

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, December 3, 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, Melanie Powell, Cpl. Kevin Ponicsan, Bob Foltz, Bob Rhoades, Luke Roman, Dave Jenkins, Loraine Vogel, Dianne Dahlin, Holly Potter, Kraig Nace, Darlene Johnson and Dexter Potter.

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 November 5, 2012 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the December 3, 2012 regular meeting for public viewing. Barry Schrope made the motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller advised Dianne Dahlin would be recording tonight's meeting.

Bob Rhoades wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS thanked the supervisors and residents for their ongoing support and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Jim Fuller presented the road master report for last month. Jim stated the road crew has continued to record all tiles in the township and have had to dig some out and put extensions on a few, the road crew has replaced the entire 15" tile on Hunkey Hollow Road with an 18" tile, the road crew has graded the shoulders on Roseglen Road, Cook Road, Hunkey Hollow Road, Shermans Drive, Pleasant Grove Road and Dark Hollow Road. Jim stated the Linton Hill Road and Narrows Road projects have been completed. The road crew has put the plows, spreaders and spinners on the township trucks. Jim stated Pennoni has contacted the township regarding the inspection of the Sulphur Springs Bridge and advised there was some more deterioration in the I-beams that would require being fixed. Jim advised the work has been done and Pennoni will inspect it again.

A workshop for the employee handbook has been scheduled for Monday, December 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. There was not a quorum of supervisors at the November 27, 2012 workshop to finalize outstanding items on the draft copy. The next workshop will just be the supervisors to finalize outstanding items.

Jim Fuller 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, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

The supervisors at last month's meeting asked the township solicitor to review the time extension request from Gannett Fleming to complete the update to the Township Comprehensive Plan. Johanna Rehkamp advised she has reviewed the request and that the township is under no obligation to pay the total quoted price, therefore the township only needs to pay for services actually rendered. Johanna stated another contract would have to be signed for any additional work outside the original scope of work. Johanna advised she sees no problem in extending time to finish the project. Annette Mullen made a motion to sign the time extension, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to adopt the 2013 budget, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Annette Mullen 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 Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., Jim Fuller 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.

Barry Schrope made a motion to pay for mileage at the rate of .565 cents per mile, the 2013 IRS Standard Mileage Rate, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. The new mileage rate will be effective January 1, 2013.

The Perry County Convention is Saturday, February 23, 2013. This year will be the 100th year celebration and in lieu of the celebration there will be no workshops this year. Annette Mullen made a motion to extend the invitation to the supervisors, planning commission and auditors, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. The registration fee will be paid for those who wish to attend. Mileage reimbursement and attendance fee of \$50.00 will be paid to the supervisors and auditors. Those who wish not to be paid the attendance fee and mileage will have to inform the secretary.

A complaint has been received from Tammie Sheaffer of Wheatfield Estates regarding the seal coat project completed in the development this year. Mrs. Sheaffer's question to the supervisors was who recommended and approved the tar and chipping of the roads in Wheatfield Estates (copy on file). Annette Mullen stated there were spider cracks all throughout the road and they seal coat it so the water does not get underneath the road and break it up and cost more money in the long run. Annette stated the only thing that can be done is to notify the residents before the project is done and sweep the rocks up in 1 week instead of the 2 weeks. Barry Schrope stated in developments the township could use a smaller stone. The supervisors asked the secretary to reply to Mrs. Sheaffer and advise the road needed to be done and from now on in developments the township can notify residents, vacuum the rocks up within 1 week instead of 2 weeks, use smaller stones, also advise Paradise Road is a State Road and not a Township Road and thank Mrs. Sheaffer for her concern and that the supervisors appreciate all comments. The supervisors also advised road projects that are being considered could be posted in the Spring newsletter.

Jim Fuller stated Kevin Bissonnette of the Duncannon Fire Co. came to the township building and advised he would be resigning as the President of the Duncannon Fire Co. and thanked the supervisors for their cooperation with him and assure that everything was okay with the Fire Co.

The newly appointed auditor Meagan Thorpe has informed the supervisors she has moved out of the township. Therefore, the supervisors will be looking for another auditor to fulfill the vacant term until the end of 2013. An advertisement will be placed in the paper, on the website and on Blue Ridge cable channel.

Correspondence has been received from the attorney who handled the lawsuit against the township for the accident on the Linton Hill Road train track stating the case has been completely closed against the township. A copy of the time-stamped Praecepto to Settle, Discontinue and End has been received.

Jim Fuller advised there will be a zoning variance hearing on Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building.

Jim Fuller stated he would like to give recognition to his wife Linda for coming in for him for recycling during deer season. Jim stated it was Linda, Paul Myers, Alf Miller, Barb Zeigler and Dallas Cook who handled the December recycling day.

Annette Mullen asked Jim Fuller if he had a date as to when he would be retiring. Jim advised it would be June 1, 2013. Annette stated she would like to advertise the position and get resumes in a fair amount of time and have interviews. The supervisors asked the secretary to provide a draft advertisement to discuss/revise at January's meeting.

Annette Mullen asked Barry Schrope what his availability will be for part time snow removal with his new job. Barry advised he is currently on second shift and would not be available from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and currently has off Monday's and Tuesday's and would be available on those days.

Annette Mullen asked Jim Fuller if he has found out how much he will be able to work part time after he retires. Jim advised he has not contacted Social Security yet. Annette stated her concern is with Barry's job changing and Jim's availability is limited, when the supervisors look at part time employees next month she would like for them to have a CDL license. Jim stated the township also has 2 vehicles that do not require a CDL license and that Grant Finkenbinder is the only part time employee who does not have a CDL license.

Cpl. Kevin Ponicsan of the Newport State Police Barricks gave the 30 day statistics for Wheatfield Township. Cpl. Ponicsan advised there were 30 incidents in the township, 4 thefts, 2 crash investigations, 3 assaults, 2 suspicious vehicles, 1 suspicious person and 18 other. No known crime patterns going on and out of the 30 incidents 11 of them are on Paradise Road.

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Jim Fuller made a motion to approve the checks from the General Fund for the month of November. They were as follows:

17223 – 17259, 0010-2012 and 10-2012.

17234, 17236, 17251 – Barry and Annette approved, Jim abstained.

Barry Schrope second the motion to approve the checks, with all in favor.

There being no further business Jim Fuller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary