

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, October 5, 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, Vicki Jenkins, Jeff Smith, Marty Smith, Mary Smith, John Weldon, Bob Foltz, Paul Krieger, Bob Rhoades, James Carroll, Leroy Beck, Holly Potter, D. "Mutt" Neumayer, Dexter Potter, Dave Linville, Dave Jenkins, Luke Roman (Perry Co. Times), Joe Burget, Paul Rudy, Kurt Hepschmidt, David Mills, Kraig Nace and Byron Worner.

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

The minutes of the September 1, 2015 regular meeting and the September 24, 2015 budget workshop meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the October 5, 2015 regular meeting for public viewing. Barry Schrope made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2015 regular meeting as presented by the secretary, Jim Fuller second the motion, Annette Mullen abstained (not in attendance at the meeting). Annette Mullen made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2015 budget workshop meeting as presented by the secretary, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Bob Foltz stated he presented the supervisors with information requested regarding the bridge and donations for use of the pavilion.

James Carroll stated he attended the planning commission meeting regarding several issues, he would like the township to correct permit problems such as farmers not being required to get permits when other residents are required to obtain permits, he stated he would also like the township to look at the planning in the township and allow changes in the zoning and he would also like to have an ordinance to not allow nothing in front of a house. Mr. Carroll stated he would like to have a sit down meeting with the supervisors and discuss all the issues he has observed in the township.

Paul Rudy stated he would like to thank the supervisors for their service.

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

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS stated they have successfully won a bid from the county for a generator that was at the court house and hope to have it installed by the end of the year. Kraig asked the supervisors if the total cost comes in under the \$15,000 the supervisors allocated for the generator purchase may they put the remaining balance back into the operating expenses. The supervisors stated that would be fine. Kraig stated they have 3 vehicles out of service; their transport van, an ambulance and a QRS unit. Kraig stated the cash flow for the 4th qtr. is very slow. Kraig thanked the supervisors for their ongoing support.

Jeff Smith presented the road master report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has sealed the places on the roads where culvert pipes were replaced, finished filling an additional 200 sand bags for use at the bridge at Wagner Park, built a dam at the park for the bridge work, finished the last round of mowing, took the F550 for inspection, dug out the township parking lot to prepare for paving, hauled 15 loads of stone, rough graded the parking lot, Hawbakkers finally came and fixed the problem areas on Windy Hill, changed the fuel and oil filters on the F250, changed the fuel and oil filters on the brown dump truck, cleaned up the shop, replaced the motion detector light on the office entrance and cleaned out culvert pipes after the storm. Jeff asked the supervisors about the estimate for Montebello Road repair. Barry Schrope stated he thinks if the township plans on black topping it in 2 years it should just be patched where the road is bad. Barry stated he can't see spending the \$12,000 to fix it with black topping it in 2 years. Annette Mullen stated she would need to look at it. The supervisors agreed just to patch the area for now.

Joe Burget of Burget & Associates stated he has a client who is a high end builder from out of the area that is looking at buying a piece of property in the township and putting 35 homes on it. Joe stated the question is about the cul-de-sac length. Joe stated our ordinance states the maximum length of a cul-de-sac is 1600 ft. and he would like to go twice that length to 3200 ft., one cul-de-sac or round about at 1600' and then a cul-de-sac at the end of the other 1600'. Joe stated the road would be designed to township specs. Joe asked the supervisors if they thought there would be a problem with the cul-de-sac being 3200 ft. and the township taking over the road after being developed to township specs. The supervisors stated they did not think it should be a problem.

Kurt Hepschmidt, Emergency Management Coordinator stated he attended a Tri County EMC meeting on September 24, 2015 in Dauphin, the next meeting will be held October 15, 2015. Kurt stated there is a public meeting on October 7, 2015 at the Marysville Fire Co. regarding the rock slide project in Marysville and there is also a session before the public meeting for public officials if anyone of the supervisors are interested in attending. Kurt also stated he would be attending a meeting on October 29, 2015 at the County regarding Damage Assessment.

Byron Worner of the Duncannon Fire Co. stated he talked to Annette Mullen at the committee meeting and he doesn't think that an agreement has been made between the Fire Company and Wheatfield Township about expenditures coming out of their capital reserve account. Byron stated he asked Annette at the meeting that their tanker truck repair bill was \$9,000, so the Treasurer asked him to ask Penn and Wheatfield Township for permission to pay that bill out of their capital reserve account, even though there is no agreement with Wheatfield Township. The supervisors stated they did not have an issue with paying that bill out of the capital reserve account. Byron stated the issue with the Fire Relief Audit in regards to the rescue boat being registered to the fire company and not the fire relief association (copy of audit on file) has been taken care of. Byron stated the next fire protection committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Annette Mullen made a motion to adopt Resolution #01-2015 regarding adoption of the Emergency Operations Plan for Wheatfield Township (copy on file), Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Kurt Hepschmidt asked if the Resource Manual is completed so that he may provide the county with a copy of that as well. The supervisors stated they are fine with him providing a copy to the county for their records.

Barry Schrope made a motion to accept Pat Kissinger's recommendation (copy on file) of appointing Gregory Kissinger as Deputy Tax Collector, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Johanna Rehkamp stated she spoke with Attorney James Strong regarding the cellular tower on Montebello Farm Road and informed him the supervisors thought the zoning variance application was premature because a land development plan has not been submitted as instructed by the township to the land owner. Johanna stated Attorney Strong would speak to his client and get back to her. Johanna stated the application has been filed and the required fees paid for; therefore the statute states they are required to have a hearing within 60 days unless the applicant agrees to an extension of that time and that is why she reached out to Attorney Strong. Johanna stated if we do not hear back from Attorney Strong by October 10, 2015 agreeing on an extension the township will want to proceed with scheduling the variance hearing.

Johanna Rehkamp stated she has heard no response back as of yet in regards to the letter sent to Glenn O Hawbaker, Inc. regarding the paving job on Windy Hill Road (copy on file). Vicki Jenkins will see if the check mailed to Hawbakars indicating the account is paid in full has been cashed yet.

Barry Schrope stated he spoke to Tim Rickenbaugh about the damage to Roseglen Road. Barry stated they would like to fix the road themselves. Barry advised him that would be fine, but they are on a time line. Barry stated he would have to call Mr. Rickenbaugh back and let him know if the job was not completed the township would have it done by McNaughton Services when they come to do the parking lot and send them the bill.

Barry Schrope advised Garry Kreiser had Holland Lane seal coated last month at a cost of \$800. Annette Mullen made a motion to pay Mr. Kreiser \$267 (1/3 of the cost) to help offset his expense since the township trucks have used Holland Lane in the past, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

PSATS has sent correspondence to the township regarding the election of Trustees for the Pension Trust, Health Insurance Cooperative Trust and Unemployment Compensation Group Trust. Jim Fuller made a motion to accept William C. Groves and Lester O. Houck as Trustees for the Pension, Health and Unemployment Compensation Trust for a period of 6 years, Barry Schrope second the motion, Annette Mullen opposed stating she does not know anything about the 2 candidates.

Barry Schrope stated there is still an open position on the Zoning Hearing Board. No volunteer applications have been received to date. Vicki Jenkins stated the open position will also be in the township's newsletter.

Jim Fuller made a motion to release \$500 budgeted as a donation to Perry County Crime Stoppers, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to send Carl Hancock and Jason Gary of Dellville Road each a check for \$20.00 and a letter of appreciation for mowing the cemetery on Dellville Road, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Trick or Treat night in Wheatfield Township will be held on Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Annette Mullen made a motion to schedule a workshop to work on the preliminary 2016 budget on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 8:00 a.m., Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope stated he has contacted a couple of companies regarding salt shed prices but none of them have gotten back to him as of yet.

Barry Schrope stated PPL is stating the underground utility ordinance the township has adopted is unconstitutional. PPL states the PUC regulates the utilities and therefore the township cannot supersede there regulations with our ordinance. Johanna Rehkamp stated she has checked the case laws referenced in the PUC regulations and have found them to be correct in that the township cannot supersede their regulations for 1 lot, underground utilities may be enforced on lots of 5 or more. David Mills stated the township can still request the utilities be placed underground. Johanna advised that is correct, but it cannot be enforced. Jim Fuller stated he is not sure if the township should request utilities be underground knowing now that the PUC states it is unlawful and not enforceable. Annette Mullen stated she disagrees with PPL's reasoning in their letter and would like to respond to them stating the township would still like all utilities to be placed underground. Johanna stated she will reach out to the PUC to see how the township can proceed with enforcing the ordinance.

Barry Schrope asked Johanna Rehkamp if she did any research regarding background checks for the volunteers in the township. Johanna advised she has not had a chance to look into it, but she thought as long as there are no children involved it would not be necessary.

Barry Schrope advised a thank you letter has been received from Ken Masser thanking the supervisors for employing him to the part time summer position. Barry stated Ken did a very good job.

Barry Schrope stated Pennoni has inspected the stone arch bridge on Montebello Road and had some minor repairs noted in their report, such as signs missing and also they would like the township to seal around the edges of the guardrail. Barry advised the signs were stolen and have already been replaced and taken care of.

Annette Mullen stated regarding the PPL situation she has contacted our state representatives and PSATS. Annette stated she is surprised on how much PPL can dictate what townships can do and not do.

Barry Schrope stated the township is looking into purchasing a sign for in front of the township.

Vicki Jenkins stated the township has not received the deed consolidating the property on which the township building sets. Johanna Rehkamp stated she will check into it.

Jim Fuller thanked those who helped at this month's recycling; siting it was a very ugly rainy day.

Annette Mullen stated the question she had for the recreation board that was mentioned at the budget meeting is she wanted to see numbers. Annette stated she would like to see what was spent on the foot bridge and what was brought in on donations for the pavilion and what their projected expenses will be for next year for the foot bridge. John Weldon stated they will need someone to fill out the grant papers through DCNR. David Mills stated they are probably looking 3 – 5 years till the bridge will be completed. Annette Mullen asked if the specs of the DEP permit were followed. Jim Fuller stated there was no rip rap placed as required by the permit and if inspected and there is no rip rap, who will pay the fine. Annette asked where the plans are. John Weldon indicated there is a set of plans at the park. John stated he can't see the township getting a fine for making something better than what it would have been. Jeff Smith had the plan and the supervisors looked over it. There were also wing walls added and that was not in the DEP specs. Jim stated he believes the rip rap should be added as required by the permit. David Mills stated to tear out the shale fill that has already been placed and replace it with rip rap would be an unnecessary cost and he feels they should play it by ear and if the shale washes out then they can replace it with rip rap. Annette stated if the plan was deviated from this is something the supervisors should have been made aware of, because it will come back on the township not the recreation board. Annette said the deviation should have been discussed with all 3 supervisors.

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

2884 – 2927, 08-2015, 008-2015, 090415A and 090415B

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, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary