

A public hearing was held on Monday, May 6, 2013 at 6:45 p.m. in the Township Building. Barry Schrope called the hearing to order at 6:45 p.m. Advance Publications advertised the hearing as required by law in the Perry County paper. The purpose of the hearing was to hear public comment on the proposed Comprehensive Plan Update. Those present were Barry Schrope, Jim Fuller, Annette Mullen, Johanna Rehkamp, Vicki Jenkins, Luke Roman – Perry Co. Times, Dave Jenkins, David Mills, Michelle Brummer – Gannett Fleming and Dexter Potter.

Michelle Brummer of Gannett Fleming gave a brief presentation stating the last comprehensive plan was developed in 1974. Michelle stated what has been found in doing their research on how population has grown, how has land use patterns changed, what kind of services are available today and what they have found is things haven't changed all that much. Michelle stated the population has grown and there is more residential here than there used to be, households are a little bit smaller and there are a few businesses and they seem to be auto service related. Michelle stated it is still a pretty rural township and about 50% of the township is covered in wood land and a lot of people would like to see it stay that way. Michelle stated the survey revealed the residents want to protect or keep the rural character, nature based recreation and historic landmarks. Michelle stated they explored location for business and industry and if there is room for more business and industry in Wheatfield Township; policies that affect agriculture were of interest because so much of the landscape is devoted to agriculture, looking at tools to protect open space and also talked about housing choice options. Michelle stated Wheatfield Township is predominately single family detached homes and there certainly is opportunity in the townships zoning ordinance to look at some smaller scale housing if desired. Michelle advised there were few recommendations and most of those related to greater consistency with Perry County's plan, shared services with other townships and creating public access to water ways. Michelle stated a comprehensive plan is meant to be a plan for your 10 year future, a guide and should be reviewed yearly.

Annette Mullen stated she would like to thank the planning board for all the work they have done.

Jim Fuller stated the planning commission has reviewed the plan and has recommended approval of the updated plan. Jim also thanked Michelle.

Barry Schrope stated he would also like to thank the planning committee and Michelle.

David Mills of the Township Planning Commission thanked Michelle for all of her help.

There being no further comment or questions, Annette Mullen made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 7:10 p.m., Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. The resolution for the comprehensive plan is on tonight's agenda and will be discussed at the regular meeting starting at 7:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, May 6, 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, Luke Roman – Perry Co. Times, Dave Jenkins, David Mills, Michelle Brummer, Dexter Potter, Bob Rhoades, Darlene Johnson, Jeff Smith, Rick Schaar, Bob Hines, Linda Fuller, Loraine Vogel, Joe Groff, Kraig Nace and Bryon Worner.

Luke Roman led the pledge to the American flag followed by a brief moment of silence.

The minutes of the April 1, 2013 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the May 6, 2013 regular meeting for public viewing. Annette Mullen made the 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 and also if the recreation board has any other further requests for the use of Wagner Park they will forward the information to the supervisors.

Bob Rhoades stated he is a member of the Tri County Planning Commission and at last month's meeting a professor from Weidner University spoke of Agenda 21. Bob stated he encourages everyone to research it and familiarize yourself with it.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS advised the annual subscriptions have been mailed out and also thanked the supervisors for their ongoing support.

Jim Fuller presented the Road Master report for last month. Jim stated the end of March the road crew plowed and cindered and cleaned up the equipment, hauled several loads of modified, 2A and shot rock for the stockpile, repaired a vandalized sign on Linton Hill, removed leaves, sticks and debris and back dragged the bank on Dark Hollow Road, painted snow plows, opened tile ends on Montebello and Loshes Run, Jim stated he attended a seminar in Richfield with the Conservation District, spent several days

cutting macadam for tiles on Hunkey Hollow Road, Jim advised no permits will be needed for Hunkey Hollow Road, put shale on the shoulder of Roseglen Road, installed extensions and hauled shale to Loshes Run Road, fixed up yards from snow removal, cleaned up leaves and debris and cleaned out tiles on Basin Hill Road, removed dead trees on various roads, went to PennDot for a license plate for the blue dump, spring cleanup, Jim stated he and Jeff attended the PSATS Hershey Convention for one day, cleaned up metal and tires from spring cleanup and dug out along the spur on Pleasant Grove and Windy Hill and put modified stone and compacted for the paving project.

Barry Schrope stated earlier this evening they held a public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan and asked if there were any further questions or comments on the update. Hearing no comments or questions Barry Schrope made a motion to adopt the new Comprehensive Plan and sign resolution #01-2013, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Bids received for the 2013 paving project were opened and read aloud. The results were as follows:

Wilson Paving - \$167,118.00  
 Pennsy Supply - \$174,532.05  
 Jay Fulkroad & Sons, Inc. - \$182,091.00  
 Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. - \$185,834.25  
 Eastern Industries, Inc. - \$191,992.50  
 Hammaker East - \$209,622.00

Annette Mullen made a motion to award the paving bid to Wilson Paving, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Superpave to be applied to Pleasant Grove Road and a portion of Dark Hollow Road.

Bids received for the 2013 seal coat project were opened and read aloud. The results were as follows:

Hammaker East, LTD - \$35,805.00  
 Martin Paving, Inc. - \$37,275.00

Annette Mullen made a motion to award the seal coat bid to Martin Paving, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Seal coat to be applied to McNaughton Drive, Karen Avenue, Mildred Avenue and a portion of Roseglen Road. Darlene Johnson stated sometimes even though the township doesn't go with the lowest bid you might have to pay a little bit more but you get better quality and that is what has to be looked at. Martin Paving, Inc. was awarded the bid due to having their own vacuum equipment and providing a better quality service in previous years.

Bids received for the Creek Road Culvert installation project and culvert box were opened and read aloud. The results were as follows:

Culvert box: Lane Enterprises - \$26,041.95 (only bid received) Jim Fuller made a motion to award Lane Enterprises the bid for the culvert box, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.  
 Culvert Installation: G & R Charles Exc. - \$74,641.41  
     Farhat Exc. - \$82,775.00  
     McNaughton Services - \$96,865.00  
     Handwerk Site Contractors - \$98,408.54  
     Jay Fulkroad & Sons - \$144,291.56  
     Rogele, Inc. - \$152,330.50  
     Kevin E. Raker Construction - \$168,164.38

Jim Fuller made a motion to award the Creek Road culvert installation to G & R Charles Exc., Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope stated he went up to the 911 center and spoke with Tom Bell about splitting the fire box on Pine Hill Road. Barry stated Mr. Bell indicated there were some concerns with splitting the fire box down the middle of the road because of causing confusion. Annette Mullen stated she thinks it causes confusion when they dispatch and say it is in Wheatfield Township when Shermans Dale covers that 1%. Jim Fuller stated he did a mileage check and Shermans Dale is closer mileage wise than Duncannon and that is a pertinent factor in deciding fire boxes. Annette stated you would have to look at the mountain when you check mileage. Jim stated he is happy with the way it is perpendicular across the road rather than running parallel with the road for the simple fact that Shermans Dale is closer and that the supervisors have no control over the Carroll Township side. Annette stated if she was aware of this a year ago when the fire boxes were redone she would have never left it Shermans Dale. Jim stated all the justification before was based off of mileage. Annette stated she would like to speak with Tom Bell. Barry stated his understanding is that it is up to the dispatcher when they get the call to determine which emergency service

to call. Barry stated he would like to have Shermans Dale stay there to eliminate any confusion and have Duncannon or New Bloomfield as next call instead of Marysville. Annette stated she would like to schedule a meeting with Tom Bell, Duncannon Fire Co. and Shermans Dale Fire Co. Annette stated she would like to state for the record that she absolutely thinks that they cannot leave it stay the way it is for our residents that live in that area, it would be a disservice. Jim stated he would like the record to state he feels and Barry feels the box should stay the same. Barry states he doesn't want to change the line and wants the box to stay the same and talk to the 911 center about an occupied structure fire and getting everyone there. Issue was tabled and the supervisors will work at setting up a meeting.

Bryon Worner, Deputy Chief of the Duncannon Fire Co. stated there has been an issue and the fire company that has come to their attention because multiple organizations have approached the fire company regarding some misinformation going around that they would like to rectify. Bryon stated they have heard Reed Township has been contacted about the grant they received from the Gaming Commission and have also heard that someone went to the Penn Township meeting and questioned Henry as to what he thought about the purchase of a chief's vehicle. Bryon stated the information that is being given is inaccurate and not official because nobody from the township contacted either the fire chief, which is who should have been contacted if there were any questions or the president, which is who the supervisors were advised were the only 2 official points of contact for the Duncannon Fire Co. for any business related to Wheatfield Township. Jim Fuller stated they will contact whoever is deemed necessary. Annette Mullen said to Jim not to speak for her because she thinks it is very inconsiderate when you are working with people and have a question you should go to that person first before you use a backdoor. Bryon asked Jim who is your misinformation coming from about the Duncannon Fire Co. most specifically about the purchase of the vehicle, what name from the Duncannon Fire Co. gave the information. Jim stated he did not get a name he heard a rumor. Jim asked Bryon if a new Tahoe was purchased for Byron. Bryon stated no, it will be used for the line officer in charge at the time. Jim stated his concern is the Duncannon Fire Co. owes \$930,000 on everything per the audit and a grant is received and could have possibly been used for the tanker and the Duncannon Fire Co. decided it should be used for a fourth vehicle. Jim stated on the website it shows a utility vehicle, brush vehicle, traffic vehicle and now a chief vehicle and as a supervisor it concerns him with owing \$930,000. Bryon stated why there was no question when they bought the brand new traffic unit a year ago. Bryon told Jim he is getting misinformation. Jim advised he is not getting misinformation. Bryon stated he does not understand the concern. Annette stated at last month's meeting when they received their budget nothing was brought up and she did bring up at the meeting with her concern regarding the interest rates and how much interest was paid last year. Jim stated he did not know at last month's meeting they were buying a brand new Tahoe. Bryon asked for a name because it is not coming from the fire chief or the president. Bryon stated they are having issues with certain people in the fire company that are not happy. Jim asked Bryon if he is on the board, Bryon advised no. Bryon stated the problem is there are people who were in positions in the past that decided they don't want to be there anymore and now they want to go out and cause problems for what the majority of the company wants. Bryon stated the grant was for over \$113,000 and is going to be Reed Township's contribution toward the new engine rescue. Bryon states they only owe on the building in Penn Township and the new engine rescue. Jim stated he questions the need for a chief vehicle for a volunteer fire company. Bryon advised when they get a call the officer in charge goes directly to the scene and why should he drive his personal vehicle. Jim advised because he is a volunteer. Bryon states so if someone crashes into him on the way to the scene or if something happens to his vehicle while it is sitting at the scene; his brother's truck is paid off what happens then and so what you're saying because he is a volunteer and takes his time and money to do this for free that nobody else will do that he shouldn't have a fire company owned vehicle that meets safety requirements with lighting, with striping and visibility to protect him and the other members as opposed to his own pickup truck and the vehicle can be passed along to the highest ranking officer along with the equipment that is necessary for command, for accountability, which he is sure Jim doesn't understand any of that, and then the equipment won't have to be passed around to each vehicle and the vehicle is insured by the fire company's insurance only. Jim stated he does not see the justification, why can't he take the brush truck or the utility truck. Bryon stated because they are parked at the fire house, would you want the fire chief to have to go from his house to the fire house and pick up the brush truck or utility truck and go to the scene and what happens if another call comes in and the brush truck is needed somewhere else. Jim stated he believes it was an unwise decision and he knows if the township owed \$930,000 he would be very

concerned, with no known income or steady income only by coming and asking for more money. Jim stated last year the debt was \$881,000 and this year \$930,000 where does it stop. Joe Groff stated he believes this issue is too big for this meeting why don't the supervisors schedule another meeting to discuss this. Barry Schrope stated he would like to remind the fire company they are using taxpayer money and the supervisors are in charge of watching what they do with the tax payer money. Barry stated whoever brought the new truck to spring cleanup, one of the two men there stated about the new vehicle purchase for the chief or whoever is in charge. Bryon stated that is the way it will be used. Annette stated after looking at their budget the interest was a concern for her and she thinks they should have learned from the past that to keep a relationship with New Bloomfield and Duncannon, if you have a concern they will come and sit down and talk about it, so going behind their back and not going to the leadership directly was the wrong way to do it and in the future if there is a concern they should go to the leadership and sit down and talk. Annette stated calling Reed Township and going to Penn Township meeting and not going to the fire company first to find out details is the wrong way to do it, if you don't like their answers when you sit down with them then we can state them out for the public to hear. Loraine Vogel asked if the vehicle would just be used for fire purposes or will they being using it for everyday use. Bryon stated only for fire company business, it probably won't leave town unless there's an issue with it or a call elsewhere or if the person in charge needs to go get something. Bryon stated if there are any issues, concerns or complaints they need to go to the fire chief or president; they are the only official contacts for the Duncannon Fire Co., any other information you hear from anyone other than them is unofficial.

Barry Schrope stated the supervisors have met with Pam Patterson of the Marysville Bank and have reviewed their interest rates and services offered in their proposal. Annette Mullen made a motion to switch the townships General Fund checking account and State Fund checking account from Orrstown to Marysville Bank, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

The secretary has drafted a letter for residents in the McNaughton Drive development for the supervisors to review regarding parking on the township right-of-way for the upcoming seal coat project. Annette Mullen made a motion to approve and send the letter along with a copy of the ordinance #58-08-10 regulating parking on the right-of-way, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

The supervisors discussed an issue regarding burning at a lot on Glutz Hole Road. The people start fires and then leave the property and put a chain across the road. There is concern with the fires getting out of control. The supervisors asked the solicitor to send a letter to the land owner advising them of not leaving fires unattended.

Barry Schrope stated he would like to thank everyone who helped with spring cleanup and those who also donated food items, trailers and trucks. Jim Fuller advised 21 loads of scrap and batteries were taken to Deimler's and also the township received \$50 in donations, expenses included tire disposal, dumpsters, advertising and gift certificates for volunteers. Total income after expenses for spring cleanup was \$1463.13. Income does not include overtime hours, fuel and wear and tear on vehicles.

A resident on Roseglen Road has requested the township replace the school bus stop ahead signs with visually impaired person signs for their visually impaired son. The supervisors advised they would order and install the signs.

Barry Schrope stated the supervisors and auditors met with Diane Calhoun of PSATS regarding how the township's pension plan works and how it is funded. Barry stated it was very informative and that Ms. Calhoun stated the townships pension fund is very secure and doesn't see any problems with it in the future with the township hiring younger people who will be contributing to the plan for numerous years which means the townships minimum municipal obligation will come down and also the stock market seems to be turning around.

A resident asked the supervisors what is going on with the metal recycling center at the Leach property on Glutz Hole Road and what the township knows about it. Annette Mullen asked if big trucks were going in and out, she didn't know there was a recycling center. Jim Fuller advised they are bringing trucks in from New York and separating them and then taking them to Deimler's. Jim advised the company has a 6 month contract with Mrs. Leach to lease the land. The area is zoned agricultural/residential and not commercial and the township planning commission has voiced their concern with being in violation of the zoning ordinance. The supervisors state they will advise the zoning officer to get in contact with the solicitor with the information he has so that she can send a letter advising them they are in violation and also contact the state police to get aerial views possibly from the National Guard.

Barry Schrope advised the Recreation Board has received a \$1,000 grant for engineering costs for the walking bridge at Wagner Park. Barry signed the paper work to finalize the grant.

Barry Schrope asked if a temporary easement is needed from a resident if the road crew wants to clean up brush, debris, etc. on the right-of-way. Johanna will prepare a generic form for the township to use.

Jim Fuller advised he has the solicitor working on 2 easements, a temporary easement for a property next to McNaughton Drive to extend a tile to alleviate the water problem and the other one is on Hunkey Hollow Road to put a new tile across the road.

Annette Mullen states she just wants to make sure that Lester has all the facts for the solicitor so that a letter can be sent to Mrs. Leach.

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

17443 – 17495, 040213, 0003-2013, 001-2013 and 0 3-2013, except 17444, 17446, 17456, 17465, 17473, 17475, 17484 and 17487, all eight approved.

17444, 17446, 17456, 17465, 17473, 17475, 17484, 17487 – Barry and Annette approved, Jim abstained.

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

There being no further business Annette Mullen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins  
Twp. Secretary