

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, February 4, 2013 in the Township Building. Barry Schrope called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Barry Schrope, Jim Fuller, Annette Mullen, Johanna Rehkamp, Vicki Jenkins, Lester Nace, Bob Foltz, Erin Jenkins, Noah Jenkins, Dave Jenkins, Kraig Nace, John Weldon, Rick Schaar, Dexter Potter, David Mills, Darlene Johnson, Jeff Beinhower, Byron Worner, Dianne Dahlin and Luke Roman.

Barry Schrope led the pledge to the American flag with a brief moment of silence afterwards in honor of those in harm's way.

Barry Schrope announced Dianne Dahlin will be recording the meeting.

The minutes of the January 7, 2013 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the February 4, 2013 regular meeting for public viewing. Annette Mullen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

David Mills would like to thank the township for continuing to support recreation. David stated he has submitted a letter to the supervisors requesting a letter of collaboration and support for a grant the recreation board is applying for through the Foundation for Enhancing Communities for preliminary costs associated with replacing the walking bridge at Wagner Park. Annette Mullen made a motion to support the recreation board in their project and write a letter of collaboration and support, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Byron Worner of the Duncannon Fire Co. presented the 2012 annual call report to the supervisors for their review. Byron stated the financial report should be ready for next month. Byron stated about a year ago Shermans Dale had a fire at a house in Wheatfield Township at 741 Pine Hill Road. Byron states there is a small area of Wheatfield Township on Pine Hill Road that is covered by Shermans Dale Fire Co. only. Byron asked if the Supervisors could request from county to have Duncannon and New Bloomfield Fire added to that area. Jim Fuller advised he thought the fire was in Carroll Township. Byron advised it was dispatched as Wheatfield. Annette Mullen stated she wouldn't mind remedying that 1% coverage area of Shermans Dale and making it a Duncannon coverage area. Byron stated the supervisors could request the box be changed to a 2-03 Duncannon call box. Jim stated he didn't know how easy it would be with Carroll, Wheatfield and Rye included on the box there. Annette stated they could just change the lines. Byron also stated at the end of November they got their new fire truck in service and they would like to bring it out to the township in the spring to show it to the supervisors and residents.

Jim Fuller presented the Road Master report for last month. Jim advised it was a snowy Christmas week and the road crew started the new year out cleaning equipment, the shop floor and the parking lot. The battery was replaced in the tractor, the cutting edge on the F550 snow plow, received 3 loads of salt, cleared trees on Narrows Road bank and limbs on Dellville Dam Road, hauled 5 loads of anti-skid, replaced the fuel filters on the tractor, backhoe and blue dump truck, plowed snow, replaced the beacon light on the red dump, replaced the wire harness on the F450 plow, replaced the hydraulic pump on the F450, had trouble with the brake line on the brown dump and had Hoover Bros. here, replaced the fuel solenoid on the blue dump, hauled 5 more loads of anti-skid and have another load of salt ordered.

The 90-day time extension for the Randy & Sharon Smith subdivision plan will expire on February 5, 2013 and another time request extension has not been requested and there are still several outstanding items remaining. Jim Fuller made a motion to deny the plan as presented, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. A letter will be sent to Mr. & Mrs. Smith indicating their plan has been denied and there is an outstanding engineering bill to be paid.

Jim Fuller made a motion for spring cleanup to be held Thursday, April 18 through Saturday, April 20, 2013 with hours of 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Dumpster bids will be obtained for next month's meeting.

The supervisors went into an executive session at 8:22 p.m. The supervisors and attorney returned from executive session at 8:42 p.m. Barry Schrope stated the pay rate for the road master position would be in the \$16.00 - \$17.00 per hour pay range with holiday, sick and vacation time as per the employee handbook, benefits what the employees have now; health, dental, eye and retirement plan.

The supervisors discussed the roads proposed for the 2013 road projects. Jim Fuller suggested paving either Dark Hollow Road, Windy Hill Road, Sulphur Springs Road or Hunkey Hollow Road. Annette Mullen stated Sulphur Springs should probably not be done until after the bridge is complete. Annette

asked what tiles would need to be replaced on Hunkey Hollow. Jim advised many tiles need replaced. Annette stated Windy Hill has a big swoop in the one area. Jim advised that would need dug out and repaired. Jim stated he would like to do Dark Hollow this year from end to end. Annette asked if Dark Hollow ends at Hetricks. Jim advised he would go down to Linton Hill Road. Annette stated she didn't think that area was that bad. Barry Schrope stated Windy Hill should be fixed prior to paving. Annette asked when McNaughton Drive would be seal coated. Jim stated he would like to finish the rest of Roseglen Road and possibly do McNaughton Drive. Annette stated McNaughton Drive has needed done the last 3 years and has spider cracks everywhere and Roseglen Road could be finished next year. Jim stated he didn't think McNaughton Drive was any worse than Roseglen Road. Jim advised McNaughton Drive and Roseglen Road were both paved in 2002. Barry stated the supervisors should schedule a date for a road inspection to make a final decision. The proposed roads will be paving on Dark Hollow Road and seal coat on Roseglen Road and McNaughton Drive.

Correspondence has been received from Wilson Consulting Group regarding an update on the Sulphur Springs Bridge replacement. Notice to proceed on the project was received June 22, 2012, they have 12 months to complete part 1 – preliminary engineering (June 2013) and they have 12 months to complete part 11 – final design (June 2014). The best case scenario would be to aim to complete preliminary engineering in ear summer of 2013 and aim to complete final design in winter of 2013/2014 for a spring 2014 bid.

Tabled from last month's meeting, Barry Schrope made a motion to appoint Annette Mullen as the alternate to the Capital Area Tax Collection Board, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to advertise and schedule a workshop to review applications received for Road Master on February 22, 2013 at 8:00 a.m., Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

The supervisors discussed the need for a new telephone for the township office. The current phone does not have a speaker phone and for webinars on the computer there is a need for a speaker phone so the telephone does not have to be removed from the cradle so the battery does not run out. Kraig Nace offered to give a phone to the supervisors that he does not use.

Barry Schrope stated the supervisors have met with Lane Metal regarding the Creek Road culvert job and alternatives to the conventional cement box culvert. Lane Metal advised they build aluminum box culverts and they also make squash pipe with an epoxy coating. Barry stated quotes for the alternatives have been received.

Correspondence has been received from the New Bloomfield Fire Co. regarding an invite to their annual Firemen's Banquet. Barry and Annette cannot attend, Jim stated he will attend.

Jim Fuller asked if the supervisors are going to decide if an aluminum box culvert is going to be used on the Creek Road project or the polymer coated tile. The supervisors discussed the different options, scenarios and pricing. The supervisors also discussed the concrete head walls and which way to fasten the guard rails. Jim will schedule a meeting with John Madden to finalize the bid package.

Lester Nace stated the property owner on the corner of Newport Road and Pennells Church Road would be interested in talking to the supervisors about snow fence for next year.

Jim Fuller advised he was at a final inspection meeting today at the new railroad crossing on Linton Hill Road with Norfolk, PennDot and PUC. Jim stated the project cost \$300,000.

Jim Fuller stated he has received an application from Dave Jenkins for snow plowing and also John Weldon has offered his services for help with snow plowing. Barry Schrope made a motion to add Dave and John to the part time employee list for snow plowing as needed, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Vicki Jenkins asked the supervisors if they have reviewed the County's multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as requested by the Perry County Planning Commission. Barry Schrope advised he will come into the office and work on it. Vicki advised it is due by February 28, 2013.

Rick Schaar stated if you are going to hire these guys part time they should at least be brought it one snow storm to ride along to see where they go and how they run their routes. Barry Schrope stated that is how it is done now.

Dianne Dahlin asked why the supervisors went into executive session. Annette Mullen advised the supervisors have different ideas and they have never discussed this and it was better for them to discuss this among there selves with the lawyer then to do it in public, when it has been stated by you that you do not like the way the supervisors talk to one another and bicker. Annette stated it was about hiring. Dianne stated legally there has to be a reason to have an executive session. Jim Fuller advised it was a personnel

matter and is allowed by the Sunshine Law. Annette advised they asked the solicitor if this qualified for an executive session and she advised it did. Dianne also asked where the supervisors came up with the \$16 - \$17/hr. pay range when you have no idea how qualified the person may be. Barry Schrope stated they have received 8 really good applications so far and they also considered the benefits they would receive through the township and also used the wage & salary survey results that PSATS provides.

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

17301 – 17349 and 0012-2012, 012-2012 and 12-2012, except 17310, 17313, 17318, 17326, 17329, 17332 and 17343, all seven approved.

17310, 17318, 17326, 17329, 17343 – Barry and Annette approved, Jim abstained.

17313, 17332 – 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 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins  
Twp. Secretary