

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, October 3, 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, Vicki Jenkins, Dexter Potter, Dave Jenkins, David Linville, Mutt Neumayer, Kurt Hepschmidt, David Mills, Luke Roman (Perry Co. Times), Holly Potter, Justin Kretzing and Kraig Nace

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

The minutes of the September 6, 2016 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the October 3, 2016 regular meeting for public viewing. Jim Fuller made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016 regular meeting as presented by the secretary, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

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

Justin Kretzing of the New Bloomfield Fire Co. stated he is here as a follow up pas to what was discussed last year in regards to setting up a Capital Reserve account for them. Justin stated based on this past year the New Bloomfield Fire Co. is doing fine with the amount of money the township gives as a donation towards their operating budget. Justin stated their capital expenses are still greatly down. Justin thanked the supervisors for working in the right direction in supporting them. Justin advised the 25% donation for 2016 would be about \$24,000 that would include the \$15,000 approximately the township has budgeted for their operating expenses and \$10,000 towards their capital reserve. Justin stated if the supervisors have any questions or need any more information to please let him know. Justin advised their profit from fundraising last year was around \$90,000. Justin thanked the supervisors for their support. Barry Schrope thanked the New Bloomfield Fire Co. for their service and the amount of fundraising they do.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS thanked the supervisors and township for their ongoing support. Kraig stated this week is fire prevention week. Kraig stated September was a slower month than the past months for calls, but they are still doing a lot of non-emergency transfers.

Jeff Smith presented the road master report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has had the F250 inspected, graded on Roseglen Road, removed approximately 30 dead ash trees around the township on Dark Hollow Road, Loshes Run Road, Glutz Hole Road, Windy Hill Road and Pleasant Grove Road, power washed the red dump truck, fixed some holes on the red dump truck with steel before having it sand blasted, had the red dump truck sand blasted and completely undercoated, mowed at the Covered Bridge, cemetery and township building for the final time this year, graded on Loshes Run Road, working on removing brush and small trees from a fence row on Loshes Run Road, serviced the backhoe changed the fuel filter, oil filter and replaced a hydraulic line and greased it, hauled 3 loads of anti-skid, cut up a downed tree on Dugans Mill Road and put the salt spread on the red dump truck. Jim Fuller stated it was a rainy day at the last recycling and asked Jeff to purchase a canopy to use at recycling.

No representative from the Duncannon Fire Co. was in attendance at the meeting.

PSATS has sent correspondence to the township regarding the election of Trustees for the Pension Trust, Health Insurance Cooperative Trust and Unemployment Compensation Group Trust. Barry Schrope made a motion to accept PSATS recommendation of Michael Keller as Trustee for the Pension, Health and Unemployment Compensation Trust for a period of 2 years, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to release \$500 budgeted as a donation to Perry County Crime Stoppers, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

The supervisors advised the members of the planning commission in attendance at tonight's meeting that they are waiting on a final copy from the engineer with the changes discussed regarding the language on utilities and the MPC. Barry Schrope advised after a final copy is received they will submit it to the Perry County Planning Commission for review and comment and then the supervisors will have to hold a public hearing.

Jim Fuller made a motion to have Trick or Treat night in Wheatfield Township on Monday, October 31, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and advertise, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to schedule a workshop to work on the preliminary 2017 budget on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

The supervisors advised an email has been received regarding outdoor burning. The letter does not state where the problem is or what the problem is, but asked the supervisors to consider creating an outdoor burning ban ordinance. The supervisors stated they are not interested in a burning ban. Kurt Hepschmidt, Emergency Management Coordinator stated he is planning on bringing something up at the next LEPC meeting. Kurt stated he personally would like to see a county wide outdoor burning ban and if they do allow someone to burn they should be required to purchase a permit and then the county gets a portion of the money and the fire companies get a portion of the money. Kurt stated the fire company would have to sign off on the permit and then they would be responsible for checking on the fire. Jim Fuller stated that is not Wheatfield Township and there is already enough control. Kurt stated it should be the county to institute an ordinance. Jim stated he would not recommend it to the county, because he is not interested in an ordinance. Kurt stated it is becoming an issue with wildfires. Barry Schrope stated he is not in favor of a burning ban either. Jeff Smith stated unless it is to dry. Kurt stated he is going to go to the county through the LEPC and suggest it. Jim stated he is not interested in Kurt going to the LEPC meeting in their behalf, because the supervisors are not in favor of it. Jim advised Kurt he was appointed by the supervisors as EMC and he

is not above the supervisors in authority. Kurt stated he understands, and that he will not be representing the township at that point.

The supervisors advised they have received a letter regarding door to door soliciting. The resident's asked the supervisors to consider adopting a no soliciting ordinance. The supervisors stated they are not interested at this time in creating a no soliciting ordinance, but suggested that something be placed in the fall newsletter asking residents to be cautious.

Barry Schrope advised the supervisors have met with Hawbaker's regarding the poor paving job on Windy Hill Road. Jim Fuller stated the meeting went well and the supervisors told them what they wanted. The supervisors stated they have received a settlement agreement from Hawbaker's and asked the solicitor to review it.

Jeff Smith stated he was down at the Sulphur Springs Bridge project today and all of the beams are in and they will be pouring the pad at the beginning of the week.

Jeff Smith advised the township will be looking for part time help for snow removal. David Linville stated he is still interested in helping out.

Lester Nace stated he and Bob Rhoads attended the FEMA meeting in New Bloomfield regarding flood mapping. Lester stated they are getting ready to come out with the next edition of mapping that will show the areas of flood plains where they increased or decreased. Lester advised they are eventually going to have a website that you will be able to go on and pick out your house and see what the flood elevation is at your house. Lester advised they are only doing the Susquehanna River basin at this time and not the Juniata River basin. Lester stated the Sulphur Springs Bridge project was not on their list of projects and should have been because it empties into the Susquehanna River basin. Lester stated he advised them of the project and that they asked for the name of the engineer for the project. Lester advised them Wilson Consulting Group was the engineer.

Lester Nace advised he has received an environmental document from Norfolk Southern regarding the communication tower on Bretz Lane. Lester stated 11 Indian tribes were contacted for their release to build the tower. Lester stated he sent a letter back asking for clarification on the tracks so that he would know where 77' for the right of way is.

Jim Fuller thanked those who helped at this month's recycling; siting it was a rainy day.

Barry Schrope asked if any of the other supervisors or any one knew for sure who was mowing the cemetery on Dellville Road, if it was the same people from last year. Jeff Smith stated he would try to catch Carl Hancock outside and ask him.

Jim Fuller asked Justin Kretzing for clarification on what he said earlier. Justin stated he needed to correct what he said earlier. Justin stated when they came in last year they proposed to the supervisors how to get to the number they were looking for. Justin stated to meet their annual operating budget they are asking the supervisors to continue to give the \$15,500 donation every year and ask for anything above that to be placed in the Capital Reserve account the township is setting up for them for any capital purchase (large expenses). Justin stated they are looking for \$28,500 for 2017 with \$15,500 going to their operating expenses and \$13,000 going to their Capital Reserve account.

Ed Womer stated he was down at the Sulphur Springs Bridge and took pictures of them setting the beams.

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

3384 – 3420, 090616A, 090616B, 08-2016 and 008-2016

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

There being no further business Barry Schrope made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jeff Smith Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary