

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, November 3, 2014 at the Duncannon EMS Building. Barry Schrope called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Barry Schrope, Jim Fuller, Annette Mullen, Johanna Rehkamp, Lester Nace, Vicki Jenkins, Rick Schaar, Jeff Smith, Bob Rhoades, Luke Roman (Perry County Times), Martha Kauffman, Kurt Hepschmidt, David Mills, Holly Potter, Dexter Potter, Jeff Beinhower, Dave Jenkins, Katrina Boyer, David Linville, Kraig Nace and Byron Worner.

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

The minutes of the October 6, 2014 regular meeting and the October 28, 2014 budget workshop were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the EMS building prior to the November 3, 2014 regular meeting for public viewing. Annette Mullen made a motion to approve the October 6th and October 28th minutes as presented by the secretary, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope stated the Dellville Covered Bridge burned down earlier today and it has been ruled arson. Jim Fuller stated he was at the commissioners meeting today and they indicated Pennoni is going to take a look at the structure. Annette Mullen asked if they indicated how much the bridge was insured for. Jim stated they did not. Barry stated he had heard it was insured for \$700,000.

Bob Rhoades encouraged all to get out and vote tomorrow.

David Mills thanked the supervisors for continuing to support recreation in the township.

David Linville stated he is here tonight to let the supervisors know he would like to volunteer for December's recycling. David stated he had heard they would be shorthanded because of deer season.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS thanked the supervisors and residents of Wheatfield Township and if there is anything that is needed please let them know.

Byron Worner of the Duncannon Fire Co. wanted to know where the supervisors stood on establishing a committee with each municipality and the fire company. Byron stated he presented the same thing at the Penn Twp. meeting and they were receptive to the idea. Annette Mullen stated she attended the Penn Twp. meeting also and thought a quarterly meeting would be good. Byron also asked if the Duncannon Fire Co. could be on the agenda each month to give a fire report.

Jeff Smith presented the road master report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has taken the F250 & F550 for inspection and nothing was needed, there were 2 trees that came down at Wagner Park they took care of, sealed cracks on the black top from where they did black top patching on Windy Hill, Linton Hill, Dugans Mill and Pine Hill, did some crack sealing at Wagner Park, started trimming on Windy Hill and Pleasant Grove, graded along Pine Hill, pulled up the tile from the old office floor and had to take it down to the bare concrete for the new floor; had to rent a grinder to remove all the glue, took the should spreader off the blue dump, put the salt spreader and plow on the blue dump, replaced the auger and spinner on the blue dump, put the salt spreader and plow on the red dump, put the salt spreader on the F450, dug up the well line for the construction, had 2 new tires put on the red dump and graded along Roseglen and Windy Hill Road. Jeff also advised he is going to need part time help for the winter. Kraig Nace stated they are looking to have the cracks sealed on the parking lot at the EMS building and he is just thinking for 2015 as kind of an in lieu contribution as part of the budget contribution from the township to possibly work something out to have the road crew seal the cracks and save some money. Annette Mullen stated the work done on Narrows Road turned out pretty good.

Barry Schrope stated nothing has been received on the Joe & Gwendolyn McNaughton land development plan. The plan was conditionally approved at the September meeting pending several outstanding items being taken care of. Barry asked Johanna Rehkamp if nothing is submitted is the plan automatically approved. Johanna stated conditions were placed on the plan, but no time limit was set. Johanna advised she has reached out to Attorney Strong on Thursday and has not heard back from him yet. Barry stated the supervisors would like to know what the status is. Annette Mullen stated in the future maybe a time limit should be set on the conditions.

Barry Schrope asked Johanna Rehkamp if she has heard anything back yet on the driveway issue on Paradise Road. Johanna advised she has not heard back from PennDOT yet. The supervisors asked Lester Nace to make a call and check the status of the permit.

The supervisors discussed changing the date for the December recycling due to lack of help because of deer season. They decided to move the date up a week early to November 29, 2014. Vicki Jenkins will advertise in the paper and place it on the website. Jim Fuller stated there has been a lot of junk being placed in the containers and it has been suggested a sign be made so people illegally dumping trash in

can be fined. Jim also advised Randy Sylvester indicated there also have been a lot of odd plastics in the bin; he only will accept plastic bottles, no computer cases and no big plastic toys. Annette Mullen asked if the township has ever considered doing a fall cleanup. Jim stated they could think about it. Jeff Smith stated it would have to be early fall. Dave Jenkins asked if the entrances to the parking lot could be blocked off when the containers are there so people would not be able to come in and dump trash in the containers. Barry stated the school bus sometimes sits there, but it could be an option.

At last month's meeting the supervisors discussed a snow plowing agreement with Carroll Township for Pine Hill Road. An agreement has been received from Carroll Township accepting the exchange of Shermans Drive (5/10 mile) and Dellville Dam Road (2/10 mile) for a portion of Pine Hill Road (5/10 mile). The letter refers to Shermans Drive as Dark Hollow Road. Jim Fuller made a motion to accept the agreement as presented with the change of Dark Hollow Road to Shermans Drive, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope stated the supervisors have received the financial reports last month for the New Bloomfield Fire Co. and New Bloomfield EMS. Annette Mullen made a motion to release \$15,450 as budgeted as a donation to the New Bloomfield Fire Co. and \$2,300 as budgeted as a donation to the New Bloomfield EMS, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to schedule a workshop to continue working on the preliminary 2015 budget on November 13, 2014 at 8:30 a.m., Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. The workshop will be advertised in the Sentinel due to time requirements. The motion for adoption of the budget will be made at the November 13th workshop for a special meeting in December.

Barry Schrope stated Fire Recovery USA has sent a letter to Mrs. Kauffman stating the invoice for \$8,300 has been written off and she will not receive any further billing from them in regards to the fire incident. Byron Worner stated he did get confirmation back from Fire Recovery that they would need a resolution for billing in each municipality served. Annette Mullen asked for accidents or fire. Byron stated it would be for a cost recovery for people who do not live in the area. Annette asked in the past year there has been 3 fires in Wheatfield Twp., was there ever a bill submitted to a person. Byron stated no there wasn't. Byron stated the bill to Mrs. Kauffman was a misunderstanding on Fire Recovery's end, because when they submit a bill they just fill in information, no amounts. Byron stated he did not know how much the bill was. Annette stated she is just glad this was taken care of. Kurt Hepschmidt asked for clarification and asked if any resident in Wheatfield Township has an incident where they need the fire company they will not receive any type of billing from either Fire Recovery or Duncannon Fire Co. Byron stated that is correct, they should not receive any billing. Barry stated the resolution that Penn Twp. has is with the Perdix Fire Co. Byron stated they are advertising it so they can change it. Annette asked what the difference was between a resolution and an ordinance. Johanna advised basically a resolution is your policy statement and an ordinance is binding. Annette stated when she was at the Penn Twp. meeting they discussed adopting an ordinance, so she will just get the language from them and then the supervisors can look at it. Byron stated Wheatfield Twp. could do the same thing as the Duncannon Borough. Annette stated they could look at both to see what they wanted to adopt and get it to Johanna. Barry stated he does not like the way the Duncannon Borough resolution is written. Johanna stated to be clear do the supervisors want to be able to bill people who do not live in Wheatfield Twp. that have an accident. Annette asked Johanna if she advised to do a resolution or an ordinance. Johanna stated if the goal is to be able to bill people out of the township; it would make more sense to do an ordinance. Annette stated she will get a copy of the one Penn Twp. is working on and send it to the solicitor for review. Barry and Jim stated they would have to look at it before considering.

Barry Schrope stated the building addition is moving along and the drywall is supposed to start tomorrow. Annette Mullen stated the December meeting will still be here at the Duncannon EMS building.

Barry Schrope advised Bryce Wysocki's parents picked up the certified letter for the Pine Hill Road fire damage on October 10, 2014. No payment or response has been received. Barry Schrope made a motion to file with the local District Justice for the remaining monies owed (\$507.11) and the filing charge, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope stated at last month's meeting they discussed the situation with the surveyor Mr. Lyons on the Conrad variance and possible legal action. Barry asked if the supervisors are interested in pursuing legal action for recording an unapproved, illegal subdivision plan. Annette Mullen stated yes she would be interested. Lester Nace stated he has taken a look at this and there are four things he is in

violation of that contradict Wheatfield Township's ordinance. Lester stated the one thing he just heard is that they are refusing to monument anything on the right of way and the ordinance requires that. Lester stated when he spoke with Mr. Getz the attorney for Justin Conrad he stated the zoning hearing board didn't tell them they had to monument the property line, so there not going to do it. Annette Mullen stated the whole hearing was wrong, there was nothing representing Wheatfield Twp. Lester stated he does not think the zoning hearing board understood the ramifications this was going to cause. Annette stated this will come back in future years to the township and people are going to ask why this was done and guess whose fault it is going to be. Annette Mullen made a motion to pursuit legal action against the surveyor Mr. Lyons, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Lester will get with Johanna Rehkamp to make a formal complaint to the Professional Licensing Board.

Annette Mullen stated she went to the Penn Twp. meeting and they talked about getting ash from Brunner's Island for \$3.00/ton. Annette also stated they talked about required training for tax collectors and certification. Jim Fuller asked if that was for newly elected tax collectors. Annette stated we would have to look into it.

Annette Mullen stated she is discouraged about the fire at the Dellville Covered Bridge. Annette stated she does not understand.

Jim Fuller stated a bill from Madden Engineering has been received for the Eric Lingle review for \$345. Jim asked who directed John Madden to give comment on the plan for the zoning change request on Paradise Road. Bob Rhoades stated it was discussed at the last planning commission meeting and John stated he would have to look into it to see what could be done. Bob stated the Lingle's are looking for the easiest way to consolidate their property. Jim stated he thought they would be surprised to see a bill for \$345 from the township. Annette Mullen asked if extra work was done on this. David Mills stated Mr. Lingle was to forward information to John Madden for his review. Jim stated the township has given Madden Engineering thousands of dollars this year and they need to be careful on how much is delegated to him to do. Lester Nace stated he spoke with Jason Finnerty at the Perry Cty. Planning Commission and there is a process to go through and that is what they are trying to do. The supervisors discussed how to make this happen and what has been done on previous practices.

Jim Fuller stated the EPA and the Army Corp of Engineers are trying to redefine navigable waters in the United States (Clean Water Act). Jim stated the PA Farm Bureau and US Farm Bureau in every state have filed a lawsuit against them. Jim stated PSATS has submitted concerns to it recently and there concern is that if adopted townships may be forced to ask for federal approval before cleaning drainage ditches, anywhere there is standing water they would have jurisdiction over it. Jim stated this is quite a concern.

Annette Mullen stated she talked with Tom Bell and he informed her Wheatfield Twp. does not have an emergency plan on file at the County. Annette stated there is a meeting on December 17, 2014 that she will attend with Kurt Hepschmidt and also there is going to be an emergency planning seminar this coming year at the Perry Cty. Convention.

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

2407 – 2451, 09-2014, 009-2014, 100614A, 100614B, 0003-2014 and 101714

Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

There being no further business Barry Schrope made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary