

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, March 3, 2014 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, Jeff Smith, Mary Smith, Marty Smith, Darrel Jones, Richard Zeiders, Dexter Potter, Dave Jenkins, Bob Rhoades, Kraig Nace, Herb Field, Paul Krieger, Holly Potter, Luke Roman (Perry Co. Times), David Mills, Patrick Shay (Perry County Medic 1), Mitch Robb, Kevin Bissonnette, Chad Tressler and Jason Hoffman.

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

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

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS stated the 2013 annual report is still being compiled and he will provide a copy of the report as soon as it is completed. Kraig stated the annual subscriptions will go out early April and that again the residents of Wheatfield will receive a discount in the subscription rate for EMS service because of the contributions made by the township. Kraig stated they are also trying to increase their transport volume.

Herb Field stated he would like to report to the supervisors on February 1st a cellular tower collapsed in West Virginia killing 3 people. Herb stated he believes the current ordinance setbacks should be greater than 100% of the tower height.

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

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew plowed a lot of snow, fixed a flat tire on the F550, changed the oil and fuel filters on the backhoe, replaced the cutting edge on the F450, changed the oil and fuel filters on the F550, fixed the broken gear shifter on the F450, fixed the cylinder on the plow on the blue dump, replaced 2 hydraulic hoses on the backhoe, power washed the vehicles, hauled 10 loads of anti-skid, changed the oil and fuel filter on the F250, fixed a hydraulic hose on the tractor, took care of some low hanging limbs on Montebello Road, patched holes and painted the bed of the F450 and did some welding on the plow on the brown dump. Annette Mullen asked how the roads were looking after the harsh winter. Jeff advised they do not look bad, there are a couple of small spots, one on Roseglen Road by Dellville Road and between Dark Hollow Road between Pleasant Grove and Linton Hill there are a couple small spots breaking up. Annette Mullen asked about the condition of the salt shed. Jeff advised the salt is not eating away at the building but there are a few small holes that look like the backhoe may have going through it at one time or another, but other than that there is nothing major.

Jason Hoffman of the New Bloomfield EMS stated this past year in November the New Bloomfield EMS, New Bloomfield Fire and Medic 1 were dispatched to Wheatfield Township for a cardiac arrest. Jason stated they administered CPR and began ALS care. Jason stated they are happy to report it was a success and the person was brought back and has since returned home from the hospital. The Emergency Health Services Federation has awarded them with a clinical save recognition award. Barry Schrope stated he would like to commend Duncannon EMS, New Bloomfield EMS and Advanced Life Support for the great service they provide. The supervisors presented the awards to all of those that assisted with the clinical save.

The township received 1 bid for dumpster service from Sylvester's Services for this year's spring cleanup. Jim Fuller made a motion to accept the bid from Sylvester's Services, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Hours of operation will be Thursday, April 24, 2014 and Friday, April 25, 2014 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 26, 2014 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Jim Fuller made a motion to get bid packages ready for advertisement in April for the 2014 paving and sealcoat projects, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Projects consist of paving Hunkey Hollow Road and sealcoat applied to Hemlock Drive (smaller stone for developments) and Pennells Church Road. Vicki will schedule Rick Levan, Engineering District 8-0 to meet with the road master for job measurements.

Johanna Rehkamp advised the new franchise agreement from Blue Ridge Communications has not been received yet. The existing agreement expires May 31, 2014.

The township auditors have completed their annual audit of the township records, tax collector records and recreation board records. All records were found to be in order. The auditors stated in their

recommendations for the supervisors (copy on file) they would like the supervisors to look at the valuation of the townships fixed assets and that they have also observed the township has earned less than it has spent in the past 3 years, was the trend expected to continue. Annette Mullen stated she would like to ask the auditors how much the township should have in reserve. Barry Schrope stated he would talk with the auditors about the fixed assets. Jim Fuller stated it's not the question that the township has not done anything, the township has going slow and has prepared for this time. And that the last 3 years they have spent more than they have taken in and the reason for that is the township has lost quite a bit in interest and the has done a lot of projects. Jim Fuller asked Kraig Nace what the Duncannon EMS would like to have in reserve. Kraig stated they would like to have a year and a half operating expenses on hand. Barry stated he will also talk to the auditors about what should be in reserve.

Jim Fuller made a motion to release \$20,000 as budgeted as a donation to the township Recreation Board, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Johanna Rehkamp advised Mr. Wisocki of Marysville was served by the Sheriff's Office on February 24th for the damage caused by the motor cycle fire on Pine Hill Road. Johanna advised he has 2 weeks to respond. Vicki advised 2 weeks would be March 10th. Johanna advised the next step would be to file a law suit against Mr. Wisocki with the District Judge.

Annette Mullen made a motion to appoint Wayne Russell to the township planning commission to fill the remaining term vacated by Jennifer Wilson, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Wayne's term will expire January 1, 2015.

Vicki Jenkins stated Bob Hines came to the township building and advised Penn Township was reviewing their ag security areas and that it needs to be done every 7 years. Vicki stated she never knew they needed to be reviewed every 7 years so she called Todd Brajkovich at the county conservation office and he advised the state recommends reviewing ag security areas every 7 years, but he did not think Wheatfield Township would have to go through the formal review and public hearing. Todd advised if they are not reviewed every 7 years they are automatically rolled over and if the land owner is deceased the property is still enrolled. Todd stated to be cancelled from the ag security program the township would have to do a formal review and hold a public hearing. Todd stated the supervisors could do a formal review or just leave as is. Todd advised the main need for any kind of review would be if the supervisors know of one of the ag security areas being developed. Vicki stated Todd is sending a list of the areas he has on record for ag security to compare with what the township has on file. The supervisors asked Vicki to make a copy of the list for them to review. Item tabled.

Barry Schrope stated with the heavy, wet snow this winter the township received several phone calls about mailboxes being damaged. Barry stated in the past the township would replace a mailbox if a truck hit the mailbox. Barry stated he would like to have a mailbox policy in writing. The proposed mailbox policy drafted states if the mailbox is in the right of way and it is damaged by the snow being thrown from the plow, it is the mailbox owner's responsibility to replace the mailbox (copy on file). Annette Mullen made a motion to adopt the mailbox policy as written, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Darrel Jones stated he is here again because of a barking dog issue. Darrel stated his neighbor will leave his dog outside when he goes to work or leaves and it barks non-stop. Darrel stated he has sent the neighbor a certified letter trying to rectify the problem himself and it did nothing and he also contacted the neighbor's employer and the barking stopped for a couple of weeks. Darrel stated it has started again and he has had enough of it. Darrel stated he is here tonight asking the supervisors to help him take care of the problem. Darrel stated he has contacted the State Police and the District Justice and they say they can't do anything because there is no ordinance. Darrel gave copies of other township's ordinances regarding dog barking for them to review. Jim Fuller asked Darrel to give him a call the next time it starts and he will go and speak to the neighbor. Darrel asked if the township could send him a letter. Johanna Rehkamp stated she could get some samples of nuisance ordinances for the supervisors to review. The supervisors stated they would like to try to handle it individually instead of passing an ordinance.

Barry Schrope stated the cellular tower right of way they spoke about last month the planning commission looked at it and felt that any sort of right of way or anything to do with the cellular tower they would have to do a land development plan.

Barry Schrope stated Pat Kissinger will be covering the office the week of March 10 – 14, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Barry Schrope stated at last month's meeting Herb Field spoke about a township wide road cleanup. Barry stated Vicki put a right up in the township newsletter asking for volunteers and to contact the township office for more information. Barry stated he would like for Herb Field to be the coordinator of the project. Herb stated he would be willing to do that. The road cleanup will be held on April 26, 2014.

Barry Schrope stated the township has received draft plans for the office addition. The supervisors will meet on March 11, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. to review.

Lester Nace stated it has been a quiet month for zoning.

Jim Fuller stated he is very thankful for the volunteers who come out and help with recycling.

Jim Fuller made a motion to approve the checks from the General Fund for the month of February.

They were as follows:

2092 – 2136 and 001-2014, 01-2014, 020714A and 020714B.

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 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary