

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, September 1, 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, Jeff Smith, Leroy Beck, Marty Smith, Mary Smith, Bob Rhoades, David Linville, Dexter Potter, Kurt Hepschmidt, David Mills, Don Neumayer, Ed Womer and Dave Jenkins.

Barry Schrope led the pledge to the American flag followed by a brief moment of silence.

The minutes of the August 3, 2015 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the September 1, 2015 regular meeting for public viewing. Barry Schrope made the motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Jim Fuller second the motion.

David Mills thanked the supervisors for continuing to support recreation in the township.

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for the month of August. Jeff stated the road crew has filled in the shoulders on Windy Hill, put an inlet box in on Pennells Church with 60' of pipe, cut down 10 dead ash trees behind the township building, cut down 2 dead pine trees on Basin Hill, hauled 2 loads of playground mulch to Wagner Park, Ken filled a total of 300 sand bags, replaced the roof on the township building, got the line painting done on Windy Hill, Creek Road, Montebello Road and Narrows Road, got the handicap parking spot finished with the help of Dave Jenkins volunteering his time, hauled 2 loads of 2B, trimmed trees on Hunkey Hollow, mowed the Covered Bridge and Montebello cemetery, changed oil in the F550 and blacktopped all the culvert pipes that were replaced this year.

Jeff Smith asked the supervisors about the damage done on Roseglen Road by the McDonald's residence. Jeff stated a lumber delivery truck backed out of the driveway and took a big chunk of the road out. Jeff stated he obtained an estimate from McNaughton Services to repair the damage. Jeff stated he spoke to the contractor and the homeowner and they indicated he should call the delivery company and let them know what happened. The delivery company stated he thought it would be the homeowner's responsibility. Barry Schrope stated the estimate received was \$1337.00. Barry asked the solicitor who should be responsible for the damage. Johanna Rehkamp stated her feeling would be the delivery company that caused the damage. Johanna stated she would do some research on it and get back to the supervisors. Jeff stated pictures of the damage have been taken.

Jeff Smith stated Montebello Road is falling apart and the township has received several complaints about it. Jeff stated they received a rough estimate from McNaughton Services for the repair. Jeff stated the project will be over \$10,500 so the township will have to obtain 3 phone quotes. Jeff stated the whole road is getting bad so he thought they could replace the pipe next year and then in 2 years pave the road. Jeff stated they could just repair the really bad section. Jim Fuller stated he has not been out to look at it. The supervisors stated they would take a look at it. Jeff will obtain 3 phone quotes. Issue tabled until next month.

Lester Nace presented the David & Susan Beatty and Lester Nace Subdivision Plan. Lester advised all comments from the township planning commission have been addressed (concrete monuments be placed, drainage easement be 30' wide and a 10' radius be put on the right of way lines). Jim Fuller asked what the purpose of the plan was. Lester advised he wanted to purchase the piece of land between his property and Glutz Hole Road; it is just a lot addition. Lester advised there were 3 – AOR's requested 1 – Final Plan Review, 2 – Sheet Size and 3 – Map Scale. Jim Fuller made a motion to approve the 3 – AOR's as requested, Barry Schrope second the motion. Barry Schrope made a motion to conditionally approve the plan as presented pending signatures on the plan and engineering fee's being paid, Jim Fuller second the motion.

Bids received for the Wheatfield Township Parking Lot paving bid were opened and read aloud. The results were as follows:

McNaughton Services, Inc. - \$29,200.50

Pro-Lawn - \$34,651.80

Barry Schrope made a motion to award the township parking lot paving bid to McNaughton Services, Inc., Jim Fuller second the motion.

There were no representatives from the Duncannon Fire Co. to give their monthly report.

Kurt Hepschmidt, Emergency Management Coordinator stated he attended a meeting at Penn Township regarding the 11 & 15 project in Duncannon; the project is wrapping up, he attended a PEMA course; Incident Command Course, met with the supervisors and committee for the resource manual and made pretty good progress on it and should be able to submit it to the county, attended a PennDOT meeting regarding the 11 & 15 project in Marysville and according to PennDOT the road will be closed for approximately 3 months. Kurt also advised Richard Foltz has been named the new County Emergency Management Coordinator.

Barry Schrope the township Emergency Operations Plan has been completed and is ready for approval. Jim Fuller stated he would like all 3 supervisors present when it is adopted and signed. Approval tabled until next month's meeting.

Barry Schrope stated at last month's meeting Dave Jenkins brought up some concerns about the extra work Hawbaker's stated they were going to do to repair the Windy Hill paving job and not obtaining an estimate from Hawbaker's for the work. Barry stated he had contacted them and an estimate has been received for \$2,013.75 for the additional work. Barry stated the paving job was to be completed by August 17, 2015 and at this point it is not completed. The supervisors asked Johanna Rehkamp to review the contract and see if the liquidated damages apply

(\$825.00 per calendar). Johanna stated she believes they are in breach of their contract. Johanna will contact Hawbaker's.

Barry Schrope stated an estimate was received to repair Holland Lane as discussed at last month's meeting. Barry advised though Mr. Kreiser has already had the lane seal coated. Barry stated he will talk with Mr. Kreiser and see what the cost was.

Barry Schrope stated it has come to the attention of the supervisors that an elected official, appointed official or employee of the township may not be appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board. Jim Fuller made a motion to remove Dexter Potter from the Zoning Hearing Board due to the circumstances, Barry Schrope second the motion. The supervisors advise if anyone is interested in the position to please fill out a volunteer application.

Barry Schrope stated the New Bloomfield Fire Co. has submitted their financial reports. Barry Schrope made a motion to release \$15,500 as budgeted as a donation to the New Bloomfield Fire Co., Jim Fuller second the motion.

Barry Schrope stated correspondence has been received from County Emergency Management regarding background checks for volunteers. The supervisors asked Johanna Rehkamp to check into this to see if this would apply to any township volunteers on the recreation board.

Barry Schrope made a motion to hold a budget workshop on September 24, 2015 at 8:00 a.m., Jim Fuller second the motion. The workshop will be advertised as required.

Barry Schrope stated he would like to thank Dave Jenkins, Jeff Smith, Dexter Potter and Ken Masser for volunteering their time to do the concrete work for the handicap parking spot. Barry thanked all volunteers who help in the township.

Barry Schrope advised the township has been informed the bid let date for the Sulphur Springs bridge has been pushed back. Barry stated it was to be bid let in October and now they are hoping for January.

Barry Schrope stated the Pennsylvania Dept. of Transportation has conducted a monitoring review of the township's liquid fuels tax fund. Barry advised all was good with the review and there were no areas of concern noted during the review.

Barry Schrope stated at last month's meeting the supervisors discussed drafting a letter to the County Commissioners regarding rebuilding the covered bridge. Barry stated Annette Mullen was to draft a letter, but the letter has not been received yet.

Correspondence has been received from Mark Keller's office regarding DEP accepting applications for a grant program to control urban storm water and improve local water quality. The supervisors asked Jeff Smith to take a look at the letter.

Jim Fuller stated he is also glad for all the volunteers who come out each month for recycling.

Lester Nace stated he has been contacted by an individual from the township who is the early stages of putting in an egg production operation. Lester stated he has also visited Mr. Palombo residence and there has been no trees taken down, but there is surveying work being done. Lester also stated Kraig and his wife had a baby boy Sunday night.

Jim Fuller asked Johanna Rehkamp if she has spoken to Jamie Strong regarding the cellular tower. Johanna advised she has not. Jim asked her to please contact him regarding the proposed tower on the Palombo property.

Vicki Jenkins asked what the procedure is for plastics at recycling, if it is mandated the residents crush them. The supervisors stated no, there is a sign there saying they can get more plastics in the container if they are crushed, but it is not mandated. Vicki stated she has heard that if they are not crushed the plastics won't be accepted.

Ed Womer asked if Paradise Road was being paved or are they just widening the shoulders. Jim Fuller stated it is supposed to be paved next year. Ed also gave a residential drainage guide to the supervisors to look at. The supervisors stated they would take a look at it.

Bob Rhoades asked if Don Neumayer was appointed to the zoning hearing board. The supervisors asked Mr. Neumayer to fill out a volunteer application.

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

2845 – 2883, 07-2015, 007-2015, 080415A, 081315 and 080415B

Jim Fuller second the motion to approve the checks.

There being no further business Jim Fuller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Barry Schrope second the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins  
Twp. Secretary