

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, May 5, 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, Dave Jenkins, Dexter Potter, David Mills, Kurt Hepschmidt, Holly Potter, Darrin Foster, Roland Finkenbinder, Luke Roman – Perry Co. Times, Herb Field and Kraig Nace.

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

The minutes of the April 7, 2014 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the May 5, 2014 regular meeting for public viewing. Annette Mullen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

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

Roland Finkenbinder stated he has some questions on zoning, in particular Section 1406 regarding buffer yards and screen plantings. Roland read aloud Section 1406 stating where a commercial use property adjoins a residential use property a buffer yard of not less than 30 ft. in depth shall be provided along the lot lines. Roland stated he lives beside Noaker's Body Shop and stated he has built another building right next to his property and it definitely does not meet the requirements and there were never any screen plantings planted from when he built the first addition to the building. Roland stated it is now 12' off of his property line. Roland asked the supervisors how this was allowed to proceed this far, that the building should not have been built in the buffer yard and why was he not required to put the screen plantings in their originally? Lester Nace stated there was a meeting with the supervisors and Mr. Noaker and they looked at what was originally granted in the variance and there were no requirements for buffer yards or anything such as that. Lester stated when they spoke with Mr. Noaker he was willing to plant screenings, but would be putting in the kind of tree's he would like to put in. Annette Mullen stated when this was done she thought he met the setbacks. Annette asked Roland what the 2 main things that are bothering him are. Roland stated the fact that there was a buffer yard and he built on it and the fact that he never planted screening. Roland stated he would like to see the screening done. The supervisors stated they would go and speak with Mr. Noaker about the concerns.

Herb Field stated he would like to thank all of the participants who helped with the township wide road cleanup. Herb stated he would like to urge the supervisors to do this annually. Herb stated he would like the supervisors to consider hiring a couple of teenagers for summer help next year. Herb also would like to commend the township and all of the volunteers who participated in the spring cleanup, very organized. Herb stated at last month's meeting there was a request for a variance hearing from Verizon and a number of the supervisors stated without a land development plan they would be putting the cart before the horse. Herb stated now he sees that a variance hearing has been scheduled. Barry Schrope stated he and Jim Fuller, Johanna Rehkamp and Lester Nace had a conference call with James Strong the attorney for Verizon and they discussed the issue of the variance request prior to a land development plan being submitted. Barry stated Mr. Strong indicated if they presented a land development plan with the size of the panels they are requesting it would have been kicked back because it does not meet the requirements of the zoning ordinance and that they would rather invest \$500 for a variance to see if it would be granted before investing the money into a land development plan and it being denied and sent back to the zoning hearing board. Johanna Rehkamp stated it was also about timing and it just made more sense to have the variance hearing first and if the township allows them to use the different size panels they could put the correct size panels in the land development plan. Johanna stated the variance is just for this application alone and will not change the ordinance. Herb stated this completely contradicts what was said at last month's meeting and he feels the township gave away what little leverage they may have had with this project and that it sets a bad precedence. Herb stated he would also like to see the ordinance changed to have the safety zone be twice the height of the tower. Annette Mullen asked Herb if he would want to see a cellular tower in Wheatfield Township. Herb stated if it meets all requirements and is not in someone's front yard or back yard and is safe for first responders he doesn't have a problem. Annette stated the proposed place for the cellular tower being discussed is a good place and it does not affect anyone, it is in a field away from houses. The supervisors stated the zoning hearing board will make the decision if the variance hearing is putting the cart before the horse. When a variance application is submitted the township has 60 days to act upon it and publication of the hearing is posted in the local newspaper and the proposed site.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS advised the annual subscriptions have been mailed out. Kraig presented and went over the 2013 end of year report (copy on file) with the supervisors. Kraig stated they held a mock crash at Susquenita High School and had a lot of good feedback. Kraig also thanked the supervisors and residents for their ongoing support.

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for last month. Jeff stated they replaced speed limit signs in Wheatfield Estates, replaced the Paradise Road sign that was run over by a driver trying to flee the state police and was able to get the police report from the incident and have billed and have already received the money for

the cost of the damage to replace the sign and post and the labor involved, placed cold patch on various roads, did grading on Montebello Road and Sulphur Springs, cleaned up the cinders in developments and cul-de-sacs, Jeff stated he, Jim Fuller and Dexter Potter attended the PSATS convention in Hershey and looked at some equipment and attended a class in the morning and in the afternoon and took a tractor mower safety course and took a driving surface aggregate course, did grading on Basin Hill, advised the pipes came in for Windy Hill Road and Linton Hill Road, did grading on Pennells Church Road, got trucks ready for spring cleanup, had spring cleanup and repaired the glass crusher.

Darrin Foster of Lou Harford Surveying sent a request to waive a plan review to the supervisors and planning commission. The subdivision plan was prepared for Larry & Paula Brajkovich located along Dellville Road in both Carroll and Wheatfield Township. Darrin advised although portions of both properties lie within Wheatfield Township, they are taxed in Carroll Township and there would be no tax base in Wheatfield Township. Darrin stated the plan does not propose any earth disturbance or site improvement of any kind which would alleviate any concern regarding erosion and sedimentation control or storm water management issues. Jim Fuller made a motion to waive the review of the subdivision plan, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Bids received for the 2014 paving project were opened and read aloud. The results were as follows:

Wilson Paving - \$163,129.00  
 Pennsy Supply - \$167,689.60  
 Eastern Industries, Inc. - \$180,450.00  
 Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. - \$188,154.00  
 Jay Fulkroad & Sons, Inc. - \$214,170.00

Annette Mullen made a motion to award the paving bid to Wilson Paving, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Superpave to be applied to Hunkey Hollow Road.

Bids received for the 2014 seal coat project were opened and read aloud. The results were as follows:

Martin Paving, Inc. - \$22,804.65

Jim Fuller made a motion to award the seal coat bid to Martin Paving, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Seal coat to be applied to Hemlock Drive and Pennells Church Road.

Vicki Jenkins gave an update on the payment status for the damage caused by Bryce Wisocki on Pine Hill Road from a motorcycle fire. Vicki informed the supervisors the township has received a second payment of \$100. This is only the 2<sup>nd</sup> payment received since speaking with Mr. Wisocki on March 5, 2014 regarding payment arrangements. Mr. Wisocki indicated at that point payments of \$100 would be made every 2 weeks.

At last month's meeting Jim Fuller advised he would get some information regarding the Agricultural Security Area Program. Jim stated he has received a lot of information describing the program. Jim read aloud the information (copy on file). The supervisors agree the current list needs updated. Jim stated he will take the information explaining the program and a new application to those properties that have changed land owners and update the list to current owners on file at the township office and Perry County Conservation District.

Barry Schrope asked Lester Nace the status of a business sign being put up on the Valerie Leach property as discussed at the meeting with Ms. Leach and her attorney. Lester advised he has not spoken to Ms. Leach and that he does not have her phone number still. Johanna Rehkamp advised she spoke to Ms. Leach's attorney and he was supposed to relay the message to her reminding her of putting up their business sign. Johanna advised she will send a letter to Ms. Leach as well.

Barry Schrope advised 21 loads of scrap, copper and batteries from the spring cleanup were taken to Deimler's totaling \$4,228.00. Jeff Smith advised there were 18 volunteers who came out to help.

Barry Schrope stated the township wide road clean up did not go as well as hoped. Barry indicated no calls were made to the township building to volunteer. Barry stated Snyders Church did along Rt. 274 and Dellville Church did along Dellville Road. Barry thanked those who did this on their own that we don't know about and those who did volunteer. Barry stated he did parts of Montebello Farm Road, Lester Nace did parts of Roseglen Road and Glutz Hole, Herb Field did Narrows Road and Vicki & Dave Jenkins did a portion of Dark Hollow Road, Ron Baker and Paul Ford did Hunkey Hollow Road and Benny Gardner did Pleasant Grove Road.

Barry Schrope stated a letter has been received from the Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC inviting him to serve on the subcommittee. Barry indicated he would not be able to attend the meeting and asked the other supervisors if they would be interested in attending. Jim Fuller and Annette Mullen indicated they would not be attending.

Barry Schrope stated the township has received word from PennDOT regarding the township not being responsible for the remaining 5% portion, totaling \$61,500 for the Sulphur Springs Bridge. Diane Crispino advised the township qualifies for Act 26 funding.

Barry Schrope stated a zoning variance hearing will be held at the township building on May 14, 2014 for the communications tower panel size.

Barry Schrope stated the township has received a letter from Jason Finnerty of the Perry County Planning Commission advising the final draft of an update to the Perry County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and has been forward to FEMA and has been found to be acceptable. The Perry County Planning Commission is asking all municipalities to advertise with a date for the township to hold a public hearing to adopt the plan by resolution. The letter was just received today. The supervisors will review for next meeting.

Barry Schrope stated 3 quotes have been received to update the panel box and a new mast. D & F Construction \$1,367.59, Charles H. Burns, Inc. \$1,485.54 and EM & P Electrical Construction, Inc. \$4,005.00. Jim Fuller made a motion to award the contract to D & F, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Annette Mullen asked about the bill received from Hoover Bros. Jeff advised it was for the Ford F550 for inspection, rear brakes, rotors and wheel seals. Jeff also advised they took the diesel bucket truck from Big Bee Boats to be looked over prior to possibly purchasing the truck and there were some major concerns with it. Jeff advised all the brake lines were starting to rust through, the front cab mounts were rusted and Hoover stated the township would be lucky to get a few years out of it before not passing inspection without major upgrades. Jeff advised there was also diesel fuel in the antifreeze. Jeff stated he did not think the truck was worth putting money into.

Lester Nace advised the time for the variance hearing on May 14<sup>th</sup> is 6:30 p.m.

Annette Mullen asked what the status is for the zoning permit for the addition for the township office. Lester Nace stated John Madden just dropped off the permit and plan to review today and he will look at them and get back to John.

Johanna Rehkamp advised she has reviewed the bids for paving and seal coat and all looks to be in order.

Jim Fuller thanked all of those who help with recycling.

Annette Mullen asked Vicki Jenkins to put the information regarding the ag security plan on the township's website.

Jeff Smith asked the supervisors if they wanted to place the aftermarket filters that were discussed at last month's meeting on the F250 & F550 diesel trucks as recommended by Hoover Bros. The supervisors gave Jeff the go ahead to have the filters placed on the trucks.

Barry Schrope advised he and Jim Fuller met with Kurt Hepschmidt and went over a lot of information for the Emergency Management Plan. Kurt gave the supervisors a model plan to review for use in the township. Kurt stated he would like to get a resource list together and eventually put the plan on the township website.

Kraig Nace stated he forgot to mention earlier that there was no rate increase from 2013 for this year's annual subscription and it also included the \$10 discount for Wheatfield Township residents as an appreciation to give something back to the residents for the Township showing their support with a donation each year.

Annette Mullen made a motion to approve the checks from the General Fund for the month of April. They were as follows:

2186 – 2216, 0001-2014, 003-2014, 03-2014, 040714A, 040714B and 041514

Jim Fuller second the motion to approve the checks, with all in favor.

There being no further business Barry Schrope made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins  
Twp. Secretary