

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, October 1, 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, Lester Nace, Vicki Jenkins, Kraig Nace, Luke Roman, Dave Jenkins, Dexter Potter, Bob Rhoades, Meagan Thorpe, Michelle Thorpe, David Mills, Darlene Johnson and Kevin Bissonnette.

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 September 4, 2012 regular meeting and the September 18, 2012 workshop were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the October 1, 2012 regular meeting for public viewing. Annette Mullen made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2012 regular meeting as presented by the secretary, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Jim Fuller made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2012 workshop as presented by the secretary, Barry Schrope second the motion.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS stated they are considering closing a grant to use for upgrades to the building and asked the supervisors if they could write a basic letter describing how the township used the EMS building for a public meeting and that the building would be used for an evacuation shelter in the event of a disaster.

Bob Rhoades asked if a workshop is scheduled for tomorrow night.

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

Darlene Johnson questioned the tar and chip applied to Roseglen Road. Mrs. Johnson stated she thought it was to only be from Dellville Road to Windy Hill Road and it was applied to Dark Hollow Road. Jim Fuller stated he would address her question later in the meeting.

Kevin Bissonnette of the Duncannon Fire Co. stated the new rescue truck is in and thanked the supervisors for their continuing support.

Jim Fuller presented the road master report for last month. Jim stated the road crew has been mowing along the township roads; they have been working on the Linton Hill Road project of widening the road and tree removal for the proposed work to be done. Jim advised the township has rented a backhoe with a breaker to remove the bank to widen the road. Jim advised the seal coat has been completed by Hammaker East and that all roads done have been vacuumed.

Faxed bids have been received for repairs to Linton Hill Road and Narrows Road. Jim Fuller advised John Madden spoke with the township solicitor about the bids received for the Linton Hill Road guard rail and road repair. It appears the bids received will have to be rejected and re-bid because they were all over the allowable amount of \$18,500 and the language on the bid for the guard rails was wrong. Four bids were received for the Narrows Road repair, Snyder Paving \$6,995.00, Blain & Sons Paving \$8,267.00, McNaughton Services \$8,500.00 and Martin Paving \$9,018.00. Annette Mullen made a motion to award the road repair on Narrows Road to Snyder Paving, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Annette Mullen made a motion to reject all bids received for Linton Hill Road because they were all over \$18,500, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. The supervisors will ask John to rebid for just the paving. Annette Mullen made a motion to have a special meeting on October 16, 2012 at 7:00 a.m. for the Linton Hill Road project, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to appoint Meagan Thorpe to the resigned auditor position of Kent Johnson for 2013, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Miss Thorpe will finish out Mr. Johnson's term, term to expire Jan. 1, 2014. The supervisors advise anyone interested in being elected for the vacant auditor position would have to be on the primary and general election ballot for 2013.

Township Solicitor Johanna Rehkamp advised Blue Ridge CATV's legal department is still reviewing the franchise agreement. Johanna stated she hopes to have the resolution here at next month's meeting for signatures.

At last month's meeting the supervisors asked Johanna Rehkamp to look into Section 5-A of the document received from PSATS for the pension regarding conflict of interest policy for RFP's. Johanna advised it is ultimately up to the supervisors and that she found some language in the township code book that the supervisors may want to use. Johanna advised she would send a copy of the language to the supervisors to insert into Section 5-A so the resolution can be signed next month.

Workshops for the employee handbook have been scheduled for October 2, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. and October 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Barry Schrope made a motion to release \$500 budgeted as a donation to Perry County Crime Stoppers, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

The township has received a check from the Commonwealth of PA in the amount of \$18,802.94 for the 2012 Volunteer Fire Relief. Annette Mullen made a motion for the monies to be released with \$14,102.20 (3/4) going to the Duncannon Fire Co. and \$4,700.74 (1/4) going to the New Bloomfield Fire Co., Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion for Trick or Treat night to be held on Wednesday, October 31, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. The time and date will be advertised in the local paper and placed in the newsletter and on the township website.

Jim Fuller addressed Darlene Johnson's question from public comment. Jim stated the supervisors agreed to do Wheatfield Estates and part of Roseglen Road. Jim stated the square footage that was bid out was more than what was needed for Wheatfield Estates and the section of Roseglen Road bid out, so the leftover was used to go further on Roseglen Road to Dark Hollow Road.

The preliminary 2013 budget was worked on. The secretary will present the proposed preliminary budget to the Supervisors at November's meeting.

The supervisors discussed the email received from John Madden regarding the Creek Road culvert replacement. John advised if the job is bid now and due back in November and awarded at the December meeting and the culvert box would take at least 6-8 weeks to fabricate that would mean the job would start the early part of February and would be the coldest time of the year. John asked if the supervisors would want to wait two months and push the project back to early April for the better weather. The supervisors stated they would follow John's suggestion and wait for better weather.

Darlene Johnson asked for clarification on the Fire Relief money. Jim Fuller advised it is money the State appropriates and can be used by Fire Companies for items such as safety equipment. Kevin Bissonnette advised it is money that comes off of the resident's home owners insurance.

An executive session with the supervisors and solicitor was held at 10:00 p.m. The supervisors and solicitor returned from executive session at 10:13 p.m. The solicitor advised the discussion was about the project on Linton Hill Road and the shoring of the bank on the creek side.

Annette Mullen made a motion to approve the checks from the General Fund for the month of September. They were as follows:

17150 – 17178, 0008-2012 and 08-2012

17150, 17152, 17166, – Barry and Annette approved, Jim abstained.

17153 – Jim and Barry approved, Annette abstained.

17154 – Jim and Annette approved, Barry 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 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary