

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, September 3, 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, Dexter Potter, Holly Potter, Dave Jenkins, Jeff Smith, David Mills and Marty Smith.

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

The minutes of the August 5, 2013 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the September 3, 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 stated he would like to thank the supervisors for continuing to support recreation in the township.

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for the month of August. Jeff stated the road crew has finished filling in the shoulders along Dark Hollow Road, replaced various signs on the roads, hauled 2 loads of shot rock, fixed a drainage issue in Wheatfield Estates by installing 150' of 6" pipe and installed shot rock on top, finished replacing all tiles on Hunkey Hollow Road 11 – 15" and 1 – 18", concreted the stop sign in on Shermans Drive, Alpha Space came and did 12 miles of line painting, hauled 11 loads of 2A, put new blades on the tractor and have started the 3rd round of mowing, mowed the lot at the covered bridge, hauled the rest of the old tiles from Hunkey Hollow to Deimlers and received \$926, installed 30' of pipe at Dean McNaughton's and Creek Road to extend the pipe that comes out, put down 3 ton of cold patch on various roads, filled in the shoulders on Shermans Drive and Jeff stated he got called out on a Sunday to fix the barricades that someone went through on Creek Road. Jeff stated the Weldon Drive sign was stolen and asked if he should order another one, the supervisors asked Jeff to order another sign. Jeff also stated he will need 28 ton of blacktop and rent a roller to fix where the tiles have been replaced on Hunkey Hollow Road and Dugans Mill Road.

Annette Mullen asked Jeff how it went working with G & R Charles on the Creek Road culvert. Jeff advised it went okay besides them taking so long. Jeff stated it looks nice besides the one wing wall being lower on the one side.

The township planning commission has recommended disapproval of the plan due to the time limit expiring prior to the next meeting and no time extension being requested. Jim Fuller made a motion to disapprove the plan, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. The secretary will send a letter advising of the disapproval of their plan.

Barry Schrope advised a meeting has been set for September 10, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. between Valerie Leach, her attorney and the supervisors. Johanna Rehkamp advised the attorney stated the nonconforming scrap yard business has existed continuously since approximately 1970 prior to the zoning ordinance being adopted in 1993. Johanna advised the burden of proof is going to be on Ms. Leach to prove that it is a continuing use of the business and it is the same type of business as it was in 1993. Johanna advised the law does allow for natural expansion of a business. Annette asked what kind of proof she would need. Johanna stated she would be allowed to have testimony from neighbors, customers who have used that scrap yard and she could provide tax returns that it has been a continuing business. Johanna asked the supervisors what their understanding of the business back in 1993. Annette stated from her personal experience you could get anything there from parts to Christmas trees. Johanna stated back then was she bringing in trucks and demolishing them. Dave Jenkins asked if she should at least have a license from DEP to run a scrap yard. Johanna advised the township could contact DEP. The secretary will contact Neil Burdick of DEP to see if he could attend the meeting. Bob Hines asked if the business was ever transferred from Forest Leach to Valerie Leach. Lester Nace asked if it mattered that she was leasing it out to someone else to do the work. Annette stated this has come about because of neighbors complaining about the late night/early morning trucks coming in. Annette stated it is a residential area and the neighbors had no idea there is a business there and there are no signs to indicate a business. The supervisors hope to at least limit the hours of operation. Annette stated they could check into bonding the road.

Annette Mullen stated she had spoken to Henry's Towing about towing and impound service. Annette asked if a vehicle could be towed if it is not abandoned but violating the ordinance. Annette advised he told her if the township has an ordinance he could pick up the vehicle and take care of everything. Annette stated Henry's Towing and AJ Towing is going to get back to her with more information. Jim

Fuller advised signs are put up during the winter months because of plowing. The supervisors asked the solicitor to get back to them on the language that would need to be put on the signs that are placed in developments regarding vehicles will be towed.

Barry Schrope stated the township has received 2 quotes for carpet for the office. Barry asked the other supervisors if they want to replace the carpet and try to seal the cement under it. Annette Mullen asked if they are trying to get rid of the smell. Barry stated that is part of it, the musty smell. Annette asked if they are sure it is just the carpet or is it in the walls or ceiling. The supervisors discussed the possibility of expanding the office toward the road. Lester Nace advised he could check the setbacks and get back to the supervisors. The supervisors stated they will need to find out what will be required to upgrade the building. Vicki Jenkins stated the smell is bad and asked if an air purifier could be purchased in the meantime till it is decided what is going to be done. The supervisor's state that would be fine.

The supervisors set Monday, September 23, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. for a budget workshop. The workshop will be advertised as required by law.

The supervisors advised a complaint has been received regarding the rocks being placed along the road at Linton Hill Road and Rt. 274. Barry Schrope advised the zoning officer has going out and looked at the situation. The supervisors state nothing is in the ordinance about rocks being along the road. A complaint has also been received regarding the sign at Rt. 849 and Linton Hill Road blocking the view. The supervisors asked the road crew to put an extension on the sign post.

A letter has been received from John and Hope McDonald on Barley Drive commending the road crew on the fine job they did on the drainage issue at his property.

A survey has been received from Gannett Fleming for the work they did on the Comprehensive Plan. The supervisors state they will forward it to the planning commission for them to complete.

Barry Schrope advised the paper work has been filed for the damage done to the guard rail on Narrows Road and after the paper work was filed the young girl decided to make payments to the township.

The Duncannon Fire Co. has submitted their 2012 Federal Tax Return.

Correspondence has been received from Wilson Consulting Group regarding the Type, Size and Location Study for the Sulphur Springs Bridge (copy on file). Lester Nace looked over the study briefly and advised this is all normal procedure and he sees nothing wrong with approving it. Barry Schrope stated he will contact Bill Wilson with the questions the supervisors have. Jim Fuller made a motion to approve the submission of the Type, Size and Location Study, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Copies will be made for the road master and zoning officer.

There is a driveway issue on Montebello Road where they say a driveway has been moved from the location that was approved on the subdivision plan. Lester Nace drafted a letter for the supervisors and solicitor to review. The supervisors asked the solicitor to review and edit the letter as necessary and send a letter to the resident that is complaining and also send the supervisors a copy of the letter.

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

1847 – 1883, 0007-2013, 07-2013, 080613 and 080813

1849, 1861 – Jim and Annette approved.

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, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary