

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, February 6, 2017 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 Linville, Sue Flickinger, Holly Potter, Kurt Hepschmidt, Paul Krieger, Kraig Nace, Luke Roman (Perry Cty. Times) and Byron Worner.

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

The minutes of the January 3, 2017 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the February 6, 2017 regular meeting for public viewing. Jeff Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS presented and reviewed with the supervisors their 2016 year end call statistics report. Kraig also stated they are currently working on amending their staffing plan as a cost cutting effort effective February 2017 (copy of the changes on file). Kraig stated they are hoping this will be a temporary measure to get through their challenging financial times and it will only effect the weekends. Kraig thanked the supervisors for their support.

Jeff Smith presented the road report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has trimmed trees on Montebello Road, replaced a hydraulic line on the bucket truck, plowed and cindered for 3 storms, changed the oil and fuel filters in the Ford F550, trimmed trees at the end of Hunkey Hollow/274 for sight distance, cut down a dead ash tree on Hunkey Hollow, power washed the trucks and equipment and replaced the cutting edge on the blue dump truck.

Spring cleanup will be held Thursday, April 20 through Saturday, April 22, 2017 with hours of 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Jeff Smith made a motion to obtain dumpster bids for next month's meeting, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Jeff indicated he will talk to Raven Recycling about the containers/pull charge for the scrap metal.

The supervisors discussed the roads proposed for the 2017 road projects. The supervisors discussed paving Montebello Road (from the intersection at Montebello Farm Road and Montebello Road to Hunkey Hollow Road) and seal coating Montebello Farm Road (from the intersection where they stop paving to 274 and from Montebello Road where they stop paving to Paradise Road).

The PSATS Convention in Hershey is being held April 23 – 26, 2017. There is no interest from the supervisors or road crew in attending this year.

Correspondence has been received from the Perry County Council of Governments about appointing a delegate and alternate. Barry Schrope made a motion to appoint Jeff Smith as the delegate and Jim Fuller as the Alternate, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Comments and recommendations have been received from the Perry County Planning Commission regarding the revisions to the SALDO book. Barry Schrope stated they received 12 pages of comments; a definition of plan was suggested to be added and there were spelling & punctuation errors that need to be corrected. Jim Fuller suggested the planning commission look at the comments from the Perry County Planning Commission and get back to the supervisors. Barry stated he and Vicki could go through the SALDO book in the meantime and fix the spelling and punctuation errors.

Barry Schrope stated after last month's meeting there were some questions regarding the volunteer insurance. Barry stated volunteers are not covered under the township's workers comp because volunteers are not on the payroll so the township looked into obtaining volunteer insurance. Barry stated the volunteer insurance does not cover anyone over the age of 64 and the majority of the volunteers are older than that. Barry stated the liability insurance the township has covers bodily injury or property damage to others while volunteering for the township, not the volunteers. Barry stated the insurance company also suggested the volunteers sign a volunteer waiver of release. Jim Fuller stated he spoke to several people about signing the waiver and there was not much opposition. Paul Krieger stated we are covering people who bring their stuff for recycling but we are not covering the volunteer who is doing the work and the service; it just doesn't sound right that we are expecting our volunteers to sign something and yet we are covering the people who are coming to recycling. Paul stated he knows there are going to be some volunteers that do not come anymore; he has heard a couple of them say so. Paul said we are protecting the township but not protecting the volunteers. Paul said maybe the township should consider an age limit for volunteers at recycling and spring cleanup. Kraig Nace stated the Duncannon Boro's insurance will cover people that are volunteering for a function and he is just surprised the townships insurance will not cover people that

are volunteering. Kurt Hepschmidt stated on the waiver the way he interprets it is that it could be an act or error of omission from a resident coming in towards a volunteer, so in other words a resident could come in and it is because of their act or error and they injure a volunteer. Johanna Rehkamp stated the volunteer would be able to go after that person who causes injury; not the township. Kurt stated he serves on the local emergency planning committee at the county level and this issue was brought up months ago and there is supposed to be an insurance representative attend their next meeting to discuss this issue. Many questions and scenarios were discussed. The supervisors tabled the issue until more information is received. Jim stated he does not have a problem with obtaining the volunteer insurance for those age 64 and younger. Kraig suggested maybe discussing with the manager of the Duncannon Boro what volunteer insurance coverage they have or speak with Penn Township as to what their insurance they have as well.

Barry Schrope advised the township has received the revised plans for the salt shed. Barry stated the supervisors looked over it and made some changes and eliminated some things hoping to save some money. There were some minor changes that still need to be made to the plan and bid specifications. Jeff Smith made a motion to advertise for bids for the salt shed with the corrections made as discussed, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Bids will be opened at next month's meeting.

Correspondence has been received from the New Bloomfield Fire Co. regarding their annual fireman's banquet on February 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Correspondence has been received from the Duncannon Fire Co. regarding their annual semi-formal banquet on March 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Barry Schrope stated a thank you letter has been received from the New Bloomfield Library thanking the township for their donation.

Barry Schrope advised the next Fire Protection Committee meeting will be held on February 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Barry Schrope advised the money has been received from PEMA from the claim put in for winter storm Jonas.

Barry Schrope asked the solicitor if a zoning permit is required as the result of a zoning variance can the money be taken out of the deposit that is received for the zoning variance hearing request. Johanna Rehkamp stated she believes the township could make it a condition that the applicant has to meet all of the requirements of the granted variance prior to releasing any of the funds that are left over. Johanna suggested placing something on the zoning variance application stating funds will not be released until all requirements are met.

Jim Fuller stated he would like to thank all the volunteers who came out to recycling on Saturday.

Jim Fuller advised he attended a Cumberland/Perry Joint Task Force meeting at Penn Township. Jim stated they discussed the closure of Rt. 11 & 15 to replace the bridge over the creek at Specialty Bakers in Marysville prior to a paving project that is scheduled for 2018.

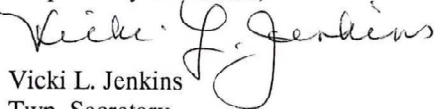
Jeff Smith made a motion to approve the checks from the General Fund for the month of January. They were as follows:

3540 – 3577 and 12-2016, 012-2016, 010617A, 010617B, 0004-2016, 011117 and 011217.

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, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary