

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, February 3, 2014 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, Paul Krieger, Kraig Nace, Dexter Potter, Todd Swain, Michele Swain, David Mills, Luke Roman, Jeff Smith and Herb Field.

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

The minutes of the January 6, 2014 regular meeting and the January 15, 2014 special meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the February 3, 2014 regular meeting for public viewing. Barry Schrope made a motion to approve the January 6, 2014 and the January 15, 2014 minutes as presented by the secretary, Jim Fuller second the motion.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS wished everyone a Happy New Year and also advised they are currently working on the year-end report for 2013.

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

Herb Field asked for an update on any cellular tower permits. Johanna Rehkamp stated no one has submitted an application for permit yet. Johanna advised Verizon has submitted a Grant of Easement for the driveway requirement for a proposed cellular tower on Windy Hill Road.

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for last month. Jeff advised the road crew has been very busy with several storms, hauled 12 loads of anti-skid, took care of some dead trees on Montebello Road, had a problem with the township vehicles fuel gelling up during the cold snap, did trimming on various roads, fixed the hydraulic hose on the blue dump and fixed the flashing on the township garage.

Todd & Michelle Swain have submitted a request of waiver regarding underground utilities. Johanna Rehkamp stated part of the townships ordinance required us to have something on their actual subdivision plan stating underground utilities were required and that was missed and she thinks that fact alone would give them authority to not have to comply with that part of the ordinance, however, her understanding from the discussion at the planning commission meeting is that everybody would be okay with waiving that requirement anyway. Johanna stated Mr. & Mrs. Swain would just have to submit a request to the supervisors asking for a waiver of that requirement. Barry Schrope stated their building lot is bi-sected by an underground pipeline and would create a hardship to install underground utilities as required by the ordinance. Mr. & Mrs. Swain have submitted a letter to the supervisors asking for a waiver of the requirement to Ordinance #53-03-07. Jim Fuller made a motion to grant the waiver of requirement, Barry Schrope second the motion.

Jim Fuller made a motion for spring cleanup to be held Thursday, April 24 through Saturday, April 26, 2014 with hours of 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, Barry Schrope second the motion. Dumpster bids will be obtained for next month's meeting. Herb Field stated he believes it would be a good idea in conjunction with the spring cleanup to gather volunteers to pick up litter along the township roads and work out something with the person awarded the dumpster contract would be willing to pick them up along the roads. Herb stated he would be happy to be a part of that group. The supervisors stated maybe the township could pick up the bags and bring them back here to the township so that the hauler could just put them in the garbage truck here. David Mills stated trash pick-up for the park starts in April and the bags of trash could be brought down there and put in their dumpster. The supervisors asked Vicki to put something in the newsletter regarding volunteers for the project.

The supervisors discussed the roads proposed for the 2014 road projects. The supervisors discussed paving Hunkey Hollow Road (2.18 miles) and seal coating Pennells Church Road (1.04 miles) and Hemlock Drive (.27 miles). Barry Schrope stated they would use the smaller stone on Hemlock Drive. Jeff will contact Rick Levan when the weather breaks to have him measure Hunkey Hollow Road for the paving bid.

Johanna Rehkamp sent an email to the supervisors asking if they were looking for a second modem or just wifi for the township for the renewal terms of the franchise agreement with Blue Ridge. Johanna advised Blue Ridge does not supply routers and that the township would just have to buy a router for wifi. Johanna stated then the terms of the agreement currently would be fine and she would advise Blue Ridge to draw up the new agreement.

The road crew has looked at the classes being offered at the PSATS Convention in Hershey and have found several on Monday they would like to attend; Building a Better Budget, Paving the Way for a Successful Annual Road Maintenance Program and Stormwater 101. Barry Schrope made a motion for Jeff Smith, Dexter Potter and Jim Fuller to attend the Monday classes, Jim Fuller second the motion.

Vicki Jenkins indicated she spoke with Darrin Foster of Lou Harford's Office and he indicated Lou is still interested in being reappointed the Assistant Zoning Officer for Wheatfield Township. Jim Fuller made a motion to reappoint Lou Harford as Assistant Zoning Officer, Barry Schrope second the motion.

Johanna Rehkamp advised the certified letter that was sent to Mr. Wisocki regarding the damage to Pine Hill Road caused by his motorcycle fire has not been picked up. Johanna advised she would have the letter served by either the Sheriff's Office or a Constable.

Jennifer Wilson has submitted a letter of resignation to the supervisors for her position on the township planning commission effective March 1, 2014. Jim Fuller made a motion to accept Jennifer's resignation, Barry Schrope second the motion.

Barry Schrope stated Katie Tack a resident of Montebello Road, Wheatfield Township has done an environmental project about littering for a school project. Katie stated as part of the project she would have to share her project with the community. The supervisors stated they would put something in the newsletter regarding her project along with the picture she provided.

Barry Schrope asked Lester Nace if he wanted to share the comments he had regarding the right of way for the proposed cellular tower issue on Windy Hill Road for the solicitor. Lester gave his comments to Johanna to review. Herb Field requested a copy of the grant of easement from Verizon and Lester's comments. Vicki advised him he would need to fill out a right to know request. Johanna stated she is waiting for everyone's comments so that she can review everything and then at next month's meeting she will give her recommendations.

Jim Fuller stated he would like to thank everyone for coming out and volunteering at recycling on Saturday.

Barry Schrope stated a thank you card has been received from the Duncannon Senior Center thanking the township for the donation received.

Correspondence has been received from the New Bloomfield Fire Co. regarding an invite to their annual Firemen's Banquet. Jim Fuller stated he will attend.

The Duncannon Fire Co. has submitted their 2013 annual call report to the supervisors. Also, the County Emergency Management has submitted the 2013 year-end report of incidents for the township.

Jim Fuller stated he attended a Perry-Cumberland Task Force meeting on transportation and planning at the Penn Township Building. Jim stated they gave an update on the Sunny Side Drive round about project on Rt. 34, red light at Rt. 34 and Rt. 850, the rock slope project on Rt. 11 & 15 between 81 and Marysville and various other projects.

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

2047 – 2091 and 0012-2013, 004-2013, 12-2013, 010814A and 010814B.

Jim Fuller second the motion to approve the checks.

There being no further business Barry Schrope made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim Fuller second the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary