use their service. Dianne Dahlin stated she knows at one point they were taking people to the grocery store and that they are a good organization. Lester Nace stated at five days a week that equals out to 35-36 meals a day being sent out and served in.

Darrell Breighner of Thomas Drive stated he was here last meeting and the supervisors asked him to find out some more information on their development. Mr. Breighner stated from the beginning it has always been the Thomas W. Cook development. Mr. Breighner said trying to find information in this county has been rough and the only thing he came up with was the original plan. Barry Schrope asked Mr. Breighner about their mailboxes. Mr. Breighner advised the mailboxes now are in front of the church along Rt. 274. Mr. Breighner indicated the post office told them to either put up mailboxes or they will stop delivering mail and return the mail to the sender or pay for a post office box. Barry Schrope asked if the township would send a letter to the post office suggesting the mailboxes be moved to Thomas Drive would that help. Mr. Breighner indicated it would not hurt to send a letter. Jim Fuller indicated he would go and speak to the Post Master and the supervisors are willing to help towards a positive end with the mailboxes.

The supervisors advised per DEP requirements fish baffles will have to be added on the Dark Hollow Road culvert replacement and a change order has been received from JBeitz Enterprises, Inc. for \$8,239 for the fish baffles and extra costs associated with the change. Annette Mullen made a motion to accept the change order to the contract, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller advised in order to continue progress on the Sulphur Springs Bridge a speed limit must be established by an ordinance. A speed study has been done previously on Sulphur Springs Road and the results were given to the Wilson Consulting Group engineer for the project. Jim advised there is one ordinance on the books now that was used as a model to create a drafted ordinance to present to the township planning commission for review. The drafted ordinance and a copy of the speed study will be forwarded to the planning commission.

A proposal for a sketch plan for site improvements to the township building property has been received from Burget & associates, Inc. The supervisors indicate they will have to talk to Joe Burget about the plan because the survey is done, but there is still missing information (2 well locations, septic location, boundary lines and setbacks). The supervisors asked the township solicitor to consolidate the deeds to move forward on the plan.

Jim Fuller stated concerning the letter that was mentioned during public comment. Jim stated he was not aware Annette called Joe Burget concerning these proposals and neither was Barry aware. Annette stated she just spoke with Joe today and verified Jim was present when they met with Joe and Annette requested this information. Annette stated it was not done secretly, she has stated from the beginning

she would like planning to do any building. Jim stated he was never in favor of any of this, \$1800 just for someone to tell us where to put the buildings. Jim stated he has said from the beginning the township needs an equipment shed, because of 2 pieces of equipment setting out, the township doesn't need another recycling center and not another township building. Jim stated they are well able to decide where a building is needed on the property. Annette stated if the land was flat she would agree with him, but it is not flat and there is already a problem bank beside the building that is into somebody else's property, Jim advised it is not. Annette stated she has a problem with Jim going to people and telling them this is a done deal and she went behind his back which is not true. Jim stated he did not tell people this was a done deal, he informed them this is hundreds of thousands of dollars you are talking about and he thinks everyone in the township should know about it before it is discussed and voted on. Annette stated she thinks there is going to be a couple of options as to where things can go and the supervisors can pick the best option for the township and do the planning to get the parking, lighting, recycling and the building. Jim stated we can do the planning here and save \$1800. Jim asked Lester Nace what would be required to put up a building. Lester advised you would be required to build within the existing setbacks, it would be a commercial building and could be inspected by the people at COG and the COG would say you need an architect or engineer to make a drawing and that would be used by them to approve the mechanicals and electrical work. Jim asked if that would involve Joe Burget and Lester advised he does not believe he would be able to do that. Annette stated we could go with Madden Engineering, she is just not going to agree with just putting up a building and not telling how much parking the township is going to have. Annette stated she wants to get the voting back here someday, but right now with parking it is gravel and not lighted, she wants to see it paved and well lighted. Annette stated she just wants good planning for the future. Dianne Dahlin stated to Jim you have completely tried to slide over the fact he has done something illegally with that piece of paper, Jim advised he did nothing illegal. Dianne advised he better check with the solicitor and that he cannot take papers that come into the township and then take them out to the public before they are discussed at a meeting. Johanna Rehkamp, township solicitor advised as far as she is concerned it is part of public record and anyone would have the right to request it. Annette stated giving it to Dexter to explain to people is legal but poor judgment.

The proposed 2012 budget was reviewed and discussed. The recreation board has presented to the supervisors their revised 2012 budget and has asked for an increase in their donation from \$12,000 to \$15,000 to start projects such as replacing the bridge, a smaller pavilion, playground equipment, etc. The supervisors all agreed to increase the donation for the recreation board to \$15,000 and decrease the wages paid to \$2,000. The Dark Hollow Road culvert cost was added to budget item #439. The proposed budget will be posted at the township office and advertised for adoption at December's meeting.

Jim Fuller advised correspondence has been received from Wilson Consulting Group regarding the Sulphur Springs Bridge stating the scoping field view meeting with PennDot has been completed, opinion on archaeology, scope of work and price proposal written, they need the surveyors tech and price and when that is received they will send to PennDot for review. Mr. Wilson indicated they hope to have an agreement in place before year end.

Jim Fuller stated the township is applying for reimbursement from FEMA/PEMA for the damage done to the roads (Creek Road) during Tropical Storm Lee. A kick off meeting with FEMA/PEMA is scheduled for November 10, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. to submit forms. As part of the process a resolution must be passed appointing an agent for Wheatfield Township. Barry Schrope made a motion to appoint Jim Fuller as the agent, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller reminded those in attendance of the visioning workshop meeting on November 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Duncannon EMS building concerning the comprehensive plan.

Jim Fuller advised police reports have been made for several stolen and damaged signs in the township.

Correspondence has been received advising Governor Corbett has signed a bill this week increasing the minimum dollar amount required by townships to advertise bids for purchases and contracts. The threshold has been increased from \$10,000 to \$18,500.

Jim Fuller stated recycling went well this month and seems to increase each month.

Annette Mullen asked if a log is kept on complaints received so there is record. The secretary advised there is no log kept. Annette stated she would like to see a file or notebook be kept to refer back to of complaints received and how the complaint was addressed. No motion was made, but all supervisors agreed.

Annette Mullen discussed the issue of New Bloomfield EMS subscriptions being sent to those not in their coverage area and stated if New Bloomfield EMS is not taking the time to separate where their mailings are going to and just sending to everybody, she thinks it will really confuse people. Annette stated she believes there is responsibility on both parts to get their mailings right and target the people in their coverage area. Dianne Dahlin asked does New Bloomfield honor if they have to come in with second due our membership with Duncannon and vice versa? If they don't you might want to buy both memberships. Kraig Nace advised there is no formal agreement.

Darlene Johnson stated she would like to clarify her comment; her comment about plowing was not on the performance of plowing because as a driver for Rohrer Bus has been very appreciative of the job the guys have done and especially her living on Loshes Run down off Pennells Church because they keep that cleared with the wind blowing constantly. Mrs. Johnson stated her comment was not about their capability of the job they are doing, her question/comment had to do with not using the big trucks and the savings it would have been to the taxpayers. Barry Schrope stated Pennells Church is the worst road in the township.

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:

16718 – 16758, 0009-2011, 009-2011 and 9-2011, except 16718 and 16737, both approved.

16718, 16737 – Barry and Annette approved, Jim abstained.

Annette Mullen 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 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins  
Twp. Secretary