

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, July 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, Lester Nace, Jeff Smith, Rick Schaar, Tom Sheaffer, Kurt Hepschmidt, David Mills, David Linville and Holly Potter.

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

The minutes of the June 1, 2015 regular meeting and the June 10, 2015 special meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the July 6, 2015 regular meeting for public viewing. Jim Fuller made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting as presented by the secretary, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Barry Schrope made the motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting as presented by the secretary, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

David Mills would like to thank the township for hiring Ken Masser and all the help he has provided out at Wagner Park and for continuing to support recreation in the township.

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for the month of June. Jeff stated the road crew has changed the oil and fuel filter in the blue dump, painted the bathroom at Wagner Park, hauled 9 loads of 2A modified, filled in shoulders on Linton Hill Road and Pleasant Grove Road with shot rock, got 3 ton of cold patch that was used in various places, did some grading on Roseglen Road, got the bucket truck and brown dump truck inspected, cleaned up mud on Shermans Drive that washed out from the farmers field, changed the oil and fuel filter on the F250, put the CB in the new backhoe, Martins Paving completed the seal coat project, cut out for all pipes that will be replaced this year, did grading on Pine Hill Road, replaced 3 pipes (15", 18" and 36") on Dark Hollow, replaced 3 pipes (15" and 18") on Dugans Mill, Hawbaker's completed the paving project on Windy Hill, weed wacked around the guard rails around  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the township, put back up the flag pole and mowed at the covered bridge, cemeteries and township building twice. Jeff stated the roads he would like to have line painted this year are Windy Hill, Creek Road, Montebello Road (from Creek Road to Paradise) and Narrows Road, approximately 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles. The supervisors advised Jeff to go ahead and schedule the line painting. Barry Schrope stated the supervisors are not happy with the paving job on Windy Hill Road, stating there were problems with the contractor and the paving job is rough. Barry indicated he and Jeff would be going out tomorrow and marking the bad spots. Barry stated he did not know what recourse the township could take. Johanna Rehkamp stated if the contractor did not comply with the townships requirements there may be some grounds to withhold some of the money, if they just did a bad job and followed all of the requirements it would be difficult to do much of anything other than not ever hire them again. Jim Fuller stated Liquid Fuels money was used so the township should contact Rick Levan of PennDOT and let him know. Annette Mullen stated there were 5 driveways they did not comply with as per the contract; they had to make a call to the boss. Johanna advised the township would have to have an expert come in and give an estimate as to what it would cost to fix it so the township would know what damages there are. Johanna asked what the total project cost. Jim advised it was \$194,000.

No representatives from the Duncannon Fire Co. were able to attend tonight's meeting.

Kurt Hepschmidt, Emergency Management Coordinator advised there was a meeting held with the supervisors regarding the Notification and Resource Manual. Kurt stated he would like to have another meeting on July 22, 2015 with the supervisors. Kurt stated he attended a class at PEMA on Emergency Planning and was able to get some insight on the townships Emergency Operations Plan. Kurt stated the first 19 pages of the EOP is the most important and is what will need approved by the supervisors.

Tom Sheaffer stated he is here tonight in regards to the possible variance for a driveway for the Weldon subdivision. Mr. Sheaffer stated there has already been 3 subdivisions done on the original property and another subdivision was done after the 45 acres that was left was sold and on the first subdivision the perimeter of the subdivision was never accurately completed because one pin was never located by Mr. Nace so that boundary does not match up in the subdivision to start the first lots. Mr. Sheaffer stated there are 8 houses that use that road (Sibling Drive & Weldon Drive), when the road went up according to the ordinances it was supposed to go to the next boundary property and it went there at 50' wide and never had a cul-de-sac and then the 3<sup>rd</sup> subdivision it was deleted down to Mark Weldon and Scott Mullen's property at the edge of their property so you have half a right of way going on their property and half of right of going on to the other property and no cul-de-sac again. Mr. Sheaffer stated the township also has an ordinance in affect that if the people in that subdivision are going to use any road around that property must meet PennDOT standards of 50' paving and that was never done and when the other subdivision was done on the 45 acres where 7 acres was subdivided off by Mr. Kauffman and he wanted to do that he was told the only way he could build a house on the 7 acres is if he blacktopped the road and came out onto Weldon Drive that he could not go out to a state road. Mr. Sheaffer stated the other 3 houses back there were allowed to come out onto the state road. Mr. Sheaffer stated he does not think a variance should be given. Barry Schrope stated there has been no variance application received on this issue. Annette Mullen stated Ms. Reed asked if she could put a house back there and the supervisors indicated she could not because there are already 3 houses on the lane. Mr. Sheaffer stated that is not what the paper stated; the paper stated Mr. Nace said there was a slim chance a variance would be granted. Annette advised anyone can apply for a variance and there is always a chance it would be granted. Annette advised Mr. Sheaffer if it goes for a variance she suggests going to the meeting and having all his facts together. Annette stated the planning commission has become more stringent on subdivision plans because of erosion and so forth and when those houses were done those planning things were not in force, so after the fact it is not something they can enforce. Lester Nace stated he could not legally say they would not get a variance, he could not say no or yes so he stated there was a slim chance.

Barry Schrope stated at the special meeting held on June 10, 2015 they rescinded rejecting the bids for the backhoe and awarded the bid to Randy Gardner. Barry stated it was a fair price, maybe more could have been received but it would have to be rebid it and if they still didn't get what they wanted they would have to wait till the next meeting and pass a resolution to sell it any other way. Jim Fuller stated they made out better on the F450 than what was anticipated so rather than rebid the backhoe they thought they were close enough with what they wanted for the backhoe.

Barry Schrope stated they have been looking for a new tractor. Barry stated several different tractors were looked at (New Holland, John Deere and Kubota) and which one they thought would best suit the township. Barry asked Johanna about the attachments for the tractor they currently have, if they would want to sell them could they sell them anyway they want without bidding as long as it is under \$1,000. Johanna advised that is correct. Barry Schrope made a motion to buy a John Deere 5115M and trade in the New Holland on it and sell the attachments on Craigslist, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope stated Kurt Hepschmidt has completed the NIMS paper work as requested by the County. Barry stated he has looked over it and thought it looked okay to him and stated he would leave it here for the other supervisors to look over.

Barry Schrope stated a resolution will be needed to adopt the EOP. A sample has been provided for the supervisors to review. Barry stated he will get with Vicki and go over the sample copy received. Annette Mullen asked when the supervisors would need to act on the EOP. Kurt advised whenever they are comfortable with it and if they have questions bring them to the next meeting.

Barry Schrope stated Garry Kreiser of Holland Lane wrote a letter to the township regarding breaking up the blacktop on his driveway (copy on file). Barry stated he would like to speak to Mr. Kreiser. Annette Mullen stated he talked to her about getting his driveway seal coated. Annette stated if you go up the driveway to where the township used to use it, it is all broken up. Annette stated he is asking what can be done about it and she kind of agrees it wasn't meant for the township to drive on with trucks. Annette asked Barry and Jim to look at it and maybe when the township paves the parking lot it could be incorporated. Annette stated she does believe the township has some responsibility in the damage that was done and it wasn't our right of way. Barry stated when the township purchased the property he thought it was the right of way. Barry stated he believes the township has some responsibility but there are 5 other houses that use the driveway as well and should have some responsibility in it as well; he does not think the township should be completely responsible. Annette stated she would like to see the township pave it and then they can still use it to that point. Jim stated he would like to not use the driveway anymore. Johanna asked if there was ever a maintenance agreement. Jim stated there was not. Barry stated the supervisors will have to look at it and talk with Mr. Kreiser.

Barry Schrope stated all bids were rejected on the paving of the township parking lot because they came in over the prevailing wage limit and it was not advertised that way. New bids will be opened at the August meeting.

Barry Schrope asked Johanna if there has been anything new on the Hoverter property driveway permit. Johanna stated not really and that she is a little discouraged because she does not believe the Hoverter Foundation is going to cooperate with the township as to who submitted the permit application. Johanna advised she has emailed the contact at PennDOT and she has not heard anything back at this point. Johanna asked the supervisors how much time they wanted her to devote to this and stated she could contact PennDOT again.

Johanna Rehkamp stated she has combined the 3 lots into one for the deed for the township property and just needs Barry Schrope to sign them. Barry signed the paperwork.

Barry Schrope stated the paperwork for the condemnation process on the McNaughton property for the Sulphur Springs bridge project has been completed.

Barry Schrope advised Annette Mullen and Lester Nace have met with the Commonwealth regarding the formal complaint on Todd Lyons Surveying. Annette advised they met with Mr. Stuckey and he understood what the problem was and indicated he would contact Mr. Lyons about the situation.

Lester Nace stated he has had an inquiry about building a house on the property across from Cook Road but has not received any paper work yet.

Jim Fuller advised recycling is this Saturday.

Annette Mullen stated she thought the supervisors should look at the fees for driveway permits that are now \$10.00 and possibly make an adjustment.

Jeff Smith asked the supervisors if they could start thinking about what they want to do out in the parking lot with the bank. Barry Schrope stated he has thought about moving the salt shed over there and has a couple of drawings. Annette Mullen stated she would be okay with that. Jeff stated he would like to start tapering off the bank and benching it.

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

2754 – 2799, 05-2015, 005-2015, 060515A, 060515B, 062615A and 062615B

Annette Mullen 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. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins  
Twp. Secretary