

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, December 5, 2016 in the Wheatfield 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, Bob Rhoades, Carol Flickinger, Paul Krieger, Kurt Hepschmidt, David Linville, Luke Roman (Perry County Times), Dave Jenkins, Lt. Greg Bernard (State Police), Bob Mull, Byron Worner and Kraig Nace.

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

The minutes of the November 7, 2016 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Wheatfield Township Building prior to the December 5, 2016 regular meeting for public viewing. Jim Fuller made a motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Lt. Greg Bernard of the Newport State Police Barracks stated he is here tonight to introduce himself and make their rounds around local townships to see how things are going. Lt. Bernard stated Wheatfield Township is a relatively quiet township and if there are any questions or concerns we can contact him at the Newport Barracks. Barry Schrope stated he would like to thank the troopers for the job they do. Lt. Bernard stated they have great support from the Perry County communities. Lt. Bernard stated the majority of their calls are drug related and it is something they won't give up on and reminded those in attendance of having packages delivered to their home and the delivery company leaving them on front porches, there are a lot of thefts that occur at this time of year. The supervisors thanked Lt. Bernard for attending the meeting tonight.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS thanked the supervisors and the residents for their ongoing support.

Jeff Smith presented the road master report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has removed some brush and trimmed across from the Duncannon Sportsmen's property on Montebello Farm Road, moved some dirt at the park for a shed, replaced the oil dip stick tube on the F550, trimmed trees on Montebello Farm Road, rewired the pole in the parking lot for the sign and glass crusher, painted the brown dump truck, fixed the pot holes in the parking lot, put the spreader and spinner on the brown truck and F550, placed the winter maintenance signs for parking in developments, replaced road signs on Dugans Mill and Dark Hollow Road, hauled 3 loads of anti-skid, filled the salt shed, had the brown dump truck inspected, cleaned up limbs and downed trees from a wind storm and replaced 3 lights in the garage.

Byron Worner of the Duncannon Fire Co. stated they have completed their annual hose testing and reported they did have some failures that will be replaced. Byron stated a possible date for the next Fire Committee meeting is February 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Byron advised they received no official notification from the Township regarding the Sulphur Springs Bridge reopening and in the future for road closures or openings if they could just get an email from the Township that would be great.

Jim Fuller made a motion to adopt the 2017 budget, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Barry Schrope stated the Capital Reserve contribution amounts for the Duncannon Fire Co. (\$35,000) and New Bloomfield Fire Co. (\$4500) will remain the same again this year. Kraig Nace stated he requested a copy of the budget and would just like to say thank you to the supervisors. Kraig stated the amount budgeted for emergency services is the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest expense budgeted and he believes that speaks volumes about the township supervisors, that emergency services are supported well by Wheatfield Township. Byron Worner stated he would like to thank the supervisors for their support as well.

Barry Schrope made a motion for the days and time for township meetings to be as follows: monthly Board of Supervisors meetings will be held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. with the exception for the months of January and September this year, January's meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 and September's meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, the Planning Commission will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., the Recreation Board will meet the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m., the Zoning Hearing Board will hold their organizational meeting on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. and the Auditors will hold their organizational meeting on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Meetings will be advertised as required by law.

The supervisors discussed the recycling dates for 2017. The December 2, 2017 recycling will be moved to November 25, 2017 due to deer season and lack of volunteers.

Jim Fuller made a motion for taxes to remain at .199 on all real estate assessments, 1% on real estate transfer tax (.5% township, .5% school), and 1.8% on earned income tax (.5% township, 1.3% school), Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

At last month's meeting the supervisors discussed possibly obtaining accident insurance for the volunteers since they are not eligible for workers comp insurance through the township. Barry Schrope stated the insurance does not cover anyone over the age of 64 and that is half of the volunteers for the township. Jim Fuller stated he feels it could be taken care of on a case by case basis if something would happen. The supervisors decided against purchasing accident insurance. The solicitor suggested it would be in the best interest of the supervisors if they would have the volunteers sign a waiver stating they are aware they are not covered if they are injured. Barry stated he and Vicki will work on the waiver for the new year and have the solicitor review it.

The SALDO book was to be discussed and reviewed by the supervisors. Bob Rhoades of the planning commission stated before the supervisors get started on it, he and Vicki were looking at the book and it was pointed

out that Section 507 regarding Utilities was not changed to what the supervisors wanted and the solicitor suggested. Bob stated he would like for the planning commission to look at it again and resubmit it to the supervisors. The supervisors tabled the issue until next month's meeting.

At last month's meeting the supervisors discussed Michael Hoak not picking up and paying for the zoning permit he was required to get as a result of his zoning variance approval. Barry Schrope stated the secretary sent him a letter as requested by the supervisors and Lester Nace, Zoning Officer has left 2 messages and to this point the township still has not heard from him. Barry stated he will contact Mike Petersen, Chairman of the Zoning Hearing Board and see what course of action they want to take. Barry asked the solicitor if the township can legally revoke the approval of the zoning variance. Johanna Rehkamp stated the zoning hearing board would have to revoke the variance approval.

Barry Schrope stated the Sulphur Springs Bridge construction has been completed and the road has been reopened.

Barry Schrope stated the supervisors have to think about what they want to do and get a bid out for a new salt shed pretty directly.

BIU has invited the township to a holiday luncheon on December 16<sup>th</sup> at Zeiderelli's in Newport. Barry Schrope stated if anyone is interested in going to let Vicki know so she may reply. Replies are due by December 7<sup>th</sup>.

The recycling contract agreement with Sylvester's Services, Inc. will expire at the end of this year. A new agreement was forwarded to Sylvester's for their approval and signature. The signed agreement has been received back agreeing to the terms, the price will remain the same. Barry Schrope made a motion to sign the agreement, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope stated paperwork has been received for the health insurance and dental renewal. Barry asked the other supervisors to look over the information for January's meeting. Barry stated the dental insurance rates remain the same, but if we remain with what the township currently has for health insurance there could be a 10% to 25% increase, but Capital Blue Cross which is comparable to what the township currently has except for copays and prescriptions going up would be a 1.65% decrease.

The Perry County Convention is Saturday, February 25, 2017. Vicki Jenkins will forward the workshop information to those invited.

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

3462 – 3503, 106, 107, 10-2016, 010-2016, 110716A and 110716B

Barry Schrope 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 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Vicki L. Jenkins  
Twp. Secretary