

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, December 7, 2015 in the Wheatfield 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, Dexter Potter, Jeff Smith, Rick Schaar, Joe Burget Jr., Paul Krieger, Marty Smith, Mary Smith, David Linville, Dave Jenkins, D.F. "Mutt" Neumayer, Kurt Hepschmidt, Luke Roman (Perry County Times) and Kraig Nace.

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

Barry Schrope stated this is Annette Mullen's last meeting. Barry thanked Annette for her service.

The revised minutes of the October 5, 2015 meeting, the minutes of the November 2, 2015 meeting and the November 17, 2015 workshop meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Wheatfield Township Building prior to the December 7, 2015 regular meeting for public viewing. Jim Fuller made a motion to approve the revised October 5, 2015 meeting as presented by the secretary, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Annette Mullen made the motion to approve the November 2, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented by the secretary, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Annette Mullen made a motion to approve the November 17, 2015 workshop minutes as presented by the secretary, Jim Fuller second the motion, Barry Schrope abstained (not at workshop).

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Kraig stated they are still working on a generator, the one purchased from the court house will not work because it is a 3 phase. Kraig thanked the supervisors and the residents for their support.

Jeff Smith presented the road master report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has patched the bed on the red dump, painted the bed on the red dump, hauled 4 loads of anti-skid, hauled 4 loads of shale to Montebello Road, advised G&R fixed Roseglen Road where it was damaged, hauled rip rap to Sulphur Springs Road, had 3 loads of salt delivered, put the salt spreader and plow on the red dump, graded along Glutz Hole Road, cleaned up a down tree on Montebello Road, filled in the shoulders on Sulphur Springs Road, pushed the brush back on Mountain Road, filled in the shoulders on Linton Hill Road and Hunkey Hollow Road, cut down 8 pine trees on Montebello Road, filled in behind the wing wall at the foot bridge at Wagner Park, put the salt spreader on the brown dump and took the brown dump to Hoovers for inspection.

Joe Burget of Burget and Associates presented the Gladfelter Pulp Wood Co. & R.W.M. Investments, LLC subdivision plan. Joe stated the purpose of the plan is a lot addition. Joe advised all comments from the township planning commission have been addressed. The township planning commission has recommended approval of the plan and the 3 requested AOR's; 1 – Final Plan Review, 2 – Sheet Size and 3 – Map Scale. Annette Mullen made a motion to accept the AOR's as requested, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Annette Mullen made the motion to approve the lot addition plan as presented, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

No representative from the Duncannon Fire Co. was in attendance at tonight's meeting. Annette Mullen asked Kraig Nace if he made the fire committee meeting. Kraig stated yes he was in attendance and there was discussion regarding re-chassis the ladder truck and replace the engine for a cost of 1.35 million. Annette stated her concern is their debt and then they want to spend 1.3 million on the ladder truck.

Kurt Hepschmidt, EMC stated he has nothing to report this month.

Barry Schrope discussed the issue with Holland Lane. Barry stated he had Lester Nace look at the plan and Lester advised the township has the right to use Holland Lane and the plan stated the maintenance will be shared, it doesn't say how much or by whom. Lester stated his thought would be whatever the township does now the township should get out of the responsibility for maintenance in the future, it may cost a little more now but in the long term it will be better. The supervisors stated now is not the time of the year for paving and will table the issue for the mean time. Lester advised the deed states it is a 12' right-of-way and the maintenance is to be shared by the users.

Two volunteer applications have been received for the open position on the Zoning Hearing Board. Annette Mullen made a motion to appoint D.F. Neumayer to the vacant position, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Mr. Neumayer will finish out Dexter Potter's term. Term will expire December 31, 2019.

Annette Mullen made a motion to release \$2,400 as budgeted as a donation to the New Bloomfield EMS, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Annette Mullen made a motion to adopt the 2016 budget, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Barry Schrope stated a Capital Reserve fund for the Duncannon Fire Co. and New Bloomfield Fire Co. will be set up. Barry said the portion of the donation that will go to the Capital Reserve fund will require 2 signatures to withdraw, one from the township (Chairman) and one from the fire company (president).

Annette Mullen made a motion for the days and time for township meetings to be as follows: monthly Board of Supervisors meetings will be held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. with the exception for the months of July and September this year, July's meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 and September's meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, the Planning Commission will meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., the Recreation Board will meet the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m., the Zoning Hearing Board will hold their organizational meeting on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 6:30 p.m and the Auditors will hold their organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Meetings will be advertised as required by law.

The supervisors discussed the recycling dates for 2016. The December 3, 2016 recycling will be moved to November 26, 2016 due to deer season and lack of volunteers.

Jim Fuller made a motion for taxes to remain at .199 on all real estate assessments, 1% on real estate transfer tax (.5% township, .5% school), and 1.8% on earned income tax (.5% township, 1.3% school), Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

The Perry County Convention is Saturday, February 27, 2016. Invitations will be extended to the Emergency Management Coordinator, Planning Commission, Zoning Officer, Secretary, Auditors, Supervisors and the Tax Collector. Vicki Jenkins will forward the workshop information to those invited.

Barry Schrope stated the township has not received any engineering drawings from Pennoni yet for the Montebello Road stone arch bridge. Barry stated Pennoni has filed the GP11 permit. Jeff Smith stated Nationwide has hired an engineer to look at the bridge as well and will be out December 8th or 9th.

Correspondence has been received from the Perry County Planning Commission regarding the 2016 Municipal Planning Support Service Program. The supervisors stated there is no interest in enrolling in the program.

Correspondence has been received from Blue Ridge Communications regarding the franchise agreement expiring May 31, 2016. Blue Ridge is asking for another 2-year term. Barry Schrope asked the supervisors to think if there is anything extra the township or park is in need of. Annette Mullen stated a phone line to Wagner Park would be good.

Barry Schrope stated a letter was sent to Hawbaker's on October 23, 2015 regarding deducting the liquidated damages for the paving job on Windy Hill Road. Barry stated the township has not heard anything back on the letter. Barry asked the solicitor if the letter should be sent certified mail so that we know they received it. Johanna Rehkamp stated she does not believe it is necessary, that we were responding to the letter they sent us. The supervisors stated they would just let it be for now.

Barry Schrope advised the pesticide license for the township has expired. Barry asked Jeff Smith if there was an interest in him obtaining his license. Jeff stated the road crew has not sprayed since he has been here; they have been using the weed wacker. The supervisors stated at this point let it expire and if there is interest at a later date Jeff will have to get certified.

Barry Schrope made a motion to schedule a workshop on December 21, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. to discuss the township's fee schedules, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope advised the zoning hearing board denied the variance for Verizon Wireless for a cellular tower on Montebello Farm Road.

Annette Mullen stated it has been a privilege to serve as a supervisor and that she feels they have accomplished a lot in the last 6 years. Annette stated she thinks the struggle with the fire companies will continue; their vision and our vision is not the same. Annette stated a service contract with the fire companies would be a good thing, but you have to have the same goals. Annette thanked everyone.

Lester Nace asked if anything has been heard on the Lyons Surveying issue. Annette Mullen stated she will follow up with the gentleman her and Lester met with.

Lester Nace stated he has been asked if the township has any prohibitions against 2 story mobile homes. The supervisor's state they have never heard of 2 story mobile homes before.

Jim Fuller stated there was some junk dropped off at the recycling container on Saturday. Jim advised they went through and found some names on the stuff. Recycling was moved up one week because of deer season. The supervisors state they will send a letter to the people advising them to not drop off their stuff when the recycling center is closed.

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

2972 – 3013, 10-2015, 010-2015, 110515A and 110515B

Jim Fuller second the motion to approve the checks, with all in favor.

There being no further business Annette Mullen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary