

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, June 4, 2012 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, Dave Jenkins, Bob Rhoades, John Madden, Tom Burd, Darlene Johnson, David Mills, Joe Dougan, Dexter Potter, Kraig Nace, Dianne Dahlin and Dale Meyer.

Barry Schrope 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 protect our freedoms.

The minutes of the May 7, 2012 regular meeting and the May 24, 2012 special meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the June 4, 2012 regular meeting for public viewing. Barry Schrope made the motion to approve the regular minutes as presented, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Jim Fuller commented on the special meeting minutes regarding not buying equipment the last 10 – 12 years and stated the township has bought 2 trucks (F250 & F550), glass crusher, wood chipper, 200 acres of land (Wagner Park addition) and a generator in case there would be an emergency. Annette Mullen stated her comment meant there has been no road equipment over \$100,000 bought. Annette Mullen made the motion to approve the special meeting minutes as presented, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Tom Burd of the New Bloomfield Fire Co. submitted to the supervisors their fire report and audit and thanked the supervisors for their support.

Darlene Johnson asked the roadmaster if he has any intention on getting a grader to grade the side of the township roads.

David Mills thanked the supervisors for their support of recreation.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS stated their 990 is complete and thanked the supervisors for the donation and their support.

Dianne Dahlin voiced her displeasure of the special meeting on health care and would like the minutes changed and also Vicki and Jim should not have been allowed to sit up front. Dianne would like to see the township change that a supervisor cannot also be roadmaster.

Madden Engineering submitted a proposal for scope of services for 3 road projects. Wagner Park pedestrian bridge foundation repairs, Linton Hill Road feasibility study and alternatives analysis and Creek Road, Sulphur Springs Road and Montebello Road. Wagner Park would be the responsibility of the recreation board and something they would include in their grant application. Annette Mullen made a motion to accept the engineer's proposal of \$5,300 - \$6,000 for Linton Hill Road, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Annette Mullen made a motion to accept the engineer's proposal of \$10,800 - \$11,300 for Creek Road, Sulphur Springs Road and Montebello Road, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Annette Mullen made a motion to rescind the motion made at April's meeting to give Kyle Barrick \$750 towards his Eagle Scout Project, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Kyle has received enough materials and monetary donations to cover his project.

The township has received a resolution to extend the franchise agreement with Blue Ridge Communications for 3 years. Annette Mullen would like to see if the agreement could include phone service for Wagner Park as well, since cellular phone service is not good there. Mr. Turner stated he would contact Blue Ridge and report back. Annette Mullen made a motion to approve the resolution contingent upon Blue Ridge putting phone service at Wagner Park, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

At last month's meeting the supervisors discussed 3 trees at Dale & Joyce Meyer's residence. Mr. Turner advised there is no liability to the township if the trees would fall onto the road if they are out of the right-of-way. Mr. Meyer stated the trees are healthy and he does not see any reason to take them down. No action taken.

Jim Fuller stated resident Vince McCollum approached him about a tree on Montebello Farm Road in the right-of-way that needs to be taken down. Jim Fuller stated the roadcrew will be closing the road to take care of the tree.

Kent Johnson has submitted a letter to the supervisors resigning from the position of Chairman of the Auditors. Mr. Turner advised this would be up to the auditors to meet and select a new chairman, they would have to reorganize. No action taken.

Jim Fuller advised there is a situation at the bridge on Pine Hill Road. Jim stated he has spoken to Wil Cameron of Pennoni and the Commissioners about the pavement sinking over an inch and whose

responsibility this is. Jim stated the township will be paving Pine Hill Road this summer and believes it would be to their advantage to utilize the paving equipment/material while it is there. Mr. Turner stated he will call Wil Cameron of Pennoni and report back.

Jeremy Reigle of Montebello Road has verbally requested the supervisors do a speed study on Montebello Road and erect speed limit signs. The supervisors state they have not had any other requests or complaints. Jim Fuller stated he will get back to Mr. Reigle and advise him that if he obtains other signatures and requests on a petition the supervisors will look at it and consider the request. No action taken.

Loretta Hurley of Spring Road (State Rte. 34) has requested Hidden Driveway Signs be erected in the vicinity of their driveway. A letter was sent to PennDot requesting permission. A letter was received from PennDot indicating Wheatfield Township or the property owner would be responsible for conducting a Traffic Safety Study to determine the need for the signs. The technical data along with a drawing showing the sign locations would be submitted by the township to PennDot for their review before approval. Lester Nace stated if a Highway Occupancy Permit was issued for the driveway when it was installed the township would not be allowed to put up a sign anyhow because it met sight distance requirements at that time.

Jim Fuller discussed grading along the township roads. Jim advised the township did have a grader and it was sold years ago, since then they have used the backhoe. Jim stated the backhoe is much more versatile and he is happy with the backhoe. Jim stated the roadcrew is working on the roads and will get the grading done.

Barry Schrope thanked the recreation board for allowing the Duncannon Sportsmen's Association to have their trout derby at Wagner Park.

Jim Fuller thanked those who come out to volunteer at recycling each month.

Annette Mullen asked if any official action needs to be taken on the prevailing wage issue. Mr. Turner stated official action should be taken only if the township supervisors want to officially go on record as favoring or opposing. No action taken.

Annette Mullen stated she would like to start working on the employee handbook and have it done by January. Jim and Barry stated June would not be a good month for them, Annette stated July is not good for her. The supervisors tabled setting a date for a workshop until their July meeting. Mr. Turner stated the meeting must be advertised as a public meeting. Annette stated she would call the auditors to see what their schedules are.

Annette Mullen asked where the supervisors are going with the new building. Jim Fuller stated he needs a place for equipment, just a pole building, not in favor of putting an office in it with the extra expenses of state regulations. Barry Schrope stated he is not in favor of spending the extra money this year because of putting the \$150,000 into the culvert on Dark Hollow Road, Barry stated he is willing to look into a building. Annette Mullen stated she would like to explore all options on costs and they need to start looking at all costs. Annette stated she does not want any more digging done until they know what they are doing and have a plan. Dianne Dahlin states she believes she is correct in saying the township has to have an engineer and an architect before the township can do this. Annette stated she would like someone to help the supervisors figure it out and give options. Annette asked Barry if he is satisfied with the bank out back, Barry stated he spoke with John Madden at the convention and he is satisfied. Annette advised it is not a permanent solution, Jim stated it is a permanent solution. Barry stated he thinks they should plant crown vetch on the bank. Annette stated the supervisors need to sit down and discuss size of a building, what needs to be in the building and sit down with an engineer to figure out how to place it. Jim stated he does not need to spend an extra \$10,000 to figure this out. Jim stated he has spoken to the homeowner about the bank out back and he is happy with the bank, Dianne Dahlin stated he told her he was not happy with it and that if one of his kids fall down the bank the township is going to be sued. Jim asked who she spoke to, Dianne stated she does not know his name. Barry stated he would like to see some figures for a pole building and if there was an office in it what it would cost. Jim stated he would like to see a 40' x 100' pole building with 6 bays. Annette stated she would like to move forward on it. Annette asked Jim to make a list as to what the roadmaster would like to see in the building and what his needs are for storage.

Lester Nace advised the highway occupancy permit issue for the Reeder/Conrad property has been resolved and he has contacted BIU and let them know the township is satisfied.

Dianne Dahlin asked if she was going to get a response on changing the minutes to be accurate or if she has to go farther with that. Jim advised she will have to go farther with that.

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:

17007 – 17036, 0004-2012, 004-2012 and 4-2012, except 17007, 17020 and 17032, 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 Barry Schrope made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary