

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, November 7, 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, Rick Schaar, Paul Krieger, Dave Linville, Dave Jenkins, David Mills, Mutt Neumayer, Kurt Hepschmidt, Holly Potter, Justin Kretzing and Kraig Nace.

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

The minutes of the October 3, 2016 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the November 7, 2016 regular meeting for public viewing. Jim Fuller made a motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

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

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS stated September has been a quieter month compared to other months. Kraig stated they have taken the \$15,000 the township allocated towards a generator and have invested it in a Certificate of Deposit until they have money to add to it to do the project. Kraig advised he will have updated call numbers shortly and thanked the supervisors and residents for their support.

Jeff Smith presented the road master report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has removed a bush and graded along Loshes Run Road, put a 6' extension on a pipe on Windy Hill Road, removed a dead pine tree on the lines on Roseglen Road, trimmed trees on Roseglen Road, changed the fuel filters on the generator on the bucket truck, finished filling in the shoulders on Dugans Mill Road, took the shoulder machine off the blue dump truck, put the plow hitch on the red dump, got the blue and red dump trucks ready for winter, changed rear tires on the blue dump truck, hauled 2 loads of stone for Sulphur Springs Road, replaced a 15" pipe on Sulphur Springs Road, removed old signs on Sulphur Springs Road, trimmed trees on Montebello Road, trimmed trees on Montebello Farm Road and fixed a hydraulic line on the backhoe.

Jeff Smith advised the contractor has not been working at the Sulphur Springs Bridge. Jeff stated the remainder of the guardrail needs to be put up, cut the grooves in the concrete on the bridge, seal the blacktop and paint the lines and then they can open up the road.

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

Barry Schrope made a motion to send Carl Hancock, Don Gotwalt and Jerry Deschenes of Dellville Road each a check for \$20.00 and a letter of appreciation for mowing the cemetery on Dellville Road, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

The township has received notice from the Commonwealth of PA that the amount of Volunteer Fire Relief for 2016 received is \$19,083.07. Barry Schrope made a motion to release \$14,312.31 (3/4) to the Duncannon Fire Co. and \$4,770.76 (1/4) to the New Bloomfield Fire Co., Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope stated the supervisors have reached a settlement with Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. regarding the paving job on Windy Hill Road. Barry advised Hawbakers agreed to accept our first offer of \$9900.00 which would be half of the remaining balance owed and warrant portions of the road for 4 years from the placement date of June 26, 2015. Johanna Rehkamp has reviewed the settlement agreement and advised the supervisors it looks satisfactory to her. Barry Schrope made a motion to sign the settlement agreement with Glenn O. Hawbakers, Inc. as presented, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope advised the question has been asked if the township insurance would cover the volunteers who come out and help the township with recycling, spring cleanup, etc. Jim Fuller asked how this came about. Barry advised Kurt Hepschmidt asked Vicki Jenkins if the townships workers comp would cover if someone would get hurt while volunteering. Barry stated workers comp insurance does not cover volunteers because it is based on payroll and volunteers are not paid. Robin at W.J. Moore suggested the township get an accident policy to cover medical bills for volunteers. The policy would cover volunteers up to the age of 64 and cost \$200 per year. Barry stated the policy pays the 1st \$100 of any accident, after that the person submits to any other health insurance they have and then the accident policy would pick up and pay whatever is not paid by the volunteers health insurance, up to the \$10,000 limit. Jim Fuller stated there are several volunteers over the age of 64, is it worth the \$200 per year to not cover everyone. The supervisors stated they would like to check with W.J. Moore to see if the liability

insurance would cover if someone gets hurt and will the premium go up after claims are made. Jim Fuller stated he would prefer to take care of it on a case by case basis rather than get an insurance policy. The issue was tabled until next month.

Barry Schrope advised the budget has been worked on at a couple of workshops and the supervisors believe it is ready to be advertised for adoption. Barry Schrope made a motion to advertise and post the proposed budget for adoption at the December meeting, Jim Fuller seconds the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope stated at last month's meeting Lester Nace asked Johanna about a company (Solar City) that was obtaining zoning permits for solar panels that some people did not accept the contract and the zoning permits were already issued. Barry advised Solar City has requested reimbursement for the permitting fees paid. Johanna Rehkamp stated if the permits were issued the township does not have to refund the money, permit fees are nonrefundable. Vicki Jenkins will contact Solar City and advise them permit fees are nonrefundable. The supervisors stated they will add to the fee schedule that fees for zoning permits are nonrefundable.

Barry Schrope reminded those in attendance of the date for the December recycling being moved to November 26, 2016.

The supervisors stated Michael Hoak went through a zoning variance hearing, the variance was granted and as part of the variance Mr. Hoak was required to obtain a zoning permit. Lester Nace approved the zoning permit at the end of August and at this point Mr. Hoak has not paid for the zoning permit or picked up the approved zoning permit. The supervisors asked Vicki Jenkins to send a letter from the township reminding him of the conditions of his variance approval and the approved zoning permit being here at the township and that the permit fee is still unpaid. The supervisors stated if the letter goes unanswered the supervisors will contact the Zoning Variance Board members.

Barry Schrope stated there was a questionnaire placed in the township newsletter regarding funding for the fire companies. Barry asked for those who didn't reply to please respond.

Justin Kretzing of the New Bloomfield Fire Co. stated they are asking for money to buy fire trucks to provide a service. Justin stated they are willing to volunteer their time and he understands people don't want to pay higher taxes, but what you see happening is volunteers are not like they were years ago. Justin stated the money Duncannon Fire Co. and New Bloomfield Fire Co. are asking for does not cover the amount of 1 paid firefighter for 24 hours a day for 365 days. Justin stated that's what makes it disheartening to hear that they are not worth that and that they have to go out fundraise to buy their firetrucks. Justin stated they are lucky in New Bloomfield with the amount of volunteers they have and he believes they are being very proactive so that in years to come they don't come and say they need a paid fire company because they don't have volunteers. Justin stated if they have to continue to fund raise for fire trucks he does not see them being able to continue as a volunteer fire company.

Lester Nace stated he has issued 53 zoning permits so far this year.

Jeff Smith stated the State wants to cut up a portion of Dugans Mill Road at the one end to replace a pipe that goes across Dellville Road. Lester Nace asked if the pipe was bad, Jeff advised it is not. Lester stated the township can ask the State to saw cut it back across both lanes to the furthest extent they want to do and then pave it just like you would a driveway.

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

3421 – 3461, 09-2016, 009-2016, 100516, 100616, 0003-2016, 102016 and 102116

Barry Schrope second the motion, 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