

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, August 5, 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, Dave Jenkins, Jeff Smith, Rick Schaar, Dexter Potter, Marty Smith, Mary Smith, Luke Roman – Perry Co. Times, David Mills, Holly Potter, Darlene Johnson, Paul Krieger and Trooper Pavone.

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

The minutes of the July 1, 2013 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the August 5, 2013 regular meeting for public viewing. Jim Fuller made the motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

David Mills thanked the supervisors for continuing to support recreation in the township.

Trooper Pavone of the Newport State Police Barracks stated for the month of July they handled 50 incidents in Wheatfield Township.

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for the month of July. Jeff stated the road crew finished the 2nd round of mowing, repaired the pole saw, hauled 2 loads of shot rock, Wilson Paving came and black topped Pleasant Grove and Dark Hollow, installed 100' of pipe at Wagner Park, bought road closed and detour signs for the Creek Road project, changed the oil in the F250, mowed the cemetery and covered bridge twice, replaced signs on various roads, installed Watch Children signs on Roseglen Road per a resident request, graded along Sulphur Springs Road, trimmed trees in Wheatfield Estates, installed 60' of 15" tile on Hunkey Hollow, hauled the scrap pipe from Creek Road to Deimler's, started filling in along the shoulder on Dark Hollow, replaced a 4' tile on Hunkey Hollow, temporarily repaired a sinkhole on Roseglen Road, started the Creek Road culvert project and advised the supervisors the line painting would be done August 7th weather permitting.

Palm's Surveying presented the Randy & Sharon Smith subdivision plan for approval. Mr. Palm advised all outstanding items and comments 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 – Sheet Size and 2 – E&S 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, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Plan was signed.

At last month's meeting the supervisors asked the solicitor to send a letter to Valerie Leach and Roy Kitner regarding the scrap business on Glutz Hole Road and advise them of the ordinances they are violating and the damage they are causing to the road. Johanna Rehkamp advised she had sent the letter and has received a phone call from Ms. Leach. Ms. Leach informed Johanna the business is the same as she ran with her husband prior to his passing. Johanna stated she informed Ms. Leach that she is not running the business anymore that Mr. Kitner is. Ms. Leach stated Mr. Kitner would no longer be running the business and that she would be running the business now. Johanna asked the supervisors what their understanding is of the business and how has it changed. Annette Mullen stated Ms. Leach could claim they did several businesses. Annette asked Johanna what constitutes a business and what would Ms. Leach have to show the court to prove that it is a business. Johanna stated she asked Ms. Leach to produce her tax returns and Ms. Leach stated sometimes things get claimed differently and that if it is under a certain amount it doesn't have to be claimed. Johanna asked where Ms. Leach is getting the tractor trailers that are being hauled in and that her thought is that she has a contract with a company to bring them in and she is assuming that she did not have that prior to. Jim Fuller stated the trailers are from Overnight and the State Police informed him they are coming from New York. The supervisors asked Johanna to set up a meeting with Ms. Leach to discuss this and let her know why this is coming about. Johanna stated she did explain to Ms. Leach that there have been several complaints made to the township. Jim stated the brand new road being damaged is also an issue. Lester Nace stated Mr. Kitner advised him that he has the contract with Overnight. Annette stated she has tried to contact Neil from DEP a couple of times, but will follow up with that this week. Lester stated Mr. Kitner told him that they were going to attend the supervisors meeting last month and failed to show up. Lester stated as of August 1, 2013 they were still going in and out with the trucks. Johanna will schedule a meeting.

At last month's meeting the supervisors asked Vicki to contact Lieutenant Ringer and towing companies for towing and impounding services for vehicles not removed from the townships right-of-way. Vicki advised she spoke with Lieutenant Ringer and he advised the State Police cannot enforce township ordinances, but if a vehicle

is abandoned they could take care of that. Lieutenant Ringer sent information regarding the duty of police and salvors for abandoned vehicles and a list of 4 salvors in the area. Trooper Pavone stated a regular towing company cannot come and tow a vehicle; it would have to be a towing company that is also a salvor. Annette stated she would contact a couple of the salvors and get some more information.

Barry Schrope stated correspondence has been received from Rye Township regarding a detour on Pine Hill Road in the summer of 2014 for a bridge replacement.

Barry Schrope stated a young girl hit the guard rail on Narrows Road and caused damage. Barry stated a bill for \$100 was sent to the girl and she replied that she was not going to pay for the damage that she wanted proof that she was the only one who hit the guard rail. Barry stated another letter was sent advising if payment was not made by August 19, 2013 it would be handed over to the local District Justice.

Barry Schrope stated they have received 6 volunteer applications from the Paul Krieger family for spring cleanup and recycling. Barry advised Mr. Krieger to just show up the first Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and the other volunteers would show them what to do.

Barry Schrope stated a complaint has been made regarding a resident (Ron Wenger) dragging logs up the road on Pleasant Grove. Barry stated the road has just been paved and they have asked the solicitor about damage to the road. Johanna Rehkamp stated for road bonding the supervisors would have to enact a logging ordinance that would have that provision in it. Johanna stated basically the person would have to get a permit before they started to log and then they would have to get the bonding required by the ordinance. Jim Fuller stated he has dragged trees across the road before as well and the logs in question are being drug about a ½ mile. Jim stated they have observed no damage at all last year or this year, the question is, if there would be damage somehow from this what could be done. Annette stated the same damage can occur whether it is a short distance or a long distance. Jim stated nobody wants to cause damage to their equipment or the road and will use precautions. Johanna stated if the road is not bonded it would be a long shot to collect money for damages. Annette stated she does not like to see a brand new paved road marked up. Ron Wenger stated it is just saw dust that is on the road, there is no metal touching the road. Ron stated he goes up the middle of the road so he does not hit anyone's mailbox. Annette stated the township put a lot of money into the road. The supervisors stated they will find out more information on bonding roads.

Annette Mullen asked Jeff Smith with the budget coming up she would like him to think about the equipment and look at the equipment.

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

1801 – 1846, 0006-2013, 06-2013 and 002-2013

Annette Mullen 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, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary