

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, March 2, 2015 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, Nick Roman (Perry Co. Times), David Linville, Holly Potter, Paul Krieger, Dexter Potter, Dave Jenkins, Bob Rhoades, Charlie Wise (Duncannon Fire Co.), David Mills, Rick Schaar, Kurt Hepschmidt and Kraig Nace (Duncannon EMS).

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

The minutes of the February 2, 2015 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the March 2, 2015 regular meeting for public viewing. Annette Mullen stated she was not at last month's meeting but would like to comment on the other supervisors appointing Dexter Potter to the Zoning Hearing Board. Annette stated she probably would not have appointed any township employee to the Zoning Hearing Board because it is supposed to be a separate entity and Dexter is an employee of the supervisors and if it came down to a 3-2 vote and he voted how the supervisors wanted the township could end up in court. Annette stated it was not the best move to put a full time employee on the Zoning Hearing Board. Jim Fuller made the motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Barry Schrope second the motion, Annette Mullen abstained stating she was not at February's meeting.

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

Kurt Hepschmidt stated he represented the township at a meeting for Dauphin and Middle Paxton regarding the 11&15 road work. Kurt stated PennDOT is working with emergency services and trying to get an understanding once the work progresses how the traffic is going to affect emergency services and traffic. Kurt stated the 1st phase (Duncannon) is out for bid now and is supposed to start in May and last 3 months and that 11&15 will remain open through the project and the speed will be reduced. Kurt stated the 2nd phase (Marysville) is scheduled for spring of 2016 and they are still planning on closing down 11&15 for that project. Kurt stated he voiced his concern and told them he found it unacceptable to close down 11&15.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS thanked the residents and supervisors for their ongoing support.

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has been pretty busy with ice storms and plowing snow, they hauled 12 loads of antiskid and 13 loads of coal ash, they had 2 new tires put on the backhoe, finished the ductwork for the furnace in the garage, they had 3 loads of salt delivered, pushed snow drifts back on Pine Hill Road and Linton Hill Road, had a hydraulic line hose break on the blue dump and a plow cylinder break on the red dump, serviced all the vehicles, power washed all vehicles, replaced 2 tires on F550, found out about a newer backhoe being sold at a Sheriff's Sale at the County and purchased it for a very reasonable price and serviced the new backhoe. Barry Schrope stated for final inspection of the building they will need to finish the handicap ramp and the paving. Barry stated they are going to have to think about what they are going to do with the blacktop in front of the garage doors so the equipment does not hit and the water does not run back into the garage.

Charlie Wise of the Duncannon Fire Co. stated he does not have a monthly fire report for tonight from Byron Worner but will have one for next month. Charlie stated Byron wanted to inform the supervisors that the brush truck is in need of approximately \$1300 in brakes and brake line repairs and they also had their tanker out to Deimler's and had new tires put on the back which was an estimated cost of \$3500 for eight new tires. Charlie also stated the project meeting date for the next fire committee meeting is April 28, 2015, no time has been determined yet. Barry Schrope advised when the township did their 2015 budget this year they earmarked monies for the Duncannon Fire Co. Barry advised the total donation to the Duncannon Fire Co. is \$46,500 with \$23,000 going to debt reduction and being applied to the highest interest rate loan and the rest \$23,500 to their general expenses.

Annette Mullen made a motion for the township to renew the employee vision coverage with Highmark, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. The renewal came in with no increase for the upcoming year.

The township received 1 bid for dumpster service from Sylvester's Services for this year's spring cleanup. Jeff Smith advised Deimler's has closed so he asked Sylvester's to give a price for hauling the scrap. Jeff stated Sylvester's will charge \$200.00 a pull to haul it to CSR in Harrisburg and then he will take the money received for the scrap off of the township's bill. Barry Schrope made a motion to accept the bid from Sylvester's Services, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Hours of operation will be Thursday, April 23, 2015 and Friday, April 24, 2015 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 25, 2015 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Barry stated there is no local recycling company that accepts electronics; there is a company from New Jersey and one from California. Annette stated she will contact the companies and see if they would be able to bring containers for our spring cleanup and see what the prices would be.

Barry Schrope made a motion to get bid packages ready for advertisement in April for the 2015 paving and sealcoat projects, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Projects consist of paving Windy Hill Road and sealcoat applied to Cornfield Circle, Grandview Drive (smaller stone for developments) and Creek Road

from Montebello Road to Linton Hill Road. Jeff Smith will schedule Rick Levan, Engineering District 8-0 to meet for job measurements.

Marsha Snyder has submitted a letter of resignation from the Township Zoning Hearing Board. Jim Fuller made a motion to accept Ms. Snyder's resignation, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

The township auditors have completed their annual audit of the township records, tax collector records and recreation board records. All records were found to be in order (copy on file). The supervisors asked Vicki to contact the insurance company and raise the building insurance by \$100,000 to cover the addition. The auditors would like the supervisors to look at the valuation of the townships fixed assets. The supervisors state they will get an appraisal done on the township building when the handicap ramp and paving is done.

Annette Mullen made a motion to release \$17,500 as budgeted as a donation to the township Recreation Board, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Jeff Smith stated he has looked at the classes being offered at the PSATS Convention in Hershey and have found some on Monday they would like to attend. Barry Schrope made a motion for Jeff Smith, Dexter Potter and Jim Fuller to attend the Monday classes, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Johanna Rehkamp advised she has called and left a message for PennDOT regarding the Hoverter property driveway permit but has not heard back from them. Johanna stated she spoke with Lester Nace and he asked if he could give them a call.

Barry Schrope stated there are still open positions for Asst. Zoning Officer, Zoning Hearing Board member and Deputy EMC.

Annette Mullen advised her and Lester Nace have filled out the paper work and have filed a complaint against Lyons Surveying with the Commonwealth of PA.

Barry Schrope stated correspondence has been received from the Perry County Local Emergency Planning Committee regarding gathering information on any facility in the township that may store, sell or manufacture hazardous chemicals. Barry stated the township does not have any hazardous chemicals. Lester Nace asked about the sewage treatment plant for the trailer park. Jim Fuller stated they could check with Susie Hammaker the owner of the trailer park.

Barry Schrope gave an update on the acquisition process for the Sulphur Springs Bridge project. Barry advised they have had a meeting with the last 2 property owners and 1 land owner has settled and 1 land owner has not. Barry stated the project will not be held up by the 1 land owner who has not settled.

Annette Mullen asked what the plan is for the old backhoe. Barry Schrope stated he and Jeff Smith have talked about it and they would like to keep it till after spring cleanup and then put it out for bid.

Annette Mullen asked what could be done with the problem with the hubs and pins on the Ford F450. Jeff Smith stated he spoke to Hoover Bros. about it but they didn't have any definite answers. Jeff stated he has not obtained a price yet to replace the hubs and pins.

Lester Nace stated no zoning permits have been issued thus far this year.

Barry Schrope reminded those in attendance of recycling this Saturday.

Annette Mullen asked what the status is of the foot bridge at Wagner Park. Jim Fuller advised they are supposed to be filling sand bags and preparing for the project. David Mills stated John Weldon has spoken to Lobar and they were going to have someone come out and look over the project and give them a price and prepare a drawing and a plan they can go off of.

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

2578 – 2627 and 01-2015, 001-2015, 020515A and 020515B.

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 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary