

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, June 3, 2013 in the Township Building. Barry Schrope called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Barry Schrope, Jim Fuller, Johanna Rehkamp, Vicki Jenkins, Lester Nace, Dexter Potter, David Mills, Jeff Smith, Dave Jenkins, Rick Schaar, Bob Rhoades, Darlene Johnson, Kraig Nace, Justin Kretzing, Dianne Dahlin, Joe Burget Jr. and Paul J. Krieger.

Barry Schrope stated Annette Mullen was not able to attend tonight's meeting.

Jim Fuller led the pledge to the American flag followed by a brief moment of silence.

Barry Schrope announced Dianne Dahlin is recording tonight's meeting.

The minutes of the May 6, 2013 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the June 3, 2013 regular meeting for public viewing. Jim Fuller made the motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Barry Schrope second the motion.

David Mills thanked those individuals and organizations who provided a letter of support for the grant the recreation board applied for. David also thanked the supervisors for continuing to support recreation in the township.

Jeff Smith stated at recycling this month there was a problem with people from Carroll, Centre and Rye Township coming to our recycling. Jeff stated when they asked why they came here he was told the other townships did not receive their recycling containers and they were advised to come to Wheatfield Township because we are county funded.

Dave Jenkins stated he would like to thank Jim Fuller for his years of service as road master to the township and hopes Jim enjoys his retirement.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS stated he would also like to congratulate Jim on his retirement and welcomed Jeff Smith. Kraig stated they are having a fuel issue with one of the ambulances and it is currently at the garage. Kraig stated their non-emergency transport service is up and running and doing well. Kraig advised Duncannon EMS has a zero first due fail rate. Kraig thanked the supervisors for their support.

Justin Kretzing of the New Bloomfield Fire Co. gave a letter to the supervisors stating the New Bloomfield Fire Co. has hired a CPA to conduct an audit of their financial records and will provide a copy of the report to the supervisors when it is completed. Justin thanked the supervisors for their support.

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for the month of May. Jeff stated the road crew cleared a bank off at Roseglen Road and Windy Hill Road and trimmed along Roseglen Road, finished cleaning up from spring cleanup, Jeff advised they received a phone call from Penn Township regarding a sink hole starting on the portion of road we maintain and fixed it with shot rock, had a mud slide on Linton Hill Road that had to be cleaned up along the shoulder and put shot rock along the guard rail, the road crew did the first round of mowing and trimming on all township roads, cleared brush off of a bank on Dugan's Mill Road, advised the township had to close down Montebello Farm Road and Windy Hill Road on the evening of May 22nd due to a storm that knocked down wires, repaired the shaft and spindle on the New Holland mower, mowed the cemetery on Montebello Farm Road and also at the Covered Bridge, hauled shot rock and 2A modified on a rainy day for the stock pile which will be used for Hunkey Hollow Road, repaired the weed wacker and pole saws and cleaned out and repaired the tile at the end of McNaughton Drive that was blocked.

Joe Burget of Burget & Associates presented the Harold & Howard Zeigler subdivision plan for approval. Joe advised all comments and revisions have been addressed and the township planning commission has recommended approval of the plan and the requested AOR's. The requested AOR's are as follows: 1 – Final Plan Review, 2 – Sheet Size, 3 – Map Scale, 4 – Proposed Contours, 5 – E&S Plan, 6 – Earthmoving Permit, 7 – Stormwater Management (508.B) and 8 – Stormwater Management (508.C). Jim Fuller made a motion to accept the AOR's as requested, Barry Schrope second the motion. Barry Schrope made a motion to approve the plan as presented, Jim Fuller second the motion. Plan was signed.

Palm's Surveying presented the Randy & Sharon Smith subdivision plan for approval. The well has been drilled as required and the barricade has been put in place as requested. Bob Rhoades of the township planning commission stated he was by the property today and the barricade was not in the proper place as a condition of approval by the planning commission. No AOR's were presented to the planning commission for approval. Plan was tabled pending outstanding items (barricade being moved to proper place & AOR's request) being completed.

Barry Schrope stated the secretary has prepared a resolution regarding establishing rules of conduct for regular and special meetings of Wheatfield Township. Barry advised the format has been received from PSATS Township News magazine. Barry stated the minutes and public comment sometimes get too long and he wants to run a good meeting and eliminate some of the long drawn out discussions. Barry advised a few changes have been made to the format regarding those who attend and wish to comment must sign in for correct spelling and also allocating a 3 minute time limit per person for those wishing to comment. Barry Schrope made a motion to adopt the resolution (copy on file) with the changes as discussed, Jim Fuller second the motion.

Barry Schrope stated at last month's meeting they discussed the Pine Hill Fire box. Barry advised he has driven from both Duncannon and New Bloomfield Fire houses to Pine Hill and believes New Bloomfield can be there faster because of road conditions. Jim Fuller stated he also believes New Bloomfield can make it faster to Pine Hill because of the road conditions. Barry stated he did not think about EMS when they started discussing this and would have to look into it. There was a lengthy discussion and input from those in attendance and the supervisors. The supervisors advised they need to look at this further and possibly meet with Mike Minnich of Shermans Dale Fire Co. Issue tabled for this month.

The supervisors at last month's meeting asked the solicitor to prepare and send a letter to a resident on Glutz Hole Road regarding leaving a fire burn unattended and to create a generic temporary easement for the road crew to use. Johanna advised she has not prepared the letter or the easement yet but will do so ASAP.

A volunteer application for the recreation board has been received from Jim Fuller. Barry asked Dave Mills of the recreation board if there is still an open spot on the rec board. Dave advised yes there is an open spot but possibly Jim should come down and volunteer a couple of Wednesday work nights to see if it is something he wants to do before committing to it. Issue tabled for this month.

The supervisors discussed the problem that was encountered at this month's recycling with other township's residents attending. The supervisors asked the secretary to contact the other townships and advise them that Wheatfield Township is not County funded and if deemed necessary send a follow up letter.

Lester Nace, Zoning Officer advised there is a driveway issue on Pine Hill Road on the Dittmar/Corl subdivision plan. Lester stated he received a call from the individual who bought Lot #5 asking for an address. Lester stated an address could not be given until he knew where the driveway was located and a driveway permit was issued. Lester stated the individual got upset, so his builder went to Carroll Township and received a zoning permit, building permit and a driveway permit. Lester stated the driveway was not built as per the approved plan. The supervisors asked Lester to draft a letter of violation and advise the owner and builder to cease and desist using the driveway until a driveway permit is approved by Wheatfield Township or provide a plan modifying the municipal boundary line or provide a plan to locate the driveway as constructed.

Dianne Dahlin stated it seems to her that the rec board should be the ones to decide who they want as volunteers and shouldn't be up to the supervisors because the recreation has their own board. Barry advised that is the way it has always been handled with the planning board, recreation board and zoning hearing board.

Darlene Johnson asked what is being done with the recycling of the trailers on Glutz Hole Road. Lester Nace advised to the best of his knowledge that operation is completed.

Barry Schrope made a motion to approve the checks from the General Fund for the month of May. They were as follows:

17496 – 17535, 0004-2013 and 04-2013.

17504, 17509, 17516, 17529 – Barry and Jim approved.

17518 – Jim and Barry approved.

Jim Fuller second the motion to approve the checks.

There being no further business Jim Fuller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Barry Schrope second the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary