

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, March 4, 2013 in the Township Building. Jim Fuller called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Barry Schrope, Jim Fuller, Annette Mullen, Johanna Rehkamp, Vicki Jenkins, Lester Nace, Rick Schaar, Dexter Potter, Holly Potter, Jeff Smith, Marty Smith, Jon Rhoads, Dave Jenkins, Kraig Nace, David Mills, Bob Rhoades, Darlene Johnson, Jeff Beinhower, Luke Roman and Loraine Vogel.

Annette Mullen led the pledge to the American flag followed by a brief moment of silence.

The minutes of the February 4, 2013 regular meeting and the February 22, 2013 workshop were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the March 4, 2013 regular meeting for public viewing. Annette Mullen made the motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS stated the 2012 annual report is about 60% completed and will provide a copy of the report as soon as it is completed. Kraig thanked the supervisors for their ongoing support. Kraig also stated residents of Penn and Wheatfield will receive a discount in the subscription rate for EMS service because of the contributions made by the townships.

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

Bob Rhoades asked has a date been set yet for interviews for the new road master. Barry Schrope stated interviews have already been done.

Jim Fuller presented the Road Master report for last month. Jim advised a water drainage problem on Dugans Mill was worked on, the power washer was taken to the shop for repair, February 5 salt and cinder roads, cleaned up equipment and floor, filled anti-skid bin, built a shield for the back of the F550 bed, February 10 Barry Schrope came in and salted and cindered, changed oil and maintenance the red dump truck, received a load of anti-skid, cut trees and branches on various roads, February 14 salt and cinder roads, cleaned trucks, spent a couple days on Narrows Road cutting trees and brush off the bank, February 19 salt and cinder roads, cleaned trucks, filled bin with anti-skid, changed oil in the F250, had a small landslide on Linton Hill Road and had to clean the shoulder off, fixed plow on blue dump, hauled shot rock to Hunkey Hollow Road to fix some erosion problems, trimmed bank on Linton Hill Road and cutting the road for tile replacements (3) on Dark Hollow Road.

The township received 1 bid for dumpster service from Sylvester's Services for this year's spring cleanup. 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, April 18, 2013 and Friday, April 19, 2013 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 20, 2013 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Barry Schrope stated the supervisors have done a road inspection and discussed a few things. Annette Mullen made a motion to get bid packages ready for advertisement in April for the 2013 paving and sealcoat projects, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Projects consist of paving Dark Hollow Road (down to Pleasant Grove) and Pleasant Grove Road and sealcoat applied to Roseglen Road (from Dark Hollow to Rt. 274) and McNaughton Drive and a separate bid for area where it is breaking up on Dark Hollow Road (from Pleasant Grove Road down to Linton Hill Road). Vicki will schedule Rick Levan, Engineering District 8-0 to meet with the road master for job measurements.

The township auditors have completed their annual audit of the township records, tax collector records and recreation board records. All records were found to be in order. The auditors stated in their recommendations (copy on file) they would like to meet with the supervisors and Diane Calhoun from PSATS to discuss the pension fund. The secretary will schedule a meeting with Diane Calhoun of PSATS.

Barry Schrope stated 17 applications have been received for the road master position. The supervisors narrowed it down to 8 applicants for interviews and have since narrowed it down to 2 applicants. Barry stated driver records have just been received on the 2 applicants. Barry stated a little more time is needed before making a decision. Barry stated the supervisors received very good applicants and it was a tough decision to narrow it down to 2. Barry stated all 3 supervisors were in agreement. Annette Mullen made a motion to advertise a special meeting in the Patriot News or Sentinel for Friday, March 8, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. to make a final decision on the road master applicant, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to release \$15,000 as budgeted as a donation to the township Recreation Board, Annette Mullen 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. Jon Rhoads of the Duncannon Fire Co. asked if there is any update on Pine Hill Road

box change. Annette Mullen stated because of the interview process for the road masters position the supervisors have not had time to look into it and as soon as the application process is done they will look into it.

Agenda item #11 Comprehensive Plan update – public hearing. Barry Schrope advised a copy of the comprehensive plan has been received from Gannett Fleming and that the township planning commission has reviewed the update and has recommended approval and adoption of the revised update. Barry stated the County has reviewed the update and has asked the supervisors to add an additional 8 – 10 pages. The supervisors advise the township planning commission they should review the changes prior to the supervisors setting a date for a public hearing. Item tabled until next month's meeting.

Agenda item #12 Creek Road culvert bid package. No bid package has been received from John Madden. Item tabled until next month's meeting.

Agenda item #13 Bank options/rates. Need to get Member's 1st rates. Item tabled until next month's meeting.

A letter from PA DEP to Sally Tengeres of Perry County Conservation District has been received. The letter grants written DEP approval for the transfer of specific recycling containers from the County of Perry to Wheatfield Township. Barry Schrope stated he will call Sally and make sure he understands what they are asking for.

Barry Schrope stated back in October/November he was looking quotes for tree trimming. Barry stated a quote has been received from Goods Tree Care. Rates are as follows: chip truck and chipper with 3 man climbing crew \$1810 per day, bucket truck and chipper with 2 man crew \$1544 per day. Annette Mullen stated she would be interested in checking more local contractors that are not as big and also check Co-Stars out to see what they offer.

Barry Schrope stated a letter has been received from Perry County Emergency Management regarding the yearly fire/EMS incident reports (copy on file).

Barry Schrope stated the township has received the renewal rate for vision coverage for employees. The renewal rate is a rate hold; rates will not change for this year.

Barry Schrope stated at last month's meeting the Randy & Sharon Smith subdivision plan was denied and there was an outstanding engineering fee invoice. Barry stated the invoice has been paid.

Annette Mullen asked for the next meeting if Jim Fuller could report in his road master report how many tiles on Hunkey Hollow Road need replaced, sizes, what they are made of and condition.

Barry Schrope 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:

17350 – 17393 and 0001-2013 and 01-2013, except 17357, 17361, 17363, 17371 and 17382, all five approved.

17357, 17361, 17371, 17382 – Barry and Annette approved, Jim abstained.

17363 – Jim and Annette approved, Barry abstained.

Annette Mullen 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 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary