

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, December 5, 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, Bob Foltz, Rick Schaar, Luke Roman, Bob Rhoades, Chris Pepper, Kevin Bissonnette, Kraig Nace, Jason Hoffman, Darlene Johnson, Scotty Brown, Ed Markle and Dianne Dahlin.

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.

The minutes of the November 7, 2011 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the December 5, 2011 regular meeting for public viewing. Annette Mullen made the motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Bob Rhoades wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS wished everyone a Merry Christmas and also in regards to the issue discussed last month about the New Bloomfield subscription/membership being sent to Lester Nace, he stated he has not heard of any others going out to Wheatfield Township. Kraig indicated he received a phone call from Jason Hoffman of New Bloomfield EMS indicating they are trying to resolve the issue.

Dianne Dahlin indicated others have received the New Bloomfield subscriptions/memberships.

Chris Pepper of Lou Harfords office presented the Edwin & Donna Markle subdivision plan for approval. The township planning commission has recommended approval of the plan and the 1 requested AOR. The requested AOR is Preliminary Plan Procedures and Specifications. Annette Mullen made a motion to accept the AOR as requested, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Annette Mullen made the motion to approve the plan as presented, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Roger Watson of Navtech presented the Stephanie Brown/Kristen Conrad subdivision plan for approval. Roger advised all comments and corrections have been made. The township planning commission recommended approval of the plan pending corrections being made and the maintenance agreement being added to the plan. Roger advised there are 4 AOR's requested (no waiver request letter has been received) 1 – Preliminary Plan – Minor Subdivision Plan, 2 – Final Plat Specifications, 3 – E & S Plan and 4 – Stormwater Management Report. Barry Schrope made a motion to accept the AOR's as requested, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Jim Fuller made the motion to approve the plan as presented contingent upon engineering fee's being paid and the AOR request letter being received, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Pat Palmer of the Duncannon Senior Center was here at last month's meeting seeking financial support for the senior center. Jim Fuller advised he and Annette Mullen have both visited the center and were very impressed with the activities and services offered. Annette Mullen made a motion to donate \$1,200 to the Duncannon Senior Center for the year 2012, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. The supervisors asked the secretary to release the donation right away. Senior Center information will also be added to the township website.

Jason Hoffman of the New Bloomfield EMS addressed the issue from last month regarding Lester Nace receiving a New Bloomfield subscription. Jason advised Mr. Nace owns property in Miller Township and they do not know whether this is a rental property or if there is a residence on that property. Jason also advised he spoke with the secretary as to why others received subscription notices in Wheatfield Township not in their coverage area and she indicated they received the addresses from the county GPS office for all of New Bloomfield. So anyone with a New Bloomfield address received their subscription notices. Jason indicated a letter will be sent to those residents that should not have received one and advise them of the change. Jason advised if they receive a membership subscription from a resident in Duncannon's coverage area they will forward it to Duncannon EMS with any additional fee required. Kraig Nace of Duncannon EMS stated he believes it would be in the best interest for New Bloomfield to respond to those people that New Bloomfield does not provide primary coverage and they may want to consult with their local EMS service provider. A letter will be typed up by New Bloomfield and reviewed by the supervisors explaining the changes made to the EMS boxes.

Jim Fuller stated he has been told that if he has a subscription with West Shore ALS and he has an accident at Meck's Corner he will not be covered. Jim asked Kraig Nace if he would be covered, Kraig Nace indicated yes he would be covered. Kraig indicated he would be covered with West Shore through

his subscription with Duncannon EMS, it is a partnership. Jason Hoffman indicated Jim might want to check on that, they ran into a situation where a Liverpool borough resident which is Liverpool EMS and West Shore EMS was transported out of Family Medical Practice in Newport which is a New Bloomfield ALS box. West Shore does not honor their memberships in areas where they are not primary responder and has received an email from Kathy Gilbert of West Shore confirming this (Jason to forward email to the supervisors). Kraig Nace asked if the email came from their Director of Business Operations or a clerk. Jason indicated it came from Kathy Gilbert in their billing department. Kraig recommended speaking with Kathy Poffenberger who is the billing director. Jim Fuller stated it should be made clear to the public as to whether the residents will be covered if out of their primary coverage area. Kraig Nace stated he will follow up and report back to the supervisors next month.

Barry Schrope made a motion to send Carl Hancock of Dellville Road a check for \$25.00 and a letter of appreciation for his continued service of mowing the cemetery on Dellville Road, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

At October's meeting the supervisor's discussed repealing ordinance #26-8-96 dealing with on lot sewage. Johanna Rehkamp, Township Solicitor, advised she has looked into the ordinance and the law that was passed and it is her understanding the township would like to repeal this ordinance so the township can follow the state requirements. Johanna advised that would be fine and the township can go ahead with the notice of requirements. The supervisors all agreed to proceed with repealing the ordinance and asked the secretary to draft a repeal ordinance. The ordinance will have to be reviewed by the township planning commission, county planning commission and advertised as required by law prior to adoption.

Jim Fuller gave an update on the Dark Hollow Road culvert. Jim advised JBeitz is onsite and the tile bypass is in place. The box culvert is expected to be delivered the week of December 12th and the project should be finished by Christmas.

Jim Fuller advised he has spoken to the Duncannon Postmaster Pat Keller regarding the mailboxes for Thomas Drive and her concern is for the safety of the mail carrier pulling out of Thomas Drive. The mail carrier sits on the right side of the car so it would be more difficult to see pulling out.

Jim Fuller made a motion to adopt the 2012 budget as presented, Annette Mullen second the motion, Barry Schrope opposed stating he does not feel comfortable spending that much money.

Jim Fuller advised the fire companies would like for the supervisors to decide how the donation allocated for the fire companies will be divided for their budget process. Jim stated \$55,000 has been budgeted. Annette Mullen stated the others know where she stands on that and she would like to split it by coverage area. Jim Fuller stated his position is to leave it alone a 2/3, 1/3 split. Barry Schrope stated he feels they should be paid for what they cover. Annette Mullen made a motion for the 2012 donation to be split by coverage area with 75% (\$41,250) going to Duncannon Fire Co. and 25% (\$13,750) going to New Bloomfield Fire Co., Barry Schrope second the motion. Kevin Bissonnette of the Duncannon Fire Co. asked the supervisors to slightly amend the motion on the floor stating the Duncannon Fire Co. asked the supervisors not to take money away from New Bloomfield and with the 75/25 split it will be taking \$1,200 away from what they received in 2011. Kevin stated he is requesting the supervisors keep New Bloomfield at their 2011 donation, which would then make it a 72.7/27.3 split for this year. Annette stated she is satisfied with the motion she has on the floor. Barry stated he would like to go with what Kevin has suggested. Annette Mullen rescinded her motion on the floor. Barry Schrope made a motion to split the 2012 donation to the fire companies with Duncannon Fire Co. receiving \$40,000 and New Bloomfield Fire Co. receiving \$15,000, Jim Fuller second the motion, Annette Mullen opposed.

Jim Fuller advised \$22,000 has been budgeted for the 2012 EMS donations. Annette Mullen made a motion to split the donation by coverage area and give 90% (\$19,800) to Duncannon EMS and 10% (\$2,200) to New Bloomfield EMS, Barry Schrope second the motion, Jim Fuller opposed.

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 Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Meetings will be advertised as required by law.

Jim Fuller made a motion for taxes to remain at .199 on all real estate assessments, 1% on real estate transfer tax (.5% township, .5% school), and 1.8% on earned income tax (.5% township, 1.3% school), Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

The IRS has not released the 2012 IRS standard mileage rate. Discussion tabled until next month.

The Perry County Convention is Saturday, February 25, 2012. Jim Fuller made a motion to extend the invitation to the supervisors, secretary, tax collector, planning commission, recreation board and auditors, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Registration fee for the workshops will be paid for the planning commission and recreation board, no mileage reimbursement or attendance pay. Registration fee for workshops, mileage reimbursement and attendance fee of \$50.00 will be paid to the supervisors, secretary, tax collector and auditors. Those who wish not to be paid the attendance fee and mileage will have to inform the secretary.

Jim Fuller advised they have met with the representatives from FEMA and PEMA and they have inspected the locations damaged by the recent flooding. All paperwork is complete and has been handed in to FEMA. Jorge Romano of FEMA has indicated there should be no problem with approval of the application for reimbursement.

Jim Fuller advised a lawyer for Ty Poppe has subpoenaed the township for any documentation/permits for the Shawn Fuller property on Paradise Road. All documents have been handed over to the township solicitor.

Annette Mullen asked Johanna Rehkamp how the consolidation of the deed for the township property is going. Johanna advised it is prepared. Johanna advised before the deed can be recorded the township would have to get approval on the reverse subdivision.

Annette Mullen advised she has received an email correspondence from John Madden regarding the location of the new proposed building. John advised he would be willing to provide at no charge, rough sketches and different concepts for discussion purposes.

PSATS has completed the Disclosure Statement required by Chapter 7-A of act 44 of 2009, the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act (copy on file). PSATS has asked the supervisors to review the disclosure statement and if it is adequate adopt the Disclosure Statement and place it in the township pension file. Annette Mullen made a motion to adopt the Disclosure Statement, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. PSATS will provide the township with updates on an annual basis.

Annette Mullen 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:

16759 – 16792, 0010-2011, 010-2011 and 10-2011, except 16759, 16774 and 16788, all three approved.

16759, 16774, 16788 – 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, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary