

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, June 6, 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, Dexter Potter, Rick Schaar, Kurt Hepschmidt, David Mills, Ed Womer, Dave Jenkins and Kraig Nace.

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

The minutes of the May 2, 2016 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the June 6, 2016 regular meeting for public viewing. Jim Fuller stated there was an error in the minutes regarding the underground utilities requirement. The minute's state the supervisors would like to change the wording in the SALDO book to state underground utilities are required and not recommended. Jim stated it should be they would like it to change the wording to recommended not required. Jim Fuller made a motion to approve the minutes with the change, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

David Mills thanked the supervisors for continuing to support Wagner Park and recreation in the township. Barry Schrope asked if the handicap dock being done for an Eagle Scout project was completed for the fishing derby held on Saturday. David advised it was not completed but the project is coming along.

Ed Womer stated he was out and looked at the bridge repair on Montebello Road. Ed stated the contractor who did the work did a great job. Ed also stated the guiderail is not in line with the bridge and he is concerned with someone hitting it again. Ed suggested shimming the guiderail out and putting it flush with the bridge. The supervisors stated they would go and look at it.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS gave the supervisors their call statistics report as of the end of May and thanked the supervisors for their ongoing support. Kraig stated they held the mock crash at Susquenita on May 6th and the message was well received. Kraig also stated their subscriptions are out.

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has replaced a 15", 18", 24" and 30" pipe on Montebello Road, replaced a 15" and 18" pipe on Narrows Road, hauled shale to Dugans Mill to fill in the shoulders, replaced a line on the backhoe, mowed at the cemetery and covered bridge, cut up downed trees on Loshes Run Road, cut down 3 dead ash trees at the park, cleared out the trees for the pavilion, hauled shale to the park, hauled 2 loads of 2B stone and completed the first round of mowing.

No representatives from the Duncannon Fire Co. were at tonight's meeting.

One bid was received for the 1994 Red Ford L8000 Dump Truck. RL Livingston Excavation & Paving, Inc. bid \$5,225.00. Jeff Smith made a motion to accept the bid from RL Livingston for \$5,225.00, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope stated the one snow plow the township has is wore out and rusted through. Barry asked the other supervisors if they would be interested in looking at a new plow and obtaining prices. Jeff Smith will get prices on 11' and 12' one way and two way plows.

The supervisors stated they went and looked at the Montebello Road Bridge and noticed there were a couple of bad spots that should be repointed again. John Weldon submitted an estimate of \$1200 to repoint the bad spots. Barry Schrope made a motion to accept John Weldon's estimate, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope stated the township has received the internal audit report from the Duncannon Fire Co. Barry Schrope made a motion to release \$55,000 as budgeted as a donation to the Duncannon Fire Co. with \$20,000 going to their operating costs and \$35,000 going into a Capital Reserve account, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope stated the Duncannon EMS submitted their financial reports at the May meeting. Jim Fuller made a motion to release \$22,500 as budgeted as a donation to the Duncannon EMS, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope advised the part time summer employee Joe Groff resigned today due to health issues. The supervisors advise one other township resident Adam Schrope applied for the job. Jim Fuller made a motion to hire Adam Schrope as the new part time summer employee, Jeff Smith second the motion, Barry Schrope abstained, due to Adam being his son.

Barry Schrope asked the solicitor regarding salt shed bidding questions. Barry stated he has spoken to several builders and none of them seem to do a complete building. Barry asked how to bid it as one when several builders would be involved. Johanna Rehkamp stated you have to look at the total price to determine if the project needs to be bid out and if prevailing wage rates apply. The supervisors discussed being the contractor and sub-contracting the work out. The supervisors asked Johanna to look into if prevailing wage rates apply to municipal employees. Barry advised he has received one quote but is awaiting another quote from Nyce Construction.

Correspondence has been received from the Auditor General Office regarding the examination of the 2014 Liquid Fuels Tax Fund (copy on file). All records were found to be in order.

Barry Schrope advised the Sulphur Springs Bridge work will be starting on June 13, 2016 and will be closed till approximately October 14, 2016.

Barry Schrope stated the supervisors will be attending the June Planning Commission meeting to discuss the revisions made to the SALDO book and the subdivision fees prior to them voting on it. Barry indicated they still had some questions.

Correspondence has been received from the Perry County Commissioners regarding the opening of the Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Community Development Block Grant. Barry Schrope asked the other supervisors to look over it and see if there is any project in the township or any funds for the park that they could apply for. There's a meeting on June 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building.

Barry Schrope stated the bridge on Montebello Road is open and the work looks really nice.

Kurt Hepschmidt requested the supervisors purchase 2 phones for Emergency Management. Kurt stated the one in the back office the buttons don't work and he would like to see the township have an extra one in case the operations center would ever be opened they could plug it into the fax line. Barry Schrope stated there is an extra cellular phone here to use as well. The supervisors approved the purchase of 2 phones.

Jeff Smith asked about obtaining mower quotes. Jeff stated the mower the township currently has they put over \$1000 into it and it still is not working correctly. Jeff stated they can make it through this year but they really need to think about purchasing a new one. Jeff stated he has talked with Valley Ag and Messicks on different options and pricing. Barry Schrope and Jim Fuller stated they would go to Valley Ag and look at the mowers.

Johanna Rehkmapp stated she has not heard anything back from Hawbaker's attorney since the last letter she sent.

Jeff Smith stated the paving and seal coat will be done this week and next week. Kraig Nace asked if it would be possible to have their parking lot seal coated at a better price in lieu of some of their contribution. Jeff Smith stated Martin Paving would be coming on Wednesday and he would have them look at their parking lot.

Lester Nace stated about 6 months ago he issued a zoning permit for a structure and the criteria had changed so the individual is coming back with a redesign of the structure. Lester advised the old zoning permit will be voided and a new one will be issued.

Vicki Jenkins reminded the supervisors of the Northeastern Perry Regional Planning Area Outreach meeting on June 7th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Howe Township Building. Vicki advised she also sent the notice to the township planning commission.

Jim Fuller stated he attended a task force meeting at Penn Twp. and they are predicting 11 & 15 to be opened back up way earlier than expected. Kraig Nace stated he had heard it should be opened back up by the end of June. Jim stated it looks like they are highly considering a roundabout at the Rt. 850 & Rt. 34 intersection.

Jim Fuller advised recycling on Saturday was on the light side thanks to all the help that comes out.

Jim Fuller stated the supervisors discussed the utility ordinance and he was not happy with the wording stating underground utilities are required and that the owner can always request an AOR from the plan submitted. Jim stated he feels this is opening the township up for a lawsuit. Jim asked the solicitor if this could happen. Johanna Rehkmapp advised the township has sovereign immunity but she would check into it and get back to the supervisors. Johanna stated it would be wise to amend the language to underground utilities are recommended and not required. Jim stated he believes the consensus of the board would like the SALDO book to state recommended as well.


Jeff Smith made a motion to approve the checks from the General Fund for the month of May. They were as follows:

3218 – 3258, 041516, 04-2016, 004-2016, 050616 and 051016

Jim Fuller 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 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary