

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, July 5, 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, Lester Nace, Paul Krieger, Rick Schaar, David Linville, D.F. Neumayer, Holly Potter, Kurt Hepschmidt and David Mills.

Jeff Smith led the pledge to the American flag followed by a brief moment of silence.

The minutes of the June 6, 2016 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the July 5, 2016 regular meeting for public viewing. Jim Fuller made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting as presented by the secretary, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Paul Krieger stated at recycling there was talk regarding the Community Aid bin and money the township could get for having it here. Paul stated Phyllis called Community Aid and got some information regarding the bin. The bin belongs to The Tabitha House which is affiliated with Abundant Harvest Church. The bins are for nonprofit organizations only and some municipalities can have them if they are nonprofit (501C4). Paul stated he has the contact information if the township is interested. The township could receive 4 cents per pound for clothing, shoes, belts, hats, etc., they do not take furniture. Paul states as part of the agreement the township could receive 12 - \$25 gift certificates for needy families and after 1 year you are eligible for a \$5000 grant for a project at the park or something like that. Paul stated he will give the supervisors the information if they are interested in the money coming to the township instead of Abundant Harvest. Jim stated Phyllis talked to him about it and asked who put the bin there and he informed her Community Aid did. Jim stated Community Aid did not put it there and whoever put it there gets the money for it. Jim stated the supervisors could take a look at the information and that it would be better for Wheatfield Township to receive the money than Abundant Harvest which is in Penn Township and The Tabitha House.

Kurt Hepschmidt asked if the generator runs clean power for the computers and copiers here at the township and asked about getting a line conditioner. Dave Mills stated a line conditioner can be placed in your electric panel or a small plug in model that is not as expensive. Kurt stated at some time he would like to do a dry run and make sure everything works.

David Mills would like to thank the township for continuing to support recreation in the township.

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for the month of June. Jeff stated the road crew has hauled shale for the handicap ramp at the park for the Eagle Scout project, received 2 scoops of mulch for at the park, Martin Paving has completed the seal coat on Loshes Run Road, weed wacked around the guard rails, trimmed trees off of Hunkey Hollow Road and Rt. 274 for sight distance, Wilson Paving has completed the paving on Dugans Mill Road and Dark Hollow Road, cut up downed trees on Narrows Road, replaced a 15" pipe on Basin Hill, replaced 4 - 15" pipe and 1 - 18" pipe on Montebello Road, cleaned brushed off the bank on Montebello Road, power washed the trucks and equipment, cleaned up down trees and wash outs after a storm and have gotten halfway through the second round of mowing. Barry Schrope asked what the schedule for paving is for the areas where the pipes were replaced. Jeff indicated hopefully by the end of the month. Jim Fuller asked about the pot holes on Loshes Run Road where Martin Paving just seal coated. Jeff advised the road is falling apart and where the bad spot is the seal coat did not fix it. Jeff stated he is working with the State about the sight distance at Rt. 274 and Hunkey Hollow Road. Jeff advised they just don't have the manpower to close down one lane of Rt. 274 and trim. Jim also asked about some steel stakes that are placed in the right of way on Cook Road. Jim stated he would like to see the stakes removed because of the liability issue. Johanna Rehkamp stated the township should talk to the property owner first but has the right to remove them from the right of way. Jeff Smith stated he would stop and talk to the property owner.

No representatives from the Duncannon Fire Co. were able to attend tonight's meeting. Barry Schrope stated he attended their fire protection committee meeting and they would like the township to become a shareholder or stockholder in the fire company; then that way they can say the fire company doesn't own it the municipalities own it. Barry stated the fire company sent us an email requesting the amount of the assessed value of parcels in the township, population and earned income tax received so they can be figure out what percentage each township should be contributing. The supervisors stated they are not interested in giving the fire company those figures and that they are happy with the way it is currently. Barry stated they currently have Penn Township at 40%, Wheatfield Township at 40% and Duncannon Boro at 20% of their business. Penn Township gives \$65,000, Wheatfield Township gives \$75,000 (between Duncannon and New Bloomfield) and Duncannon Boro gives \$22,500. Barry advised their plan to pay for their new fire equipment is they want each municipality to put so much into a fund each year. Penn Township puts in \$30,000 and this year Wheatfield Township will put in \$35,000 and Duncannon Boro does not put anything in. Barry advised the fire company would like Penn Townships donation to go up to \$85,000, Wheatfield Townships up to \$99,000 and Duncannon Boro up to \$50,000.

Barry Schrope stated the supervisors have a couple of questions for the solicitor regarding the revised SALDO book. Jim Fuller asked about the wording for the underground utility requirement instead of being recommended. Jim stated the planning commission asked if the township can require the landowner to go from the last pole put in to the transformer underground or onto the house so that the utilities are out of the townships right of way. Barry Schrope stated the other question was instead of repeating the MPC in the SALDO book can the just refer to the MPC in the SALDO, then that way when things are changed in the MPC the ordinance would not have to be changed, it would automatically go to what the standards are of the MPC. Johanna Rehkamp stated she did not

believe there would be a problem with that. Barry asked Lester Nace about his thoughts on a stand-alone ordinance for driveways. Barry stated Jerry Spease thought it would be a good idea to keep it separate and not added to the SALDO ordinance. Barry asked Lester if he could get with Jerry regarding some questions he had on the language to use. The supervisors advise they will send the revised SALDO book to the solicitor for her review.

Barry Schrope stated the fees for subdivisions and land development plans have been revised. Barry advised the township is going to also do bonding for driveways, etc. to make sure things are put in according to the approved plan. Jim Fuller made a motion to adopt the new subdivision and land development fee schedule, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Johanna Rehkamp suggested adding any other fees to the language for all categories as a catch all too any unexpected fees.

Barry Schrope stated the supervisors have looked at several different mowers and got pricing. Jim Fuller made a motion to purchase a John Deere R240 Disk Mower, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope stated the Sulphur Springs Bridge closure was delayed by 2 weeks because of the pipe replacement on Paradise Road by the State. Barry advised Paradise Road was to be used for a detour for Sulphur Springs Road. Jeff Smith asked if the park and recreation board are still interested in the beams from the Sulphur Springs Bridge. Dave Mills stated he will check with the others on the recreation board.

Barry Schrope advised the township has received a letter from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of General Counsel regarding the complaint the township filed against Lyons Surveying. Barry stated the office has determined that the circumstances in this case do not permit formal prosecution and the file in this matter is now closed.

Johanna Rehkamp stated when she reviewed last month's minutes there was a question regarding prevailing wages applying to township employees. Johanna advised it does not apply to township employees, just contractors and subcontractors and their employees.

Lester Nace stated at this time last year he issued 19 zoning permits, so far this year he has 27 and has 3 in the process not including the one from the zoning hearing.

Jim Fuller thanked all of the volunteers for recycling.

Barry Schrope stated they are still working on the salt shed. Barry advised they have met with an engineer to draw up the specifications and plan.

Jim Fuller made a motion to approve the checks from the General Fund for the month of June. They were as follows:

3259 – 3304, 050416A, 05-2016, 005-2016, 060616A, 060616B, 062916A and 062916B

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. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary