

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, April 6, 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, Mary Smith, Marty Smith, Rick Schaar, Dexter Potter, Billi Snook, Brent Romberger, Ed Womer, Holly Potter, Dave Jenkins, Kurt Hepschmidt, David Mills, Kraig Nace and Byron Worner.

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

The minutes of the March 2, 2015 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the April 6, 2015 regular meeting for public viewing. Annette Mullen made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting as presented by the secretary, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Billi Snook of 4 Karen Avenue stated she is here tonight about a water erosion problem she is having on her property. Ms. Snook asked if the pipe could be made longer or where she could get some pipe. Barry Schrope stated to fix the problem it would be off the township right of way and we would need a temporary easement. Barry stated he and Jeff Smith were out to look at it. Jeff stated they talked about digging it out a foot or two below the pipe and put the big rocks she dug out of it to reline it. Jeff stated to help the problem they would have to dig approximately 20' and dig the rocks and dirt out and then place the top of the rock at the bottom of the pipe. Barry asked Lester Nace if he could go out and look at it as well. Lester stated he could look at the subdivision plan and see what the right of way is. Jim Fuller stated the township is willing to work with her on fixing the problem. The supervisors state they will have to get a temporary easement drawn up. Barry advised Ms. Snook the township will be in touch with her.

David Mills thanked the supervisors for continuing to support recreation in the township. David also stated the recreation board will hold their April through October meetings at Wagner Park.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS presented and reviewed the 2014 end of year report (copy on file) with the supervisors. Kraig stated this is their 9th straight year with no 1st out fails and they are the only company in the county that can say that. Kraig also thanked the supervisors for their support.

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has been plowing and cindering, had the F550 inspection, power washed all vehicles and equipment, power washed the garage and parking lot, had a big dead tree and a cedar tree on Roseglen Road they took care of, they had a small rock slide on Linton Hill at the intersection of Dark Hollow they took care of, met with Rick Levan for the paving and seal coat bids, trimmed trees on Sawmill Road, went around the township cleaning out culvert pipes, started cleaning up storm damage on the roads from snow removal, cleaned up the cemetery on Montebello Farm Road, graded Creek Road, swept intersections with the tractor, removed snow removal equipment from brown dump and the F550, cleaned out a clogged pipe on Loshes Run and did some grading and attended a LTAP class for Signs and Safety Features for Bridges and Culverts. Jeff stated they also started looking for a new tractor.

Jeff Smith stated on Montebello Road between Hunkey Hollow and Sulphur Springs Road the blacktop has peeled up from plowing snow this year. Jeff stated he had McNaughton Services come out and look at it and they figured 20' wide and 42' long, completely milled out and tack coated and re-topped with 1 ½ of 9.5 mm. Jeff stated the price came in at \$3890. The supervisors gave Jeff the approval to have it fixed before having the road seal coated this year.

Jeff Smith asked the supervisors where they would like the flag pole placed. Jeff suggested at the corner of the porch towards the road. The supervisors gave their approval for the flag pole to be placed at the corner of the porch.

Jeff Smith asked the supervisors about bidding out the township's stone requirement for the year. Jeff stated he has talked to other townships and Rick Levan and they indicated better pricing can be obtained when bid out. The supervisors gave Jeff the approval to bid out the stone (2A and antiskid).

Byron Worner of the Duncannon Fire Co. stated their next fire committee meeting will be April 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Byron advised the tanker is out of service for some bolts that are stripped out of the back and is back at the factory. Byron stated while it is there it is getting some upgrades with lighting and reflective material. Byron stated he also plans on having their financial report for the supervisors at the fire committee meeting.

The supervisors have reviewed the paving and seal coat bids and all looked correct. Barry Schrope made a motion to advertise the bids, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Vicki will advertise in the papers. Bids will be opened at May's meeting.

Annette Mullen stated she looked into the electronic recyclers that Sally Tengeres from the County provided and the one from New Jersey seemed to be the best fit. Annette stated it would be \$1900 for a 40 yd. container. Annette stated there is a company named JVS Environment that provides free services to rural communities. Annette stated they have people come in and work the electronic recycling. Annette stated they were not available for when we are having our spring cleanup this year but we could contact them prior to next year's spring cleanup or if we have a fall electronic recycling. Barry Schrope stated Duncannon Borough has contacted him about going together on the cost for electronic recycling. Barry stated his only problem is what if one or the other fills the container before the other gets to use it. The supervisors stated possibly in the future we could go together with Duncannon and have JVS Environment come and handle it. Annette stated she will contact SAMR from New Jersey and confirm our container for electronics. Barry stated he will contact Duane Hammaker of Duncannon Borough and let him know we are not interested in sharing a container this year.

The supervisors discussed selling the older backhoe and the Ford F450. Johanna Rehkamp will look into the bidding requirements for selling township equipment for next month's meeting.

Barry Schrope stated he spoke with Joe Burget Jr. about being the township's Assistant Zoning Officer. Barry advised Joe was willing to do it; he just didn't want it to interfere with his business in anyway. Barry stated Ed Womer contacted the township today about being interested in the position and is here at tonight's meeting. Ed stated he is retired from Prince George County Maryland and the last five years there he was a building inspector, the previous twelve years he was the storm drain improvement inspector and the first two years with the county he was site inspector and did sediment erosion controls and mass grading. Ed stated he was also a heavy equipment operator for 17 – 18 years prior to going to Maryland and he is also was at one time a licensed plumber in Harrisburg. Ed stated he would be interested in the position. Barry stated he would talk to Joe and see if he would prefer someone else take the position so there is no conflict. Annette Mullen asked Lester Nace if he could spend some time with him to learn the position. Lester stated that would be no problem. Appointment of Assistant Zoning Officer will be tabled until next month's meeting.

A volunteer application has been received from Rick Boyer for the open position on the Zoning Hearing Board. Jim Fuller made a motion to appoint Rick Boyer to fill the vacant position on the Zoning Hearing Board, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Rick will finish out Marsha Snyder's term which ends on December 31, 2017.

Jeff Smith stated he received pricing from McNaughton Services for the paving and handicap ramp for the township building. Jeff stated he gave 3 different prices, 1- for cutting out everywhere where it is cracked and digging it out and putting new base in and milling out 20' in front of the garage, 2 – have it all removed and put all new base in and 3 – the small section that was discussed about adding on towards the recycling center. Jeff stated the project will need to be bid out because it is over the \$19,400 threshold and under the \$25,000 prevailing wage limit. Jeff stated the price would be \$1,000 less for removing the old black top and getting rid of it. Jeff stated the extra paving that was discussed could be done another time. Johanna Rehkamp stated a project cannot be separated to avoid the prevailing wage requirement. Jim Fuller stated the township could forget about the extra paving for now and just do what is required (handicap parking spot and handicap ramp) for final inspection. Barry Schrope made a motion to bid out what is required for the paving of the parking lot between the building and salt shed, the handicap spot and handicap ramp for final inspection and the township dig out the black top to cut down the price, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope stated the township has settled with 2 of the landowners for the land acquisition for the Sulphur Springs project. One land owner did not so the township will have to go through the condemnation process. Barry stated the condemnation is for 14 square feet.

Lester Nace advised he has spoken with PennDOT regarding the Hoverter property driveway permit and he believes they are still confused. Lester advised he will be meeting with PennDOT next week to go over the information and try to get it settled.

Barry Schrope stated there is still an open position for Deputy EMC. Bill Snook stated she may be interested after she is released from her Doctor's care.

Lester Nace stated he attended the Penn Township meeting and they discussed recycling CFL lightbulbs through PPL. Lester advised PPL gives you a 5 gallon bucket to put the bulbs in and when it's full they

come and pick it up and give you another one. Vicki Jenkins will call Helen at Penn Township to see who to contact and how to sign up for the program.

Barry Schrope asked Jim Fuller if he spoke to Suzie Hammaker at the trailer court to see if they stored any chemicals at the sewage plant per the letter from the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Jim advised he has not spoken with her.

Barry Schrope stated a thank you letter has been received from the New Bloomfield Library thanking the township for the donation.

Barry Schrope reminded those in attendance of the upcoming spring cleanup.

Johanna Rehkamp stated she met with Lester Nace, Jamie Strong and Chris Fricchione regarding the proposed Verizon cellular tower on the McNaughton property. Johanna stated they went over the township's ordinance and they showed how they met every part of the ordinance and provided documentation that was presented at the zoning variance. Johanna stated at this point they need to apply for a zoning permit and driveway permit. Lester stated he gave them a zoning permit application to fill out and that he will need to complete the driveway permit for them. Lester stated the project should start within the next 10 – 12 months and the construction should last 2 weeks. Johanna stated they did ask about the other location on Montebello Farm Road and they said that project is pending and they are going to try and push it through. Johanna advised she advised them a zoning variance would be required to meet the setback requirements. Lester stated Verizon indicated the township's ordinance is far superior to most of those they work with and that some in Perry County have no ordinance at all.

Lester Nace stated Jeff Smith asked him to check out a water problem on Hunkey Hollow. Lester stated he spoke to the property owner and he promised it will be fixed.

Lester Nace advised the township got a letter from FEMA soliciting information about upgrading their flood mappings. Lester stated he will be attending the meeting one of the days to see what they are looking for to upgrade their flood zone mapping. Lester stated it will affect us along Shermans Creek and the Juniata River. Lester stated as far as he knows the municipality has not had any major concerns with flooding when it comes to the municipality, the residents have but not the township. Annette Mullen stated she would say Shermans Creek. Lester asked what has happened along Shermans Creek. Annette stated she meant how the road washed out during the last storm. Lester stated there was nothing significant. Annette stated they had the engineer out there and there was concern with undermining. Annette stated she believes one day it will be a problem. Lester stated they are looking for concerns for housing and developments.

Jim Fuller stated there was plenty of help for recycling on Saturday.

Annette Mullen asked what the status is of the foot bridge at Wagner Park. Jim Fuller advised they are obtaining estimates to get the bridge done. Dave Mills stated the bridge abutment is going to have to be fixed before anything else can be done.

Annette Mullen asked if the township every got one deed for the township property instead of having 3 separate deeds. Johanna Rehkamp stated she believes this was taken care of by reverse subdivision and the quit claim deed. Johanna stated she will check into it.

Jeff Smith asked if the road crew is still maintaining things at the covered bridge. The supervisors stated yes it is still to be maintained. The supervisors asked Johanna to look into the property to see who is paying taxes on it.

Rick Boyer advised the road crew has done a good job with plowing and that it is the best he has seen it.

Jim Fuller made a motion to approve the checks from the General Fund for the month of March. They were as follows:

2628 – 2685, 02-2015, 002-2015, 030615A and 030915A

Barry Schrope 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 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary