

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, September 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, Dave Jenkins, Dave Linville, Chuck Reed, Joey Hestor, Marty Smith, Mary Smith, Kurt Hepschmidt, David Mills and Byron Worner.

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

The minutes of the August 1, 2016 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the September 6, 2016 regular meeting for public viewing. Jeff Smith made the motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Joey Hestor stated he is here tonight to ask the supervisors for a donation to finish up his Eagle Scout project (handicap fishing ramp) that he is doing at Wagner Park.

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

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for the month of August. Jeff stated the road crew has black topped where the culvert pipes have been replaced, patched potholes on Montebello Road, Pine Hill Road and Shermans Drive, had the red dump truck, blue dump truck and the F550 inspected, weed wacked around the guard rails in the township, filled in shoulders on Dugans Mill Road and Dark Hollow Road, fixed a hydraulic leak on the blue dump truck, power washed equipment and trucks, hauled a load of cracker dust to Wagner Park for the Eagle Scout project, Alpha Space was here and line painted Dark Hollow Road, Dugans Mill Road and Loshes Run Road, cut up a downed tree on Hunkey Hollow Road, hauled 3 loads of shot rock to Dugans Mill and is completed the 3rd round of mowing along the roads.

The supervisors asked Joey Hestor how much of a donation he is looking for. Joey stated he is looking for \$350 to finish up the project. Barry asked Joey if he received any donations. Joey indicated the Duncannon Sportsmen's Club donated \$500, Hempt Bros. donated the 3 yds. of concrete, Base Camp Outfitters donated \$50 and then he received bolts, nails and screws from other individuals. Barry Schrope made a motion to give Joey Hestor (Boy Scout Troop 64) a \$350 donation toward the handicap pier at Wagner Park, Jeff Smith made a motion, with all in favor. The total project cost is approximately \$1200.

Byron Worner of the Duncannon Fire Co. asked if any progress has been made on the joint account for the Capital Reserve monies. Barry Schrope advised the bank would not accept the minutes as they were and that the supervisors would have to do an addendum to the minutes with the language the bank is looking for and also the account will just be under Wheatfield Township title modified for the Duncannon Fire Co. Byron stated the annual payment for the new apparatus comes out October 1st automatically and asked if would be possible to have the money from the Capital Reserve be released to the fire company by check this year so they can deposit it. Barry asked if they wanted all their Capital Reserve money or a portion. Byron stated he did not ask the treasurer what the balance is in their account but the payment is a little over \$50,000. Byron asked if the supervisors could release up to \$30,000 out of the Capital Reserve and he will contact the treasurer tomorrow and then contact us with the exact amount they are in need of. The supervisors also discussed about making a payment to the apparatus loan directly each year out of the Capital Reserve account. Byron stated it could possibly be automatically transferred on the last day of September. Barry Schrope made a motion to release up to \$30,000 to the Duncannon Fire Co. and the remainder be placed in a Capital Reserve (apparatus fund) fund, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Byron stated the next Fire Committee meeting is on October 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Bids received for the construction of a salt and cinder shed were opened and read aloud. The results were as follows:

John Weldon Construction - \$165,200

Jeff Smith made a motion to reject the bid, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. The supervisors did not expect the cost to be that high and the amount was more than what was budgeted for.

Barry Schrope stated the New Bloomfield Fire Co. has submitted their financial reports. Jim Fuller made a motion to release \$15,500 as budgeted as a donation to the New Bloomfield Fire Co. and \$4,500 to a Capital Reserve account to be opened at Riverview Bank under Wheatfield Township title modified for the New Bloomfield Fire Co. and require a signature from one of the 3 supervisors, Barry Schrope, James Fuller or Jeff Smith, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to open a Capital Reserve account at Riverview Bank under Wheatfield Township title modified for the Duncannon Fire Co. for a minimum of \$5,000 and require a signature from one of the 3 supervisors, Barry Schrope, James Fuller or Jeff Smith, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

The SALDO book revisions were discussed again this month. Johanna Rehkamp stated she has looked into the requirement of utilities being placed underground and stated it can only be required for developments of 5 plots or more. Johanna stated the supervisors could recommend utilities be placed underground or make it a requirement with a waiver provision so that if the owner comes in and states the cost is not reasonable the supervisors could waive the requirement. Johanna will email language to the township for the planning commission to use in the SALDO book. Vicki will forward the language to the engineer.

Correspondence has been received from PSATS regarding the Community Aid bin and being 501.C.4 status. PSATS stated the answer is no, the township is not 501.C.4 status. The supervisors stated the bin will remain as is under Abundant Harvest Church.

The supervisors will hold a budget workshop on September 28, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. The workshop will be advertised as required.

Jeff Smith gave an update on the Sulphur Springs Bridge project. Jeff stated the Creek Road side pier is poured and backfilled, the center pier tore out, the 849 side pier wing walls are completely done and the concrete was just poured this morning for the main headwall.

Jeff Smith stated Dennis Gilbert would like to see the Sulphur Spring Bridge named. Dennis would like it named to memorialize all veterans.

Lester Nace stated the Maynard & Sandra George agreement is all taken care of and recorded.

Lester Nace stated he has taken letters out to the residents on Towpath Road that will be affected by the Norfolk Southern communications tower. Lester asked the supervisors for future reference does the township want anything additional from them such as a property plat or what is the tower going to do as far as emissions are concerned, were there any environmental concerns. The supervisors stated they would like more information for future reference or concerns. Lester stated there is an emergency number posted at the RR crossing and will get that for the township.

Lester Nace advised he had a number of people who would like the township for the line striping and tree trimming. Lester stated the people he spoke with were very appreciative of it.

Barry Schrope advised there will be a modular home setting in the parking lot for approximately 2 days till it can be delivered to the George property.

Jim Fuller asked when the newsletters would go out. Vicki Jenkins advised it would be after the October meeting when the Halloween date is set.

Jim Fuller asked what the intention was for the red dump bed stating it is rusty. Jim asked Jeff Smith to obtain pricing to sand blast the bed of the truck.

Jim Fuller advised there were 7 volunteers at recycling on Saturday. Jim thanked all of those who came out.

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

3341 – 3383, 07-2016, 007-2016, 080816A and 080816B

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, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary