

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, February 2, 2015 in the Township Building. Barry Schrope called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Barry Schrope, Jim Fuller, Johanna Rehkamp, Vicki Jenkins, Lester Nace, Rick Schaar, Jeff Smith, Bob Rhoades, Luke Roman (Perry Cty. Times), Holly Potter, Dexter Potter, Dave Jenkins, Kurt Hepschmidt, David Mills, Kraig Nace, Paul Krieger, Rob Diehl (Stantec), AJ Bryant (Stantec) and Byron Worner.

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

The minutes of the January 5, 2015 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the February 2, 2015 regular meeting for public viewing. Jim Fuller made a motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Barry Schrope second the motion.

Barry Schrope stated Annette Mullen will not be here tonight, stating she is still in Boston with the snow.

David Mills stated he would like to thank the supervisors for continuing their support of recreation in the township.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS stated he would like to thank the supervisors and residents of the township for their ongoing support. Kraig stated they are still working on the generator process and have been made aware of the County having 2 older generators they are trying to discard of so they are looking into that option.

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for last month. Jeff advised the road crew has plowed plenty of snow, hauled 24 loads of anti-skid, replaced the furnace in the garage, had 4 loads of salt delivered, serviced the blue dump and backhoe, changed oil and fuel filter in the F550, changed oil in the F250, power washed the trucks, replaced the auger pump on the blue dump and replaced the cutting edge on the F550.

Correspondence has been received from the Duncannon Fire Police requesting a donation to replace some old equipment such as coats, vests and batteries for their portable radios. The supervisors discussed splitting the \$500 donation 2/3 to Duncannon and 1/3 to New Bloomfield. Barry Schrope made a motion to release \$333.00 to the Duncannon Fire Police, Jim Fuller second the motion.

Spring cleanup will be held Thursday, April 23 through Saturday, April 25, 2015 with hours of 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Dumpster bids will be obtained for next month's meeting. The supervisors stated they will not accept shingles this year and that they will also have to check into recyclers for electronics. The supervisors also asked to put in the newsletter about the township wide clean up again this year.

Barry Schrope stated correspondence has been received from Stantec regarding the acquisition process at the Sulphur Springs Bridge project. Rob Diehl, Right of Way consultant with Stantec. Rob explained the process of acquisition to those in attendance. Rob stated when there are Federal funds involved they are required to follow the Uniform Act. Rob stated there are 3 properties affected by the project; the first step is to get the value of the land appraised, 2nd step is after the appraisal is done it has to through a review process to make verify the appraisal and then they can come up with a damage estimate to start the process of negotiating. The negotiating process starts with providing an offer to the property owner and making 3 good faith contacts with them to try and come to an agreement. Rob stated each property owner that is affected by a transportation project is entitled to what is called 710 fees; they would have \$4,000 to spend on engineering, appraisal, attorney and a survey if the property owner feels the first appraisal is way off. Rob stated after 3 good faith contacts and an agreement can't be made and they believe they are at a standstill they might recommend the condemnation process start. Rob stated if condemnation happens the property owner is still entitled to compensation and the property owner could request a board review. Barry stated the township is responsible for paying the property owner the settlement for acquisition. Jim Fuller asked who is responsible for the 710 fees. Rob stated he does not know how the funding was set up for this project. Rob stated the minimum a property owner can be offered is \$500 and any land that is taken in fee is removed from the property owner's tax roll. Rob stated the temporary construction easement is reverted back to the land owner in the same condition or better condition. Rob suggested the supervisors set up a meeting with the property owners to discuss the offers. Barry stated he will work on getting meetings set up.

The supervisors discussed the roads proposed for the 2015 road projects. The supervisors discussed paving Windy Hill Road (2.33 miles) and seal coating Creek Road from Hunkey Hollow to Linton Hill

Road (.31 miles), Grandview Drive (.35 miles) and Cornfield Circle (.09 miles). Jeff will contact Rick Levan when the weather breaks to have him measure Windy Hill Road for the paving bid. Separate estimates will also be obtained for paving the township parking lot. Jeff will measure off the parking lot and contact local contractors. David Mills asked if the rec board wanted to do some paving at Wagner Park how would they go about presenting it to the supervisors about going under the township bid to obtain a better price possibly. Barry Schrope stated they could present it at a meeting.

Barry Schrope advised the cellular tower removal estimate that the supervisors discussed at last month's meeting did have a 10% contingency built into it to account for inflation or any unexpected costs. Johanna Rehkamp stated she spoke with Attorney Jamie Strong and advised him that the supervisors were okay with the estimate as is so he will be moving forward with everything.

The PSATS Convention in Hershey is being held April 19 – 22, 2015. Jeff Smith, Dexter Potter and Jim Fuller stated they would be interested in attending the convention one day. Jeff advised he would look over the workshops being offered and decide which day to go.

Johanna Rehkamp advised PennDOT has made no contact with her regarding the Hoverter property driveway permit issue.

Barry Schrope advised final payment has been made from Bryce Wysocki for the damage done to Pine Hill Road by his motorcycle fire.

Barry Schrope advised there are several open positions with the Township, Asst. Zoning Officer, Zoning Hearing Board member, Deputy EMC and 2 volunteers for the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Barry Schrope made a motion to appoint Dexter Potter to the open position on the Zoning Hearing Board, Jim Fuller second the motion. Dave Mills and Bob Rhoades volunteered to fill the 2 open positions on the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Kurt Hepschmidt stated he will work on setting up a meeting for the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Johanna Rehkamp forwarded the complaint form for Lyons Surveying to the township for Annette Mullen. Issue tabled until next month.

Correspondence has been received from the New Bloomfield Fire Co. regarding their annual Fireman's Banquet on February 19th. Jim Fuller stated he will be going.

Barry Schrope reminded those attending that the Perry County Convention is February 28th.

Barry Schrope stated correspondence has been received from the Tri County Regional Planning Commission regarding free legal advice being offered to go over the township zoning ordinance that covers cellular tower requirements. Barry and Jim Fuller stated they believe our zoning ordinance is adequate. Barry gave the information to the Planning Commission to look at to see if it is worthwhile.

Barry Schrope stated a thank you card has been received from the Duncannon Senior Center thanking the township for their donation.

Byron Worner of the Duncannon Fire Co. gave the supervisors a letter indicating who their official spokespersons are if there should be any questions. Byron stated the Fire Protection Committee had a good first meeting; a lot of information was shared. Byron advised this month they have paid off their paving from the township station, and there are currently 3 loans outstanding; 1 for the building which is a 20 year note that started in 2006 and there are 2 separate loans on the new rescue pumper; one is a 2% loan from PEMA that's a 15 year note and the other is a 10 year note for the annual payment and those 2 payments are made out of Wheatfield and Penn Township's contribution which goes into their capital reserve and plus the \$10,000 that the Duncannon Firemen's Relief contributes to the capital reserve account. Byron stated their in house audit should be at the township by April. Jim Fuller stated it is very important to him that the in house audit aligns up with the audit completed by Fortenbaugh. Jim stated the thing that stood out to him was the grant money received through Reed Twp. Byron stated they never received the money, that money went right from Dauphin County to Wells Fargo, it never came through their checking account. Jim stated the money should have shown somewhere on their income.

Jim Fuller stated recycling is this Saturday and would appreciate any help they can get.

Jim Fuller stated he attended a Task Force meeting at Penn Township and they indicated the Meck's Corner project is rated with HATS 11 out of 64 projects. Jim stated they discussed the rock slide project for Duncannon this year and the road will remain open and then the following year the rock slide project for Marysville will start and the road will probably be closed.

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

2538 – 2577 and 0004-2014, 12-2014, 012-2014, 010515A, 010515B and 010615.

Jim Fuller second the motion to approve the checks.

There being no further business Barry Schrope made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Fuller second the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary