

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, December 1, 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, Jeff Smith, Paul Krieger, Bob Rhoades, Dave Jenkins, Luke Roman (Perry County Times), Eric Lingle, Kurt Hepschmidt, Byron Worner and Kraig Nace.

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

The minutes of the November 3, 2014 meeting and the November 13, 2014 budget workshop were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the EMS building prior to the December 1, 2014 regular meeting for public viewing. Annette Mullen made the motion to approve the November 3, 2014 regular meeting minutes and the November 13, 2014 budget workshop minutes as presented by the secretary, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Bob Rhoades of the Planning Commission asked where their meeting this coming Tuesday would be held. The secretary advised it will be held at the township building.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS presented the supervisors with updated call numbers. Kraig thanked the supervisors and residents for their continuing support and donation. Kraig also informed the supervisors that Marysville EMS has officially announced their last day in service will be April 30, 2015, due to staffing issues and lack of volunteers.

Byron Worner of the Duncannon Fire Co. stated he does not have the call stats for the month of November. Byron stated up to the end of October there has been 6 calls to the 2-03 box, 26 calls to the 2-04 box, 17 calls to the 2-05 box, 2 calls to the 8-04 box and 0 calls to the 8-05 box. Byron stated Penn Township and the Duncannon Borough are on board with forming a fire protection committee and is looking to have the first meeting in January or February. Byron will send an email to the township with a date.

Jeff Smith presented the road master report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has trimmed tree's along Windy Hill, placed the no parking signs in the developments for winter maintenance, cleaned up some tree's that came down on Hunkey Hollow, finished up with the township's responsibility of work to be done for the new building addition, removed an old fence row and brush at Creek Road and Montebello Road for sight distance, got the rest of the trucks ready for snow removal, serviced the bucket truck, too the F450 to Hoovers for inspection, took care of their 1st snow of the year and took care of some tree's that came down on Pleasant Grove, Dark Hollow and Sulphur Springs. Jeff spoke to the supervisors regarding a water issue on Pennell's Church Road. Jeff stated Mr. Mathieu has asked the township to put in an inlet box in to tie into the pipe that he has already placed in his yard. Jeff stated they would need approximately 50' of pipe (12") and the inlet box. Jeff stated the majority of the work would be on his neighbor's property. The supervisors stated they would need to have a temporary easement completed to do the work if off of the right of way. Lester Nace stated that is part of the Wheatfield Estates subdivision and the right of way may be 25 or 30 feet from the center line. Jeff stated he will look at the subdivision plan to see what the right of way is.

Eric and Stephanie Lingle have requested a zoning change for their parcels on Paradise Road from Industrial to Ag/Residential. The supervisors stated the township planning commission and the Perry County planning commission has recommended approval of the zoning change. Jim Fuller made a motion to advertise a public hearing for January 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. for public comment, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

PSATS has sent the township 3 ordinances for adoption regarding the Unemployment Compensation, Pension and Health Insurance Trust. Annette Mullen made a motion to advertise a public hearing for January 5, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. for public comment, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope advised the cellular tower removal agreement has been received from James Strong, attorney for Verizon. Johanna Rehkamp stated she has reviewed it and it is in compliance with the township's ordinance. Barry Schrope made the motion to sign the cellular tower removal agreement, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Johanna will have it notarized and send the executed agreement to James Strong.

Annette Mullen made a motion for the days and time for township meetings to be as follows: monthly Board of Supervisors meetings will be held the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. with the exception for the month of September this year, Septembers meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2015, the Planning Commission will meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., the Recreation Board will meet the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. and the Auditors will hold their organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Meetings will be advertised as required by law.

The supervisors discussed the recycling dates for 2015 and a couple of them fall on holiday weekends. Annette Mullen made a motion to have July's recycling on July 11, 2015 and September's recycling on August 29, 2015, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion for taxes to remain at .199 on all real estate assessments, 1% on real estate transfer tax (.5% township, .5% school), and 1.8% on earned income tax (.5% township, 1.3% school), Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope reminded those in attendance of the budget adoption meeting on December 16, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the Township Building.

The Perry County Convention is Saturday, February 28, 2015. Annette Mullen made a motion to extend the invitation to the Emergency Management Coordinator, Planning Commission, Zoning Officer, Secretary, Auditors, Supervisors and the Tax Collector, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. The registration fee will be paid for those who wish to attend. Mileage reimbursement and the attendance fee of \$50.00 will be paid to the supervisors, tax collector, secretary and auditors.

Correspondence has been received from the Perry County Planning Commission regarding the 2015 Municipal Planning Support Service Program. The supervisors stated there is no interest in enrolling in the program.

The supervisors asked the solicitor for an update on the driveway issue on Paradise Road. Johanna Rehkamp advised she has spoken to PennDOT today and the permit can be revoked at any time, it just had to go through one more review.

Barry Schrope stated the township building addition is almost finished. Barry indicated the final inspection was to be today. Move in date should be December 3rd. Bob Rhoades asked how much has been paid out to Wayne Leshner, Inc. to date. The secretary advised three draws have been paid so far and there is one more. Bob asked if any prevailing wage certifications have been received yet. Vicki stated they have not received any yet and that WSL, Inc. will need to submit them before final payment is made. The supervisors stated the job went well.

Barry Schrope stated he has signed the papers tonight for the civil suit against Bryce Wysocki for the fire damage on Pine Hill Road.

Correspondence has been received from the Perry County Planning Commission advising of the new subdivision and land development review fee schedule (copy on file). The Commissioners passed the resolution consenting to the fee increase at their November 10, 2014 meeting.

Barry Schrope stated a letter has been received from Chem Sweep. Barry asked Jeff Smith if the township had any chemicals to get rid of, Jeff advised no.

Correspondence has been received from the Central PA Energy Consortium regarding the reduction in the price of crude oil and the opportunity for the consortium to obtain lower pricing for the upcoming year's pricing, July 2015 to July 2016 (copy on file). The consortium stated they have contacted the current vendors and they have expressed willingness to extend the current contract for an additional year at a price based on the current market pricing. The consortium is asking if the township would be willing to contract for the upcoming year at the current market pricing. The supervisors stated they are a little skeptical and would need some more information before deciding. Barry Schrope stated he would contact the consortium with the questions they have.

Annette Mullen stated she would like to discuss what the supervisors talked about at their budget workshop regarding issues they have with the Duncannon Fire Co. Annette has prepared a list of items (copy on file) of the issues. Annette stated the supervisors are really concerned with the debt. Byron Worner stated the debt is covered. Annette advised the fire company's debt is \$879,542 and would like to know what the plan is to reduce the debt. Annette asked about the \$133,000 grant money received. Byron advised that was a gaming grant received from Reed Twp. and the money went towards the rescue truck payment and was a one-time grant. Byron stated after this year the paving loan will be paid off, so as of 2015 the only debt they will have is the building in Penn Twp. and that payment is basically covered by Penn Twp.'s donation portion that goes to the money market account, and the rescue pumper payment which come out of the capital reserve. Annette stated the supervisors and the residents concern is the debt and the interest that is being paid each year on the loans. Annette stated she has heard the fire company wants to expand to a different house in Duncannon. Byron stated the building in town is falling down and they would like to have it replaced. Annette asked if they could move into the building in Penn Twp. Byron stated that is not the plan, they would like to replace the one in Duncannon because that strategically affects the road mileage coverage. Annette stated in this community we just don't have the money, we are not Harrisburg and Philadelphia, and if the fire company is going to talk to the taxpayers about a fire tax because the fire company is not where they would like to be; Annette stated that will never happen in Wheatfield Township as long as she is a supervisor. Byron stated that is not the plan, the plan of the committee is to plan and forecast. Byron stated the township is getting a quality service for what the township is paying. Annette asked who evaluates the fire company. Byron stated there selves and the township supervisors, how many complaints have been received. Byron stated one complaint has been received because a bill was sent in error. Annette stated the bottom line is the concern with their debt.

Johanna Rehkamp advised her and Lester Nace met and talked about the ordinance violations committed by the surveyor (Mr. Lyons) on the Smith/Conrad property. Johanna advised the process is moving forward and all that needs done yet is the complaint form filled out.

Lester Nace advised he has received a zoning permit application from Jessica Wamsley. Lester advised he has sent it back because the township has not received anything officially recorded in the court house regarding the agreement. Lester stated after a couple of tries back and forth with Mr. Getz he found it acceptable. Lester advised he has gone out to the property and the house was not staked out completely and he can't tell where the property lines are. Lester advised he has sent a letter to Ms. Wamsley stating he needs to know where the property lines are and he would like the house staked out and would also need the zoning permit fee. Lester stated Ms. Wamsley asked him to call Ben Smith so he did and he advised Ben he could stake out the house but not the property lines

that he would need to hire a surveyor. Lester advised he would be meeting with Joe Burget at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow morning at the job site to stake out the property lines. Annette Mullen stated there were no concrete monuments placed when Mr. Lyons did his survey. The supervisors advised they don't plan on placing concrete monuments because the zoning hearing board did not tell them they had to do that. The supervisors state the zoning hearing was not about the concrete monuments, it was about the driveway. Johanna Rehkamp stated she could contact Atty. Getz to see how she could get them to comply with the rest of the requirements of the original subdivision plan that was approved. Lester stated he is not sure what all they asked Joe Burget to do, if he is just marking the property lines or if they asked him to put the concrete monuments in. The supervisors asked Lester to let them know what the plan is after he meets with Joe. Annette stated she would like to notify them in writing that the township wants the concrete monument requirement per the approved subdivision plan fulfilled. The supervisors asked Johanna to write a letter to Atty. Getz asking them to place the concrete monuments as required by the approved plan and per the ordinance. Lester will contact Lou Harford's office as well to see if the pins were placed on the side he did the survey on.

An email has been received from Jason Finnerty of the Tri-County Planning Commission regarding the 2015 future land use map asking for comments or corrections. The supervisors state the map that was sent was too small to see. Jim Fuller stated he will speak with Jason to see if a larger map can be obtained.

Vicki Jenkins asked the supervisors if there has been any thought on hiring more part time help for winter help. Currently the township has a couple of guys to help if they are available. Jim Fuller stated there are only 3 big trucks and with him, Barry, Jeff and Dexter and the other part time men there should be enough help. No action was taken at this time for more part time help.

Jim Fuller stated the triangle at Meck's Corner is up for sale. Jim stated HATS believes it would make a good location for a park and ride.

Jim Fuller stated there was lots of help for recycling this last time and that he greatly appreciates it.

Kurt Hepschmidt stated he would like to remind Annette Mullen of the Emergency Management meeting on December 17, 2014. Kurt asked Annette if she has had a chance to work on the notification and resource manual for the township. Annette stated she has not yet. Kurt advised the list is a must. Annette asked if there were certain specifications they are looking for. Kurt stated he has received a couple samples from others they could look at.

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

2452 – 2491, 10-2014, 110614, 110714 and 010-2014

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, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary