

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, June 1, 2015 in the Township Building. Barry Schrope called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. Present were Barry Schrope, Jim Fuller, Annette Mullen, Johanna Rehkamp, Vicki Jenkins, Lester Nace, Jeff Smith, Marty Smith, Mary Smith, Rick Schaar, Dexter Potter, Dawn Reed, Dave Jenkins, Holly Potter, David Mills, Kurt Hepschmidt, Randy Gardner, Luke Roman – Perry Co. Times, Dave Keen, 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 May 4, 2015 regular meeting and the May 13, 2015 special meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the June 1, 2015 regular meeting for public viewing. Barry Schrope stated there was an error in the minutes of the regular meeting regarding the parking lot paving. The minute's state paving bids for the parking lot and handicap ramp would be opened at June's meeting when it should have read bids for paving of parking lot including a handicap parking spot, not ramp. Annette Mullen made a motion to approve the minutes with the amendment, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Barry Schrope made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2015 special meeting as presented by the secretary, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Dawn Reed stated she is here tonight to ask the supervisors about putting a 4th house on their lane (Weldon Drive). Ms. Reed stated when she spoke to the zoning officer about it Lester indicated the lane would need to be brought up to township specs and paved. Ms. Reed stated the cost for paving would be \$139,000 and they cannot afford that. Ms. Reed stated she attended the planning commission meeting and they suggested she should come to the supervisors and ask if it would be possible to get a variance. Lester Nace stated you are allowed 3 lots on a private right of way and if there is a 4th lot the road would need to be paved to township specs. Lester stated he does not know of any other place this has been done in the past and the planning commission was asked about this and they recommended she come to the supervisors. Annette Mullen stated there are many property owners who would like to do this, but can't because of the township ordinance and if it was done for her it would have to be done for everyone. Annette asked if there is another access point to the lot she would like to build on. Ms. Reed stated there is no other way to get into it. Dave Jenkins stated when they came to the planning commission they didn't have any plans to look at and it was suggested they come to the supervisors and show them the plans or if she wants to come to the next planning commission meeting with the plans they will look at it and see if there is another way to access the lot, but without seeing the plan there was nothing they could do. Dave Mills stated the planning commission agreed to look at the plans if she wants to bring them to the next meeting. Barry Schrope stated they like to help the people but there are a lot of people this has already happened to and were not able to do it. Barry asked if they could apply for a variance. Lester stated they could because it is a hardship, but all you need is for one person to come in and say they weren't allowed to do it so why should they be able to. Barry stated as of right now he does not think there is anything they can do, unless the planning commission comes up with some other way to access the property. Jim Fuller asked if he could look at the plan.

David Mills thanked the supervisors for continuing to support recreation in the township. David also thanked the supervisors for the help of the new part time employee at the park.

Kurt Hepschmidt asked the supervisors about getting signs to designate the township building and recycling. Kurt stated as a volunteer he recommends we get a professional sign made designating for residents only, hours and accepted items. Annette Mullen asked if there is anyone local that does signs. David Mills indicated Bob Jones on Paradise Road does signs.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS thanked the supervisors for their ongoing support and if there is any questions on their yearend report to please let him know.

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for last month. Jeff stated they did grading on Pine Hill, Shermans Drive and Sulphur Springs, cleaned up after spring cleanup, did grading on Windy Hill, took care of tree's that came down on Pennells Church, put 2 new rear tires on the backhoe, graded Linton Hill, hauled 6 loads of 2A modified, mowed at the township building, covered bridge and cemetery, graded on Montebello, put the mower on the tractor and serviced it, cleaned up the tree's at Wagner Park, put in shale where they want to move the pavilion to and hauled a load 2B stones to the park, took care of a pine tree that came down on a wire on Dark Hollow, dug out the dirt at the bathroom steps at the park and put in stone, finished the 1st round of mowing and hauled 4 loads of shot rock for Pine Hill where it washed out. Jeff asked the supervisors about purchasing the pipe for Dugans Mill and the rest of Dark Hollow and an inlet box and pipe for the water issue on Pennells Church that was discussed. Jeff stated the cost would be approximately \$4000. The supervisors gave Jeff the approval to purchase the pipe and inlet box.

Byron Worner of the Duncannon Fire Co. reported the tanker is back in service. Byron stated the fire committee meeting went well and there was a lot of dialog. Byron stated Barry Schrope attended the meeting and asked the question about the procedure they follow for making a major purchase and asked if they could be

involved in the meeting when it is brought to the board for approval. Byron stated it will be taken into consideration. Byron stated the next meeting will be held in the 3rd quarter, not sure of a date yet.

Barry Schrope stated the township has received the internal audit report from the Duncannon Fire Co. Annette Mullen made a motion to release \$46,500 as budgeted as a donation to the Duncannon Fire Co. with \$20,000 going to their debt reduction (mortgage – highest interest loan) amended from \$23,000 as per the request of Byron Worner, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope stated the Duncannon EMS submitted their financial reports at the April meeting. Barry Schrope made a motion to release \$21,600 as budgeted as a donation to the Duncannon EMS with \$15,000 going towards a generator purchase, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Kurt Hepschmidt, Emergency Management Coordinator stated he has completed the draft Emergency Operations Plan. Kurt asked the supervisors to review the plan and make any suggestions or changes as needed. Kurt stated the township needs to get a resource list together and stated he would like to have a sit down meeting with the supervisors and Jeff Smith to discuss. Kurt also stated he has interviewed Robert Mull for the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator and found him to be a good candidate for the position and recommended the supervisors appoint him to the position. Barry Schrope made a motion to appoint Robert Mull to the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Kurt stated he will contact the County with the appointment information. Kurt advised the supervisors that Tom Bell, County Emergency Management Coordinator has resigned effective the end of June. Kurt asked the supervisors who would be next in line on the chain of command after the supervisors if an emergency would happen and the supervisors would not be available. The supervisors stated it would be very unlikely if all 3 of the supervisors or Jeff Smith would not be available.

Bids received for the township parking lot paving project were opened and read aloud. The results were as follows:

- Pro-Lawn - \$31,848.80
- McNaughton Services Inc. - \$32,595.00
- Eastern Industries - \$37,720.00
- Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. - \$43,460.00
- Jay Fulkroad & Sons, Inc. - \$44,411.20

Vicki Jenkins reminded the supervisors that Pro-Lawn did not have their bid bond in their bid package and handed it in a tonight's meeting. All bid documents were to be received by 1:00 p.m. today. Johanna Rehkamp stated the supervisors can accept a bid that does not conform to the bidding requirements if it is not a material change in what was requested. Johanna stated there would be no problem with the supervisors accepting the bid. Jim Fuller made a motion to accept the bid for the parking lot from Pro-Lawn, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Bids received for the 1996 Case Backhoe were opened and read aloud. The backhoe is sold as is, with no warranty and the buyer is responsible for all sales tax. The results were as follows:

- Randy Gardner - \$18,227.00
- Pro-Lawn - \$14,601.00
- Eric Maurice - \$13,750.00
- Bob Hines - \$12,000.00
- Bloomfield Cemetery - \$12,000.00
- Chris Haines - \$10,113.00
- Edward Jones - \$9,101.01
- Coby Cressinger - \$9,001.00
- Bill Selle - \$7,550.00

Barry Schrope stated the township had the backhoe appraised by Groff and they stated we should get at least \$23,000 for it. Annette Mullen stated she is willing to put the backhoe on Craigslist and try to get \$2,000 more for it to go towards the purchase of a tractor. Johanna Rehkamp stated the supervisors could reject all bids if they don't think they got fair market value for it and use some other method to sell the backhoe the township would have to adopt a resolution as to how they want to sell it. Jim Fuller stated they might be able to get \$20,000 for it. Barry Schrope stated all bids will be rejected. Johanna will prepare a resolution to sell the backhoe by other means. Barry thanked all for their bids.

Bids received for the 2000 Ford F450 were opened and read aloud. The truck is sold as is, with no warranty and the buyer is responsible for all sales tax. The results were as follows:

- Pro-Lawn - \$14,998.00
- Rich Parrish - \$13,000.00
- Coby Cressinger - \$10,501.00

Chris Haines - \$10,113.00
Michael Deiter - \$7,250.00
Bill Selle - \$6,800.00
Timothy Ricker - \$5,000.00
Joann Burelle - \$3,810.00
Ed Jones - \$1,001.00

Annette Mullen made a motion to accept the bid from Pro-Lawn for the truck, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Barry thanked all for their bids.

Barry Schrope informed all those in attendance that Rye Township stating Pine Hill Road will be closed starting June 17, 2015. The closure is anticipated no longer than 8 weeks. Byron Worner asked if any consideration was taken into emergency responses in that area. Barry stated Perry County Dispatch has been contacted so he assumes everyone has been contacted. Byron stated this is going to cause an access problem in that area. Byron stated Duncannon Fire Co. has not received any notice.

Barry Schrope stated correspondence has been received from Sally Tengeres of the Perry County Conservation District regarding the 2015 Perry County Municipal Solid Waste Plan is ready for public review and comment. The supervisors stated they will review the plan.

Barry Schrope stated the township received a letter from PennDOT regarding the driveway permit at the Hoverter Property. Johanna Rehkamp stated the attorney from the Hoverter Foundation does not want to seem to get involved. Johanna stated it ultimately comes down to PennDOT to revoke the driveway permit. Lester Nace states the statute clearly states the owner must apply for the driveway permit.

Correspondence has been received from the Commonwealth of PA Office of General Counsel regarding acknowledgement of the township's formal complaint against surveyor Todd Lyons stating they will conduct an inquiry into the allegations.

Barry Schrope stated the owners of the one remaining tract of land for the Sulphur Springs Bridge project has accepted their certified mail and the process for depositing funds in court will start.

Barry Schrope asked Johanna Rehkamp what the status is for the deed for the township property. Johanna advised she has not had a chance to work on it yet.

The supervisors asked Vicki to contact Pat Kissingner to see if she could cover the office the week of July 6 – 10th, Monday, Wednesday and Friday for a few hours.

Annette Mullen asked about setting a date for a special meeting to adopt a resolution to sell the backhoe on Craigslist or other means. The supervisors will have a special meeting on June 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Annette Mullen stated she will contact Tom Bell regarding emergency services for the Pine Hill Road closure.

Lester Nace stated he spoke to the lady from Wisconsin regarding the Norfolk Southern tower. The tower is located on Bretz Lane by Loshes Run in Wheatfield Township. Lester stated he responded to the letter for Wheatfield Township of the things he was aware of that might be taken into consideration when she does the analysis for environmental concerns. They hope to have the tower erected by October.

Jim Fuller reminded those in attendance of recycling this Saturday.

Jim Fuller stated he attended a task force meeting at Penn Twp. regarding various projects, the 11 & 15 rock slide, 114 park and ride, Newport park and ride, Sunnyside Drive is completely done, Rt. 850 & Rt. 34 intersection and also it appears PennDOT is going to do a traffic & safety study at the intersection of 11 & 15 and Rt. 274.

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

2714 – 2753, 041515A, 050615A, 050615B, 04-2015 and 004-2015

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 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary