

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, March 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, Clark Steele, Holly Potter, David Mills, Kurt Hepschmidt, Luke Roman (Perry Cty. Times) and Kraig Nace.

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

The minutes of the February 6, 2017 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the March 6, 2017 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.

Clark Steele stated he is here tonight to introduce himself and let everyone know he is running for Magisterial District Judge for this area. Clark advised he has been in Perry County for 22 years, has over 7 years' experience at the Perry County Prison as a Corrections Officer and currently have over 7 years' experience as a state constable. Clark stated he has passed his certifications and testing and is certified and ready to sit as Magisterial District Judge upon being elected.

David Mills stated he would like to thank the township for continuing to support recreation in the community.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS presented the supervisors with a letter regarding the operational changes affecting their weekend coverage (copy on file). Kraig stated they greatly appreciate the support they receive from Wheatfield Township.

Jeff Smith presented the Road report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has had 2 loads of salt delivered, replaced the batteries in the backhoe, plowed and cindered, cleaned up down trees from snow, power washed the trucks and equipment, had the red dump truck and the F550 inspected, cut down dead trees on Linton Hill Road, fixed the glass crusher, finished trimming trees on Montebello Road, started trimming trees on Montebello Farm Road, cut down some dead ash trees on Hunkey Hollow Road and cleaned up downed trees and limbs from a wind storm.

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

Barry Schrope stated 2 bids have been received for the 40' x 60' Salt & Cinder Storage Building. The results are as follows:

John Weldon Construction – \$134,233.00 with optional deductions

KLA Roofing & Construction LLC - \$180,834.00 with optional deductions

Jim Fuller made a motion to award the salt & cinder storage building with the optional deduction of \$1,000 for the deletion of stone for foundation drain and floor sub base to John Weldon Construction contingent upon all paper work being completed (paper notarized and signature) for a total of \$133,233.00, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Correspondence has been received from the Duncannon Borough regarding the workers compensation insurance premiums for the years 2014 – 2017. The Duncannon Borough has discovered the previous administration did not invoice Wheatfield Township for its share of the premiums. Barry Schrope advised the total for 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 is \$24,170.66. Barry also advised Vicki has called the Borough asking about the billings but has never received anything. Barry stated the Township budgeted \$8,000 for 2017 for the workers compensation for Duncannon Fire Co. and New Bloomfield Fire Co. and if we paid the whole amount we would go over budget and have to advertise to amend the budget. Vicki suggested paying the 2017 portion and see where the budget falls at the end of the year and if there is extra money pay more then so the township doesn't have to redo the budget and have the expense of advertising, if not the township will have to budget the remainder on next year's budget. Barry Schrope made a motion to pay the 2017 billing and see what's left in the budget at the end of the year to see if the remainder can be paid, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

The township received 2 bids for dumpster services one from Sylvester's Services and one from Raven Recycling for this year's spring cleanup. Raven Recycling will provide containers for metals only at no charge. Sylvester's is charging \$160 per pull and \$68/ton for MSW and \$100/ton for tire disposal and \$100 to haul scrap metal containers (the township would keep the scrap money). Jim Fuller made a motion for Sylvester's to haul the MSW and tires and Raven Recycling to haul and provide the containers for the scrap metal, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Hours of operation will be Thursday, April 20, 2017 and Friday, April 21, 2017 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 22, 2017 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The township will charge \$5.00 for each tv and computer collected at spring cleanup.

Correspondence has been received from the Perry County Conservation District regarding a county wide electronics recycling day. They are asking each Township and Borough to contribute between \$100 and \$150 towards the cost of the service. The tentative date for the collection is Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Newport Fairgrounds. Barry Schrope made a motion to contribute \$150 to the Perry County Conservation District for the electronic recycling, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to get bid packages ready for advertisement for the 2017 paving and sealcoat projects, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Projects consist of paving Montebello Road (from the intersection at Montebello Farm Road to Hunkey Hollow Road) (1.19 miles) and sealcoat being applied to Montebello Farm Road (from Rt. 274 to where they stop paving at Montebello Road) (1.57 miles) and the remainder of Montebello Road (from where they quit paving to Paradise Road) (.94 miles). A separate bid will also be obtained to seal coat the Duncannon EMS parking lot as part of their donation. Bids will be obtained for the May meeting. Jeff will contact Rick Levan from PennDOT for measurements.

Jeff Smith made a motion for the township to renew the employee vision coverage with Highmark at a 2.13% decrease in premium, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

The township auditors have completed their annual audit of the township records, tax collector records and recreation board records. All records were found to be in order (copy on file). Barry Schrope stated the only outstanding item from last year is that the auditors would like the supervisors to look at the valuation of fixed assets and reflect the amount in the balance sheet or general ledger.

Barry Schrope stated he and Vicki went through the revised SALDO Book and made the suggested changes they could make but there were still some outstanding items that he would like to discuss with the planning commission possibly at their next meeting.

Barry Schrope stated the supervisors met with Robin from W.J. Moore Inc. regarding the volunteer insurance. Jim Fuller made a motion to obtain the volunteer insurance from W.J. Moore Inc. for \$200/year and still have the volunteers sign the volunteer waiver stating Wheatfield Township will provide limited insurance coverage up to the age of 64, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Kurt Hepschmidt stated he has also looked into volunteer insurance for the people who volunteer during an emergency situation and has found coverage through the State under Title 35. Kurt stated emergency volunteers can sign up for the insurance through the PEMA website or SERV.PA.gov (pamphlet on file). Kurt encouraged all emergency volunteers to enroll.

A volunteer application has been received from Judy Zeiders for the open position on the Zoning Hearing Board. Barry Schrope made a motion to appoint Judy Zeiders to the Zoning Hearing Board to fill the vacant 5 year term left by Paul Myers, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope advised the Fire Committee meeting scheduled for February 28, 2017 has been rescheduled to Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Correspondence has been forwarded to the township from Kraig Nace regarding a camera loan surveillance program to help prevent illegal dumping. The supervisors stated they will fill out the application to apply to the program.

Correspondence has been received from Laura Steele regarding a fundraiser for a memorial wall in Marysville. Barry advised they are selling tshirts & hats and a buy-a-brick campaign. The order form will be placed on the bulletin board if anyone is interested in making a purchase.

New Bloomfield EMS has submitted their 2016 end of year financial report at the beginning of February. Barry Schrope stated their financials are due prior to the end of the year so their donation can be released. The supervisors indicated they will see how the year end budget figures come out to see if it can be released in addition to the 2017 donation.

Barry Schrope stated the Building Inspection Underwriters office will be moving effective March 31, 2017 to the lower level of the Bloomfield Borough building.

Lester Nace stated for the road cleanup this year he will do Roseglen Road to Cook Road.

Vicki Jenkins stated there is a PPL class being held for training on live wires on Saturday, April 22nd. Vicki stated that is the same day as the township spring cleanup. Kurt Hepschmidt stated he has already signed up for the class.

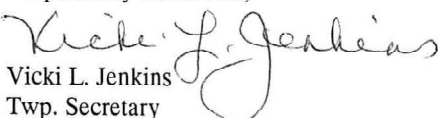
Jeff Smith made a motion to approve the checks from the General Fund for the month of February. They were as follows:

3578 – 3610 and 01-2017, 001-2017, 020617A and 020617B.

Barry Schrope second the motion to approve the checks, with all in favor.

There being no further business Jim Fuller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary