

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, July 1, 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, Rick Schaar, Jeff Smith, Mike Minich, Keith Waltz, Dexter Potter, Darlene Johnson, David Mills, Bob Rhoades, Dianne Dahlin, Kraig Nace, Darrin Foster, Nathaniel Clugston and Dave Jenkins.

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

Barry Schrope advised Dianne Dahlin will be recording tonight's meeting.

The minutes of the June 3, 2013 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the July 1, 2013 regular meeting for public viewing. Barry Schrope made the motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Jim Fuller second the motion, Annette Mullen abstained. Annette was not at June's meeting.

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

Bob Rhoades wished everyone a good independence day on Thursday.

Dianne Dahlin stated looking at the agenda she sees the volunteer application is coming up again and she still thinks the recreation board should be in charge of that and not the supervisors.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS thanked the supervisors and the community for their ongoing support of Duncannon EMS.

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for the month of June. Jeff stated they have mowed at the covered bridge and the cemetery on Montebello Farm Road, trimmed trees for sight distance on Pine Hill Road, completed a 2 hour online webinar for drug & alcohol suspicion, repaired a hydraulic leak on the New Holland tractor, replaced 8 tiles on Hunkey Hollow Road, hauled 11 loads of 2A modified, unloaded the material for the culvert project on Creek Road, Martin Paving completed this year's sealcoat project, cleaned up downed trees on Loshes Run Road, hauled 3 loads of scrap tiles from Hunkey Hollow to Deimler's, took the 3 dump trucks to Hoover Bros. for inspection, did black top on a portion of Pleasant Grove where the state required it to be 18' wide for paving, did black top on Dark Hollow Road where some tiles were replaced last fall, Martin Paving came back a week later and swept all roads that were seal coated, trimmed trees and weed wacked at Linton Hill Road and Rt. 274 for a sight distance problem, checked roads for line painting and observed 12.9 miles need to be done and will need 2 - 4' tiles for Hunkey Hollow Road.

The supervisors advised Jeff to order the 2 - 4' tiles for Hunkey Hollow. The supervisors discussed the roads that need line painting done and on Basin Hill 1.5 miles would not need to be done. Barry Schrope made a motion to line paint 11.4 miles, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Darrin Foster of Lou Harford Surveying presented the Bradley & Diane Watts subdivision plan for approval. Darrin advised the township planning commission has recommended approval of the plan and the requested AOR's. The requested AOR's are as follows: 1 - Preliminary Plan Procedure, 2 - Plan Sheet Size 22" x 17", 3 - Erosion & Sedimentation Plan and 4 - Stormwater Management Plan. Jim Fuller made a motion to accept the AOR's as requested, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Annette Mullen made a motion to approve the plan as presented pending engineering fee's being paid by Mr. & Mrs. Watts, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope stated the Pine Hill fire box has been an ongoing discussion the last couple of months. Annette Mullen stated she thought a meeting was going to occur. Barry stated they kind of have had 3 meetings here at the meetings with everybody. Barry stated at last month's meeting Justing Kretzing from New Bloomfield Fire Co. was here and Kraig Nace from Duncannon EMS was at the meeting and they also discussed the EMS side of changing the fire box. Annette stated in May the supervisors made a motion to table the issue and set up a meeting. Barry stated he has spoken by phone to Mike Minich of Shermans Dale Fire Co. and Mike stated he could come to the meeting. Mike Minich stated he didn't know there was an issue until he read the article in the Perry County Times. Mike stated the previous reporter if there was an issue at a municipal meeting she would get both sides so he is only reading the one side of the story as it appeared in the paper. Mike stated it appeared that Shermans Dale was not providing adequate service to those people on Pine Hill which Shermans Dale has been doing since 1952 and by mapquest they are the closest fire company. Mike stated the first article that appeared made it sound like there was a contract issue. Mike advised there is no contract between Wheatfield and Shermans Dale which can be done if need be for no charge for services they already provide now for no charge. Mike stated since he has been fire chief since 1974 there actually has been no call on that road in Wheatfield Township, they have all been in Carroll Township. Mike stated he has done the time study for all 3 fire companies mentioned in the articles and for Duncannon and New Bloomfield station the time is exactly the same at 14 minutes and Shermans Dale is 12 minutes to the 900 block of Pine Hill. Mike stated the 2nd article talked about their response time and the way there system is set up they have an assistant chief in all 4 corners of their district and the one who covers Pine Hill is approximately 3 miles away, so they do have someone on the scene in a timely manner equipped with their own gear. Mike stated as far as bashing Shermans Dale they feel they are as good as anyone else in Perry County. Barry stated part of the supervisors concern is who is showing up as 2nd called. Mike advised the article stated 2nd call is Marysville and Summerdale and actually New Bloomfield is on as 2nd call. Jim Fuller advised no contract is held with any fire company and Wheatfield Township. Annette stated she does not believe the article ever said dissatisfied with Shermans Dale and none of them are bashing any of the fire companies,

you are all volunteers and we appreciate what you do. Jim stated he believes the reporter got the insinuation from Worner talking about Mike going to a fire alone. Annette stated this is the same situation again that she didn't want to get in to and that is why she wanted a meeting instead of getting bits and pieces at each meeting. Annette stated it is not just a fire company issue it is also an EMS issue. Barry stated Kraig explained a little bit of the EMS at last month's meeting and that he thought it would be hard to get all 3 supervisors, EMS and all the fire companies together. Barry stated everyone has been to the meetings and has had their input. Kraig Nace stated he also works in Shermans Dale two days a week and have worked with them and they do an outstanding job, he is not going to take anything away from any of the other fire companies involved, they work well with New Bloomfield and there is a good relationship with both New Bloomfield and Shermans Dale. Kraig stated he thinks all the insinuation that was in the paper came from the Deputy Chief from Duncannon 2 months ago and that none of it came from the supervisors and there were also some comments made that were probably not accurate based on what he knows. Kraig stated as far as EMS response goes the geographical fire box is used to determine EMS. Kraig stated the box has worked for many years, but ultimately it is up to the supervisors. Annette asked for clarification as to what happened at last month's meeting and if a motion was made about the 2nd call. Barry advised no motions were made. Annette asked if New Bloomfield is already on as 2nd call and Mike advised yes they are on 2nd call with them on Pine Hill Road. Annette asked if New Bloomfield EMS is 2nd call there as well. Dianne Dahlin stated what was discussed last month was that Marysville was 2nd due and that was the concern. Barry stated he is fine with the fire companies as they are and that he spoke with Tom Bell and he is the one who told him Marysville is 2nd due. Kraig stated it is either Silver Springs or New Bloomfield for EMS, but he will check into that for the supervisors. The supervisors advise they will leave the fire box as is since finding out New Bloomfield is 2nd due along with Duncannon and will check on 2nd call for EMS.

Barry Schrope stated the township has started receiving complaints again regarding the scrap trucks going in and out at the Valerie Leach property on Glutz Hole Road. The road crew has going out and has pictures of the road. The shoulders of the road are breaking up and the new sealcoat that was applied to Roseglen Road is messed up as well. The road crew advised there are 8 trucks sitting there now. Lester Nace stated he has been at the property several times since the last meeting and they have now put a chain across the road. Lester stated he spoke to Mr. Kitner and reminded him that he told him he was looking for a 30 day extension to clean up and he spoke to him again on the 27th and Mr. Kitner advised they were getting 10 more trucks and then clean them up and then didn't know what would happen because he was working without any kind of agreement or contract with Mrs. Leach. Lester advised Mr. Kitner that they were in trouble and there is no defense for them anymore. Lester advised Mr. Kitner stated he would be at tonight's meeting with one of the Leach's, but they are not here. Annette advised this is costing everyone money, the property is zoned agriculture, not commercial or industry and there used to be an unofficial scrap yard there that they could say was an existing business. Johanna Rehkamp, Solicitor, advised it would have to be a known existing business not an informal business. Jim stated Lester could come up with a list of violations. The supervisors asked Johanna to send a letter to Valerie Leach and Mr. Kitner and advise them of the ordinances they are violating, inform them of the damage they are creating to the road and advise them to cease and desist the operation immediately. The supervisors also talked about the possibility of bonding roads or posting weight limits to prevent this from happening in the future.

Barry Schrope spoke of the need for a cellular phone for the road master and employees. Barry advised the township has received correspondence from Verizon Wireless regarding switching to a government contract. The secretary would need to know how many phones would be needed to check pricing. Vicki stated the township currently has 2 cellular phones, one for the roadmaster and one for the zoning officer. Vicki advised Jim still has the roadmaster phone. Annette stated she assumed that phone would automatically go to Jeff. Jim stated he and Jeff have been calling back and forth quite a bit and that he would be roadmaster till the end of the year. Annette stated she did not realize that. Barry stated Jim was appointed roadmaster at the beginning of the year. Barry stated the zoning officer needs a phone and he would like to see both guys on the road crew have one. Annette stated the trucks have radios in them. Barry advised they do not work in certain areas of the township. Kraig Nace stated there is a local government frequency for the radios that you can connect to with the county and then the county could monitor for emergency situations. Vicki also spoke of possibly putting a radio in the office so the roadcrew can contact the office. Barry stated Jim will be giving up his cellular phone, but Vicki needs to know how many phones will be needed. The supervisors asked Vicki to check into the government contract through Verizon. Dianne Dahlin stated at West Shore ALS they use push to talk and they work well.

The one year contract for recycling with Sylvester's is due to expire at the end of August. Barry stated the only problem we have had is not receiving a tarp to cover the plastics. The current contract has the option to renew for another one year period. The supervisors advised the containers have been picked up in a timely manner with is greatly appreciated. The supervisors asked the secretary to contact Sylvester's and advise them that the township would like to renew for another one year period and remind them to bring the tarp for the plastic container.

Barry Schrope advised Pat Kissinger will be covering the office for Vicki July 2 – July 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Correspondence from the Capital Tax Collection Bureau (copy on file) has been received asking Pennsylvania political subdivisions to approve or disapprove credit for local taxes paid to another state (reciprocal states), and therefore allow a refund if the other state has a reciprocal agreement with Pennsylvania. The supervisors were all in agreement advising the secretary to mark yes they would approve the credit for tax paid to another state.

The volunteer application from Jim Fuller for the recreation board was tabled from last month's meeting was discussed. Annette Mullen stated the only concern she has is that Jim is an authority figure sitting on that board and would that affect them as a board and would they be intimidated. Annette stated she can see him volunteering and being there as a supervisor and having opinions, but why does Jim want to be on the board. Jim stated if he is going to be there working and helping he would need to attend the meetings to find out what's going on and what needs done. Jim advised there is an opening and he thought he would volunteer. Annette stated she can see fulfilling that role without being on the board and have someone else from the community fill that role. Jim stated he was at the last meeting and John runs the meeting very efficiently and he does not intend in anyway use his authority to overrule. Jim stated he is there to help. Barry asked Dave Mills how long the position has been empty; Dave stated the board has never been complete at 7 members. Annette stated her other concern is if Jim is on the board that it is not a free fall to use the township equipment without going through all the supervisors. Annette stated it could get cloudy, stating I am a supervisor and I can go use a dump truck to do this because of the accounting it counts as part of the money to the recreation. Jim stated the recreation board has asked him to go get sand for the sand box. Jim stated he called Barry and he did not have a problem with it. Annette stated it is just Barry and Jim making the decision and she doesn't know anything about it. Barry stated he figured if the township was not paying the road crew's time it would not be an issue. Darlene Johnson stated with the audit process she understands it would be cheaper for Jim to go and do that, but the township gives money to the park for their expenses and even if you have Jim go do that there has to be an audit trail for the money. Darlene stated she spoke to John Weldon and she asked him about Jim wanting to be on the board and she doesn't think he understands Jim wants to be a board member because all he said to her was if Jim wants to be a volunteer and come work at the park anyone is invited to do so, he never said one word about a board position so she is not sure John understands what Jim's intent is. Darlene stated she does think it is a conflict that Jim is over the township as a supervisor and then a member of the rec board. Darlene stated she believes it is the rec board's decision and not the supervisors. Jim stated it is the supervisors' decision per the Second Class Township Code that the supervisors appoint members to the planning commission, zoning hearing board and the recreation board. Barry stated each individual board elects their secretary, chairman, vice-chairman and the supervisors appoint any one to be on the recreation board, zoning hearing board and planning commission. Barry asked Dave Mills if he sees a problem with this. Dave advised usually what happens when someone submits a volunteer application they talk about it as a board and make a recommendation to the supervisors. Dave stated Jim put his application in last month and it was looked at and the rec board told him to come out and help out and see if this is something he would like to be a part of. Dave said no official recommendation was made. Rick Schaar stated no one is beating down the door because they have had a vacancy for years because they can't get help. Rick stated if someone wants to volunteer whether it is on the board or just help in general would be the main thing. Dianne Dahlin stated Annette gave up her position on the planning commission. Annette advised Dianne that she did not have to give up her position. Dianne stated she still believes it is a conflict of interest when a board that is governing another board below them, it doesn't seem right. Johanna Rehkamp stated her opinion is you need a quorum to make decisions for each thing so Jim can't say this is how it is going to run at the rec board and then have it be presented to the supervisors and his vote counted only; you need the majority. Johanna stated she does not see a conflict. Barry Schroepe made a motion to accept Jim Fuller's volunteer application to the recreation board, Annette Mullen stated she will not second the motion, she thinks it is great Jim wants to volunteer but if he just wanted to be a volunteer and help out that would be fine; she doesn't see the need for Jim to serve on the board, Barry stated the only reason a person can abstain from a vote is financial gain directly from the township or indirectly from a council members immediate family, Jim Fuller second the motion stating he does not intend on doing any arm twisting, he plans on being there to help and be there at every meeting and if they see him trying to twist any one arms you go to the supervisors and tell them it is not working out, Annette Mullen opposed.

Barry Schroepe stated the township has received a questionnaire from HATS on any deficiencies on the roads or bridges that needs to be filled out if the township has any. Barry stated he is not sure if they still fill one out for Sulphur Springs. Jim asked the roadmaster if he sees any project that needs to be reported. Jeff advised he has not observed anything yet. Barry stated he and Jeff can look over things and fill out the paper.

Barry Schroepe stated PennDOT has sent correspondence regarding scour critical bridges. PennDOT would like someone to monitor and inspect bridges after a flooding event. Barry stated he believes the road crew could handle that. Lester Nace stated he would help with the paperwork. Barry stated he would like to see the bridges inspected twice a year.

Jim Fuller stated he would like to invite anyone to come out to recycling, stating they were shorthanded the previous month.

Rick Schaar asked Annette for clarification regarding Jim hauling sand for the rec board asking if she doesn't want the township haul the sand or you would rather have them haul it. Annette stated it is all about transparency, if you have the township come and do that for the rec board that's fine, but you have to have it documented that you spent so

much money because the employees, trucks and gas is not free. Annette stated when the accountants did the audit 2 years ago they stated it has to be kept track of because it is not free, but it's not actually work for the township its work for the rec board and they are a separate entity. Rick asked if Annette is saying she just wants it documented but he can still do it. Annette stated she does not have a problem with him doing it; she just wants to know how much time there spending and getting paid for down there. Annette if no checks are kept and all of sudden there putting 20 hours a week in down at the park, she would have a problem with that; because they would be spending too much time and money down there versus working on the roads. Annette stated she does not have a problem; it's just about checks and balances. Jim Fuller stated he is free. Annette stated prior he was not and the truck or the gas isn't free. Annette stated everyone needs to know how much time is spent and how much the equipment is being used. Rick stated he can see it being documented but in the long run it would be an advantage instead of paying the guys, because you are paying regardless if the rec board needs more money next year to maintain the park it will be given to them. Annette stated they are all very dedicated to the park.

Barry Schrope discussed the musty odor in the office. Barry stated he would like to get new carpet and move the desk toward the garage door. Annette Mullen would like to have the guys power wash the building as well. The supervisors asked Vicki to check into carpet prices.

Annette Mullen asked about the towing issue for when residents are parked on the right-of-way and the way the resolution is worded. Annette stated the way the resolution is worded the State Police would not be the ones taking care of who to call for towing. The supervisors asked Vicki to contact Sgt. Ringer and see what language would have to be in the resolution for them to handle the towing and to also contact a couple towing companies to see if they could provide the service of towing and impounding and then decide a system of who to call if needed.

Lester Nace advised the driveway issue on Pine Hill Road has been taken care of. Lester stated he attended a Penn Township meeting and they discussed the issue of Poison Hemlock in their area and he is not sure if it is in our area as well.

Darlene Johnson asked for clarification on the road master issue. Darlene stated she understood it to be that Jim Fuller was retiring at the end of May and now you are saying he is the road master till the end of the year. Darlene asked if Jim is being paid. Barry Schrope stated Jim is not being paid and at the January meeting Jim was appointed to the road master position for the year and until Jeff has some more experience with snow plowing Jim is an asset to Jeff. Barry stated he does not see a problem with having 2 road masters till the end of the year. Jim Fuller stated when he started at the township the others told him nothing so he feels anything he can do to help Jeff is beneficial.

Dianne Dahlin stated Jim Fuller made the remark about strong arming the recreation board, but the rec board already stated they usually get together and decide who they want to put on the board and then recommend to the supervisors. Dianne stated obviously Jim strong armed enough that that was not done and Jim had to vote himself into that position because of it being a split decision and she feels that shows some strong arming.

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

17536 – 17581, 0005-2013 and 05-2013

17536, 17540, 17541 – Barry and Annette approved, Jim abstained.

17542, 17566 – Jim and Barry approved, Annette abstained.

17543 – Jim and Annette approved, Barry 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 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary