

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, November 2, 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, Holly Potter, Dexter Potter, Mary Smith, Marty Smith, Rick Schaar, Bob Rhoades, Paul Krieger, James Carroll Jr., David Mills, Kurt Hepschmidt, Dave Jenkins, Mutt Neumayer, Luke Roman (Perry County Times), David Linville, 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 October 5, 2015 regular meeting and the October 22, 2015 budget workshop were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the November 2, 2015 regular meeting for public viewing. Jim Fuller questioned the conversation with Joe Burget regarding township cul-de-sac requirements for a possible subdivision. Jim stated he thought Joe said there would be a cul-de-sac at 1600' and then another one at 3200'. The minutes reflected one cul-de-sac at 3200'. The minute approval of the October 5, 2015 meeting was tabled until the recording is reviewed. Annette Mullen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary for the October 22, 2015 budget workshop meeting, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

James Carroll Jr. stated he is wondering why the supervisors put a notice in the paper about a variance before the planning commission has looked at it. Barry Schrope stated when an application for a variance is received the township has 60 days to respond or else it is deemed approved. Barry stated the planning commission does not look at the variance; it goes to the zoning hearing board. James stated he has questioned the supervisors before about not having anything in their ordinance regarding noise from farming and said people who live by the Grange can hear the noise too. James stated there should be a balance between farming and the other residents, equipment should not run all the time. James stated the township gets their revenue from new housing. Jim Fuller stated the township receives \$35,000 a year in property taxes for the whole township. Jim stated the property owners do not support the township; the support comes from the residents working away, Local Income Tax. Jim stated the township receives approximately \$330,000 a year from the Local Income Tax. Annette Mullen stated she has no intention for Wheatfield Township to be negative against the farmer. Annette stated she supports farming. Barry advised the state of Pennsylvania has the Right to Farm Bill and they cannot over rule that; which gives the farmers the right to spread manure, make noise and go about their daily activities. Jim stated Mr. Carroll lives in an ag security area.

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

Kurt Hepschmidt asked the supervisors to consider changing the meeting time to 6:30 or 7:00 p.m.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS gave the supervisors their updated call numbers as of the end of September. Kraig stated they are having some financial challenges but are doing better than they were 30 days ago. Kraig stated they have changed their billing software and in the data transition there was some down time with revenues and there were some billing issues with the nursing homes. Kraig thanked the supervisors for their continuing support. Kraig stated the generator from the county is being moved to the station on November 21<sup>st</sup> and they hope to have it up and running by early 2016.

Jeff Smith presented the road master report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has done crack sealing on Hunkey Hollow and started on Cook Road, took the shoulder machine off of the blue truck, put the salt spreader on the blue dump, hauled 4 loads of 2A, replaced the steering reservoir on the blue dump, replaced the exhaust fan in the bathroom at Wagner Park, put new brakes and rotors on the F250, attended a class (Jeff & Dexter) for flagger training and certification, closed Montebello Road after the bridge was damaged, did grading on Basin Hill and Montebello Road, McNaughton Services paved the township parking lot, hauled 5 loads of millings to the township building to fill in around the paving, put the no parking signs in the developments for the winter maintenance, had the F250 inspected, filled in shoulders on Montebello Road, cleaned up some culverts and downed trees after the rain, patched and painted the bed on the red dump. Annette Mullen asked Jeff if he has heard from the insurance company regarding the bridge damage. Jeff stated he has not heard from them since they stated were going to come out and look at it. Jeff stated he is not sure if they came out and looked at it or not.

Byron Worner of the Duncannon Fire Co. stated he has emailed their 990 to the township. Byron advised the next fire protection committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Byron stated they have looked into the legality of contracts with municipalities and the State has advised them they are allowed to have a service contract between the fire company and municipality or

multiple municipalities for a length of time. Byron stated they were under the impression that a contract could not last for more than a year with the changing of supervisors.

Barry Schrope stated Kurt Hepschmidt has received a plaque for completing the Advanced Certification training requirements for completing the second phase of the career development program. Barry thanked Kurt for his time and service. Kurt stated he attended an open forum in Marysville regarding the rock slope project and that he also attended a Tri County meeting in Dauphin for traffic control. Kurt stated he and Bob attended a course provided by PSATS for Traffic Incident Management on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Duncannon EMS building. Kurt stated he and Bob also attended a PEMA Damage Assessment course at the county.

Barry Schrope advised Hawbaker's got back to us after last month's meeting and stated they are not accepting our final payment for the Windy Hill paving job. Barry stated a letter has been sent to them in response (copy on file) and to date the township has not heard anything else. Johanna Rehkamp stated they have accepted our final payment by cashing the check which indicated account paid in full. Barry stated all 3 supervisors feel they are justified in withholding the liquidated damages.

Barry Schrope indicated Garry Kreiser has returned the check the township sent him to help with the seal coating of his driveway since the township has used it. Barry stated he was under the assumption that is what Mr. Kreiser was looking for when he spoke with him. Barry stated Mr. Kreiser is looking for the township to pave the end of the driveway. Barry stated there are 6 residents who use the driveway and he doesn't feel the township has to pay to pave the whole driveway and that there are also other big trucks that use the driveway as well. Annette Mullen stated she thought he just wanted help with the seal coating as well. Jim Fuller stated the township never drove on the driveway until the township purchased the adjoining Clegg property. Barry stated the township has a right-of-way up to that property. Johanna Rehkamp stated he would have to prove the township caused all of the damage. The supervisors state they will look at the deed and tax maps and gather more information before responding.

The township has received notice from the Commonwealth of PA that the amount of Volunteer Fire Relief for 2015 received is \$19,181.58. Annette Mullen made a motion to release \$14,386.19 (3/4) to the Duncannon Fire Co. and \$4,795.39 (1/4) to the New Bloomfield Fire Co., Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to release \$167 as budgeted as a donation to the New Bloomfield Fire Police, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope advised the budget has been worked on at a couple of workshops and the supervisors believe it is ready to be advertised for adoption. Jim Fuller made a motion to advertise and post the proposed budget for adoption at the December meeting, Annette Mullen seconds the motion, with all in favor. Barry stated the supervisors have scheduled a workshop for November 17, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. to discuss all permit fees.

Barry Schrope stated the township has received the recorded deed from the County for the property consolidation.

The supervisors discussed changing the date for the December recycling due to lack of help because of deer season. They decided to move the date up a week early to November 28, 2015. Vicki Jenkins will advertise in the paper and place it on the website.

Barry Schrope informed everyone about the Montebello Road stone arch bridge being damaged. Barry stated correspondence has been received from Pennoni regarding the engineering for the bridge and estimated the cost to be around \$24,000. Barry stated he believes work will not start until the beginning of the year, weather pending. The supervisors discussed winter maintenance on the road and stated it will require some extra attention during snow or ice.

Barry Schrope reminded those in attendance of the upcoming Zoning Hearing Variance for the proposed cellular tower on Montebello Farm Road on November 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Annette Mullen stated she is checking on electronic recycling for next year.

Annette Mullen asked the other supervisors about considering changing the meeting time to 7:00 p.m.

Annette Mullen stated she would like to thank Kurt Hepschmidt for his time as EMC for the township.

Lester Nace reminded everyone about recycling this Saturday.

Vicki Jenkins asked the supervisors if they would like to let everyone know a sign has been ordered for the township building. Barry Schrope advised a sign has been order and stated the sign will be lighted and we will be able to put upcoming events on it.

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Jeff Smith reminded everyone about election day being tomorrow.

Barry Schrope made a motion to approve the checks from the General Fund for the month of October.

They were as follows:

2928 – 2971, 09-2015, 009-2015, 101415A, 101415B, 0003-2015 and 101615

Jim Fuller second the motion, 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 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins  
Twp. Secretary