

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, February 1, 2016 in the Township Building. Barry Schrope called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Barry Schrope, Jim Fuller, Jeff Smith, Johanna Rehkamp, Vicki Jenkins, Lester Nace, Rick Schaar, Dexter Potter, Mutt Neumayer, Kurt Hepschmidt, David Mills, Dave Jenkins, Kraig Nace, Holly Potter, Luke Roman (Perry Cty. Times) and Dave Linville.

Jim Fuller led the pledge to the American flag followed by a brief moment of silence.

The minutes of the January 4, 2016 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the February 1, 2016 regular meeting for public viewing. Barry Schrope made a motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

David Mills stated on behalf of the recreation board he would like to thank the supervisors for continuing to support Wagner Park and recreation in the community. David stated on behalf of the planning commission they discussed the fee schedule that was brought up by Jim Fuller at their last meeting. David stated they will discuss it further at their next planning commission meeting with Lester Nace and Jerry Spease.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS stated he would like to thank the road crew for the great job of plowing the township roads during the major snow storm. Kraig stated they are starting their end of the year report for 2015 and that they ended the year with 1331 dispatched emergencies; their busiest year ever. Kraig thanked the supervisors for their ongoing support and welcomed Jeff Smith to the board.

Jeff Smith presented the road report for last month. Jeff advised the road crew has cut down a dead pine tree on Windy Hill, changed the oil in the F250, cleaned out culvert pipes, graded along Roseglen Road, trimmed trees on Montebello Road, cleared brush at the bridge on Montebello Road for sight distance, replaced the side boards on the F550, plowed for the 1st snow, hauled 3 loads of anti skid, cut down 9 cedar trees on Roseglen Road, changed the oil in the bucket truck, trimmed trees on Roseglen Road, removed a bush along Roseglen Road, plowed for the big snow storm, power washed the trucks, took the power washer back to Smith's to repair again and worked on fixing snow plows from the storm. Jeff also stated Don and Cally Peters called the township and wanted to thank the road crew for the good job of plowing on Montebello Road and for helping Mrs. Peters.

Barry Schrope stated a new signature card will be needed for the Marysville Bank since there has been a change in supervisors. Barry stated they will need a copy of the meeting minutes showing Jeff Smith replaced Annette Mullen. Barry advised a letter will be prepared showing Annette Mullen being removed as a signer and adding Jeff Smith as a signer.

No representative from the Duncannon Fire Co. was at tonight's meeting.

Spring cleanup will be held Thursday, April 21 through Saturday, April 23, 2016 with hours of 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Dumpster bids will be obtained for next month's meeting. The supervisors stated they will not accept shingles this year, no asphalt roofing and no books. They will also check into recyclers for electronics. The supervisors asked to put in the newsletter about the township wide clean up again this year. Jeff Smith will get with Sylvester's as to what they will charge to haul the scrap metal again this year.

Johanna Rehkamp stated she has called the attorney for Glenn O. Hawbaker and did not hear back from her so she called again today and the secretary has scheduled a phone call for Thursday at 3:00 p.m. Johanna stated she will send the township an email as to what was discussed.

The supervisors discussed the roads proposed for the 2016 road projects. The supervisors discussed paving Dugans Mill Road and Dark Hollow Road (from Pleasant Grove to Linton Hill) (1.56 miles) and seal coating Loshes Run Road (from Linton Hill to the township line at Logania Bridge) (1.83 miles). Jeff Smith asked the other supervisors how they felt about seal coating Windy Hill Road from Roseglen Road to Rt. 274. Jeff stated the hill is very icy when it snows. The other supervisors stated it could be added to the bid and see where it comes in at. Jeff stated it would be a total of 2.65 miles if they add Windy Hill to the seal coating bid. Barry Schrope stated they may want to look at also repairing Montebello Farm Road.

Correspondence has been received from the Perry County Council of Governments about appointing a delegate and alternate. Barry Schrope made a motion to appoint Jeff Smith as the delegate, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Barry Schrope made a motion to appoint Jim Fuller as the alternate, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

The PSATS Convention in Hershey is being held April 17 – 20, 2016. There is no interest from the supervisors or road crew in attending this year.

Correspondence has been received from Blue Ridge Communications regarding the renewal of the franchise agreement. The existing agreement will expire May 31, 2016. Jim Fuller made a motion to renew the agreement as is for another 2 year term, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Jeff Smith stated he spoke with Wil Cameron of Pennoni on January 29th and he stated the plans are pretty much done and the permit has been submitted to DEP for their review. Wil advised the bid packages will take about 2 weeks to put together. Wil asked if the supervisors want to bid it out or just get 3 prices. Wil also stated the insurance company would like a copy of the plans and the permit and asked if the supervisors would be okay with that. Johanna Rehkamp stated she spoke with the engineer for Nationwide and they indicated they are not going to prepare an independent estimate, they are going to review the drawings and estimate from Pennoni and that they would like to see the bids received. Johanna advised her understanding is as long as the bids are reasonable they will approve what the township does. Jeff stated the plans from Pennoni are designed to restore the bridge to make it back to original as possible. Barry Schrope stated Pennoni has sent an engineering bill to the township and asked Johanna if the bill should be submitted to Nationwide. Johanna advised yes it should be submitted and advised the township may need to pay it and then be reimbursed from the insurance company when the claim is settled. The supervisors agreed they will submit the bill to Nationwide and also bid out the bridge to get more estimates. Jeff will advise Wil to prepare the bid packages and advertise.

Correspondence has been received from Thomas Stuckey Jr. from the Bureau of Enforcement and Investigation for the State regarding Lyons Surveying indicating the investigation has been assigned to a prosecutor and is still with the prosecutor which means a decision has not been made yet on the case.

Correspondence has been received from the New Bloomfield Fire Co. regarding their annual Fireman's Banquet on February 18th at 7:00 p.m. Jim Fuller and Jeff Smith stated they would like to go.

Barry Schrope stated a thank you letter has been received from the New Bloomfield EMS thanking the township for their donation.

Barry Schrope advised the next Fire Protection Committee meeting will be held on February 23rd at 7:30 p.m. Barry asked Kurt Hepschmidt, EMC if he would like to attend the meeting with him as well.

Barry Schrope asked Lester Nace who advises a resident after we assign them an address where to put the mailbox. Lester advised the Post Office has their own regulations on height and where the mailbox is placed.

A post card has been received from Tallman Aerial regarding spraying for gypsy moth. Barry Schrope forwarded the card to the recreation board for their review.

Barry Schrope advised the Sulphur Springs Bridge replacement has been awarded to Susquehanna Valley Construction out of New Cumberland.

Barry Schrope advised the County and Wheatfield Township declared a snow emergency for the recent major snow storm. Barry advised the township completed paperwork from PEMA today and has submitted it to the County as requested.

Jeff Smith stated he has received prices on sheds from Fisher Structures and Loysville Structures as discussed at last month's meeting. Jeff stated Fisher Structures was cheaper. Jeff advised a 12x16 was approximately \$2000 depending on what style, doors and windows we wanted. Jim Fuller made a motion to purchase a 12 x 16 shed from Fisher Structures, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Lester Nace stated recycling is this Saturday.

Lester Nace advised 2 subdivision plans and 1 land development plan has been received.

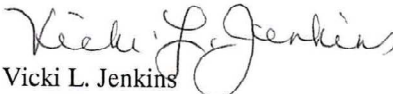
Barry Schrope made a motion to approve the checks from the General Fund for the month of January. They were as follows:

3060 – 3098 and 010116, 12-2015, 012-2015, 010516A, 010516B, 010716 and 0004-2015.

Jeff Smith second the motion to approve the checks, with all in favor.

There being no further business Jeff Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary