

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, April 7, 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, Dave Jenkins, Jeff Smith, Herb Field, Marty Smith, Mary Smith, Bob Rhoades, Loraine Vogel, Dexter Potter, David Mills and Luke Roman (Perry Cty. Times).

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

The minutes of the March 3, 2014 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the April 7, 2014 regular meeting for public viewing. Jim Fuller made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting as presented by the secretary, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Herb Field stated he sees there are 2 items on the agenda pertaining to communication towers. Herb stated there were 2 people killed in Kansas by a cellular tower collapse. Herb stated cellular towers do fall down and he would like the supervisors to be aware of this and keep in mind the safety record of the construction company constructing the tower and also in addition to the fall zone there should be a safety zone as well so if there is an incident the first responders would be able to get off the road.

David Mills would like to thank the township for continuing to support recreation. Dave stated the rec board has hosted 4 Eagle Scout projects, 3 at Wagner Park and 1 at the covered bridge.

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for last month. Jeff stated they had 2 snow storms to take care of, replaced the cutting edge on the back hoe, replaced the front pins on the bucket of the back hoe, patched and painted the bed of the brown dump truck, took care of 2 dead pine trees on Montebello Farm Road, cleaned up numerous trees and limbs that were knocked down from the snow, cleaned out some of the culvert pipes that were clogged, replaced the cutting edge on the tractor, met with Wil Cameron of Pennoni to go over the bridge inspection reports, replaced some signs on Windy Hill, met with Rick Levan of PennDot to measure for the paving/seal coat projects, had the Ford F550 inspected, took care of an oak tree that fell down on Loshes Run, cleaned up tree's and mud on Linton Hill Road after a heavy rain storm, took all the plows and spreaders off the truck and power washed all of the equipment and cleaned up the garage. Jeff stated when they had the F550 up to Hoovers for inspection they indicated Ford's 6.4 diesels are having a problem with the engine coolant breaking down in them and causing major problems. Jeff stated they make a coolant filter to put on and it would cost between \$300 and \$350 to do per vehicle. Annette Mullen asked what years they were talking about. Jeff stated the 6.4's were made between 2007 and 2011. Jeff stated he would also like to purchase pipes for Windy Hill Road and a 4' tile for Linton Hill Road. Jeff stated he got prices the pipe for Windy Hill would be \$2930 and the pipe for Linton Hill would be \$1762. Jeff stated he would contact Neil Imes regarding permits. Barry stated no motion would be needed to purchase the pipes. Annette stated when we work on roads that are closed we need to get more reflective signs on the barricades so they show up more. Annette also asked if a light could be put in the shed at the back of the township building. Jim Fuller asked Jeff if he went down and looked at the truck. Jeff stated they went and looked at it but did not test drive it yet. Annette asked what truck. Jim advised there is a bucket truck sitting at Big Bee Boats and thought she knew about it. Annette asked how she would find out if no one told her. Annette stated she knew Randy had 2 trucks down there because he told her she could borrow one and if someone would have said something to her maybe something could be worked out. Jim stated the one is diesel and the one is gas. Jeff asked if they could take the bucket truck to Hoover Bros. to look over before buying it. The supervisors stated that would be fine.

The supervisors reviewed the paving and seal coat bids. All looked correct. Vicki will advertise in the papers. Bids will be opened at May's meeting.

Jim Fuller made a motion to sign the resolution received extending the franchise agreement with Blue Ridge Communications as prepared for another 2-year term (copy on file), Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Vicki Jenkins stated 1 payment of \$100 has been received from Bryce Wisocki for the damage caused by his motorcycle catching fire on Pine Hill Road. Vicki stated the agreement with Bryce was to pay \$100 every two weeks starting March 7, 2014. Vicki stated she spoke to Bryce's dad and he stated they went and looked at it and there was no damage that they could see and they just want to make sure if we receive the money that the road will be repaired and they will keep watching for the repairs to be made. Vicki stated she advised him they have the police report and pictures of the damage. The supervisors asked Vicki to contact him and advise if payments are not made the township will contact his auto insurance company.

Barry Schrope stated at last month's meeting the supervisors talked about review the ag security areas in the township. Jim Fuller stated he has looked over the list and there are a few that has changed hands or the owners are deceased. Jim stated to be effective it should be updated. Jim stated a new form could be taken to the new owners to update the ag security areas. Annette Mullen asked Jim if he would be taking a form to show what ag security is about. Jim stated he would gather some information regarding ag security and speak to the new land owners. Annette stated she would like to see the information Jim is giving so that each person receives the same thing and information. Jim stated he would speak to Todd Brajkovich and let the other supervisors know the information he received before he talks to anyone.

Jim Fuller stated Darryl Jones contacted him about the dog barking issue and until Jim got there the dog had stopped barking. Jim stated he spoke with Darryl last week and since then there hasn't been any problems.

Barry Schrope made a motion for the township to renew the employee vision coverage with Highmark, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to sign the resolution, bank card and lease agreement for the safety deposit box with Marysville Bank, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope stated another complaint has been received regarding the recycling trucks going to Valerie Leach's property. The trucks are now using Linton Hill Road. Barry stated when the supervisors had a meeting with Ms. Leach they felt there was nothing they could do about the recycling business, however the supervisors asked her to put up a sign indicating there was a business there and that has not been done yet. Johanna Rehkamp advised she would contact Ms. Leach's attorney to remind her that she agreed to put up the business sign. Annette Mullen stated she feels the supervisors were more than fair with just requiring her to put up a sign. Annette asked if Lester Nace could contact Ms. Leach about the sign first, so there would be no charges from either solicitor. Johanna advised she would get Ms. Leach's phone number to Lester.

Barry Schrope a letter has been received from EBI Consulting regarding an invitation to comment on the cellular project on Windy Hill Road. The letter is seeking comments related to the proposed projects effect to historic properties. Barry stated there is a cemetery within a ½ mile of the proposed tower. The supervisors asked Vicki to call EBI and advise them of the cemetery.

Barry Schrope advised a variance request has been submitted from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless requesting a variance from Section 1402.AF.1.e of the zoning ordinance to permit panel antennas that exceed five feet in height. Verizon Wireless' proposed panel antennas will be eight feet in height. Lester Nace advised the township ordinance states the panels at the top can be 3' wide and 5' tall and the panels that are used by Verizon are 8' tall and 14" wide, the square footage they are requesting is less than what the ordinance states. The supervisors stated they did not know if a variance could be requested without an official land development plan being submitted. Johanna Rehkamp stated she believes they are just making sure they will be able to meet all requirements before submitting a permit or land development plan. Johanna stated she can contact James Strong, attorney for Verizon Wireless and schedule a conference call with Lester and the supervisors if available.

Barry Schrope stated the township is trying to coordinate a township wide road clean up in conjunction with the spring cleanup. Vicki stated there have only been 2 volunteers that have signed up so far. Barry stated Ron Baker and Paul Ford have picked up the trash on Hunkey Hollow Road.

Barry Schrope stated the supervisors have met with John Madden to discuss the proposed office addition and have also received a sketch of the proposed office addition from John Madden. The supervisors discussed the windows shown on the plan and would like to make a change. Annette Mullen will contact John Madden and advise of the change they would like.

Barry Schrope state Kurt Hepschmidt has received approval from the state and federal government to be appointed for the township's Emergency Management Coordinator. Barry stated he has spoken to Kurt and he indicated he would like for the township to appoint another person to the position to help assist him. Kurt also indicated he would like to set up a meeting with the supervisors and will contact Vicki to set up the meeting.

Barry Schrope stated the township has received the inspection reports for the bridges from Pennoni. Barry asked Jeff Smith if anything needs to be done immediately. Jeff stated the only problem bridge is Sulphur Springs Bridge and that Wil Cameron indicated he would put in his report that Sulphur Springs

Bridge is in the process of being replaced. Jeff also advised there were also some small cracks in the bridge on Dark Hollow Road.

Barry Schrope stated he had spoken to the auditors regarding their recommendations from their audit. Barry stated they indicated the park land should be included in the township's assets and the purchased property beside the building should also be added. Barry stated after the addition is put on they will have the building reappraised. Barry also stated the auditors would like to have 1 ½ - 2 years of budgeted income in township reserve, which is where about the township is now.

Annette Mullen asked about the letter from DEP regarding the foot bridge permit application for Wagner Park. Jim Fuller stated he spoke with John Madden and he indicated they will have to resubmit the application. Annette stated the letter indicated since we did not complete and/or technically adequate registration, DEP's permit decision guarantee is no longer applicable to your registration. Annette asked if this means it may not be approved or that it could take longer. Jim stated John did not see any problems and he would address the comments on their letter and it should go through without a problem.

Jim Fuller stated the supervisors have received a quote from D & F Construction to upgrade the current breaker box. No motion would be needed because the price is under the bidding or phone quote threshold. There was discussion regarding getting 2 other quotes to compare. The supervisors asked Vicki to contact Mr. Wolfersberger and Charlie Burns for other quotes.

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

2137 – 2185, 002-2014, 02-2014, 030614A and 031014A

Jim Fuller 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