

A public hearing was held on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Building. Jim Fuller called the hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. Advance Publications advertised the hearing as required by law in the Perry County paper. The purpose of the hearing was to hear public comment on the proposed speed limit ordinance and the repeal of ordinance #26-8-96. Those present were Jim Fuller, Barry Schrope, Annette Mullen, Johanna Rehkamp, Vicki Jenkins, Lester Nace, Dexter Potter, Holly Potter, Bob Foltz, Rick Schaar, Dave Jenkins, Darlene Johnson, Jeff Beinhower, Bob Rhoades, David Mills, Justin Conrad and Joe Burget Jr.

The secretary read aloud the proposed speed limit ordinance for Sulphur Springs Road.

Darlene Johnson asked how the speed study helped with the engineering. Jim Fuller advised with the curve at the turn going onto the bridge and the realignment of the bridge the speed study would have to be completed as part of the project. Annette Mullen advised it helped that the township had a recent existing traffic study done, so then the engineer would not have to perform a traffic study. Darlene asked what the posted speed limit is on Sulphur Springs Road. Jim advised the road is not posted at all.

The secretary read aloud the proposed repeal ordinance of #26-8-96 pertaining to permitting of on-lot sewage disposal systems.

Jim Fuller gave an explanation of the ordinance stating in 1987 DEP made a ruling exempting anyone who owned land before 1987 a one-time exemption to subdivide off a ten acre tract. The tract would have to be sold or given to a close relative (son, daughter, mother, father or grandparents). Jim stated the supervisors in 1996 decided to ignore the exemption and require everyone to have testing done, no matter what size the lot is. Jim stated the 10 acres cannot be re-subdivided, it must stay 10 acres, no design. Jim stated the township assumes no liability, the resident signs off and maintains the system.

Joe Burget Jr. asked if the township with this ordinance is going back to the way it was prior to 1987. Annette Mullen stated the township is going back to what the state allowed townships to do in 1986.

Dave Jenkins asked if anyone regulates the size of the drain field, or is that up to the homeowner. Jim Fuller advised it is up to the homeowner.

Jim Fuller stated with their being no further questions the public hearing has adjourned. Jim advised the ordinances are on the agenda and will be discussed at the regular meeting starting at 7:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, March 5, 2012 in the Township Building. Jim Fuller called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Jim Fuller, Annette Mullen, Barry Schrope, Johanna Rehkamp, Vicki Jenkins, Lester Nace, Dexter Potter, Holly Potter, Bob Foltz, Rick Schaar, Dave Jenkins, Darlene Johnson, Jeff Beinhower, Bob Rhoades, David Mills, Justin Conrad, Joe Burget Jr., Kyle Barrick, Cody Mutzabaugh, Scott Mutzabaugh and Kraig Nace.

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 February 6, 2012 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the March 5, 2012 regular meeting for public viewing. Annette Mullen stated she would like to amend the minutes to say she would like a folder kept for any equipment that cost over \$500 and any bill pertaining to that equipment be kept in the folder as well. Jim Fuller made the motion to approve the minutes with the amendment as suggested, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

David Mills would like to thank the township for continuing to fund recreation in the community.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS thanked the supervisors for their ongoing support.

Kyle Barrick presented to the supervisors an Eagle Scout project he would like to do for the township at the Dellville Covered Bridge. Kyle would like to build two framed and stoned picnic areas with a table in each and one bench overlooking the creek, for a total cost of \$1,068.00. The supervisors asked Kyle if he could attend the recreation board meeting this month and discuss his plan with them. Kyle asked if the township would like to make a donation toward his project. Jim Fuller made a motion to allow the recreation board to oversee the project and to allow Kyle Barrick to use township property at the covered bridge, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Copies of his proposal will be forwarded to the recreation board. The supervisor's tabled discussion on the donation until next month's meeting.

Joe Burget of Burget & Associates presented the Wheatfield Township subdivision plan for approval. Joe states 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 – Plan Size/Boundary Scale, 3 – Parent Tract Scale, 4 – ESC Plan and 5 – Stormwater Management Plan. Annette Mullen made a motion to accept the

AOR's as requested, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Annette Mullen made a motion to approve the plan as presented, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

The township has received 2 bids for dumpster service for this year's spring cleanup. Bids have been received from Sylvester's Services and Cocolamus Creek Disposal. Jim Fuller made a motion to accept the bid from Sylvester's Services, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Hours of operation will be Thursday and Friday 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., 2 drop offs per household and 8 tires per household.

Jim Fuller made a motion to adopt ordinance #59-03-12 establishing the speed limit on Sulphur Springs Road at 30 mph, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Annette Mullen made a motion to adopt ordinance #60-03-12 repealing ordinance #26-8-96 regarding on-lot sewage disposal systems, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

The township auditors have completed their annual audit of the tax collector records and recreation board records. All records were found to be in order.

Jim Fuller made a motion to appoint Dave Jenkins to the township planning commission to fill the remaining term vacated by Barb Zeigler, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Dave's term will expire January 1, 2013.

Barry Schrope made a motion to release \$15,000 as budgeted as a donation to the township Recreation Board, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. The Duncannon EMS, New Bloomfield EMS, Duncannon Fire Co. and New Bloomfield Fire Co. donations will be held until the township receives their financial reports.

Barry Schrope made a motion to get the bid package ready for advertisement in April for the 2012 paving and sealcoat projects, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Projects consist of paving Pine Hill Road and Glutts Hole Road and sealcoat applied to Roseglen Road. Vicki will schedule Rick Levan, Engineering District 8-0 to meet with the road master for job measurements.

Jim Fuller advised from March 12th – 16th the office would have hours from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Notice will be posted on the township website.

Jim Fuller advised correspondence has been received from PSATS asking townships to pass a resolution to urge the PA General Assembly to support the Prevailing Wage reform package. If the bill is adopted, it would increase the prevailing wage threshold from \$25,000 to \$185,000, and adjust annually based on the Consumer Price Index. The supervisors stated they would like to look into this further and tabled action until next month's meeting.

Jim Fuller stated he has seen information from Penn Township regarding their procedure of notifying residents of road closings when doing road projects. Jim stated they send out letters to the residents affected advising them of the dates the work is to be performed. Jim stated he would like to implement this type of system.

At last month's meeting the zoning officer discussed with the supervisors about a situation regarding a driveway issue at the Perry County Farmers Market building with their neighbor. Lester advised he has spoken with BIU and they were not aware of the driveway permit issue and that he has also spoken to Ben Smith the builder about the problem. Lester advised Ben Smith was to drop off a driveway permit received from Penn Dot for the property in question. Lester stated the permit issued is for the Ida Smith property and not for the Conrad property. Lester stated Ben Smith is having there surveyor come back and do some type of maintenance agreement for a driveway. Justin Conrad stated the only issue with them using the existing driveway is too many properties coming off a right-of-way and by moving the entrance over they would eliminate that. The supervisors advise the subdivision plan has been approved and recorded and they have to conform to the subdivision plan they submitted and if they want to make that change they would have to do an amended subdivision plan. Lester advised BIU will perform no inspections on the Conrad house until the driveway issue is resolved.

Barry Schrope stated his employer has advised him that those who have a CDL license and are driving a CDL vehicle and are caught talking on a hand held cellular phone will be fined up to \$1200. Barry stated he is notifying the township employees who are here tonight of the new law. Barry stated he is not sure if the law is in effect now or will go into effect soon.

Annette Mullen asked the secretary to total up the bills from Madden Engineering for the Dark Hollow Culvert project for next month's meeting.

Annette Mullen asked if the planning commission could give guidance on how the volunteer list from the comprehensive plan survey could be used.

Annette Mullen stated when the sealcoat project is looked at on Roseglen Road and the water issues by Stidfoles are looked at and fixed prior to the sealcoat being applied. Annette stated she would like to have a report on the condition of Roseglen Road before deciding to sealcoat the whole road.

Annette Mullen asked if the line painting on Pennells Church Road and Loshes Run Road that Darlene Johnson mentioned last month was checked into. Jim Fuller advised it appears on Pennells Church Road someone has deliberately spun the line off at that point. Jim stated there is a section on Montebello Road in the woods that the lines seem to be fading. Annette asked about Cook Road and Jim advised he could not see anything real significant. Barry thought it may be because of the sealcoat coming off. Annette stated maybe in the future the township should state it needs to be done in the warmer weather months.

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

16884 – 16923 and 0001-2012, 001-2012, 01-2012 and 012512, except 16890, 16892, 16899, 16907 and 16909, all five approved.

16890, 16899, 16907 – Barry and Annette approved, Jim abstained.

16892, 16909 – Jim and Annette approved, Barry abstained.

Barry Schrope 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 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary