

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, June 5, 2017 in the Township Building. Jim Fuller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Jim Fuller, Jeff Smith, Johanna Rehkamp, Vicki Jenkins, Lester Nace, Dexter Potter, Sue Flickinger, Dave Linville, Dave Jenkins, Jamieson Hoffman, David Mills and Kurt Hepschmidt.

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

The minutes of the May 1, 2017 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the June 5, 2017 regular meeting for public viewing. Jeff Smith made a motion to approve the May 1, 2017 minutes as presented by the secretary, Jim Fuller second the motion.

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

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has graded along Montebello Road, Montebello Farm Road and Sulphur Springs Road, hauled 8 loads of 2B stone, graded along Pennells Church Road, cleaned up approximately 12 downed trees from a wind storm, repaired the block wall on the old salt shed with help from Dave Linville, backfilled around the new salt shed, graded along Cook Road, hauled 5 loads of 2A stone for the pipe replacement on Cook Road, went to Wilson Paving for 1.5 ton cold patch and applied to various places, picked up the pipe for Cook Road, stated they are about half way done with the first round of mowing and mowed at the covered bridge and township building.

No representatives from the Duncannon Fire Co. were at tonight's meeting.

Jim Fuller stated the property beside the township (approximately 4.2 acres) has gone up for sale. Jim advised the supervisors have walked the ground and most of it is swampy and there are a couple of creeks on the property. Jim stated there is approximately 1 ½ acres that is where the old house sits that could be used for future use if the township would need it. Jim advised the township has around 16 ft. from the building to the property line. Barry Schrope could not be at tonight's meeting so he submitted a letter of his thoughts on the property. Vicki Jenkins read the letter aloud (copy on file). Jim stated they are asking \$120,000. Jeff Smith stated he went to an open house for the property and the house they are also selling across the street. Jeff stated he walked through the old house on the property and it is not salvageable. Jeff stated he was advised that the property would drop approximately \$10,000 a week until it sells. Jim stated there are some large trees above the township building that would be nice to trim or take down and if someone else buys it they may not allow the township to trim the trees. The supervisors also advised there is some timber on the property that could be sold. Lester Nace stated the current 16' setback from the property line does not meet the current criteria for side setbacks and his concern is if someone purchases that tract of land and somewhere down the road the current owner has an issue with it. Jim stated he believes it is a chance of a lifetime for the township to purchase the property. Sue Flickinger stated she agrees with Jim and believes it would be a good investment for the township. Sue asked if the township would have to borrow money or do we have the money. The supervisors stated they would not have to borrow money; they currently have money in reserve they could use. Kurt Hepschmidt stated he thinks the township should make an offer on the property. Lester stated he thinks the township has to look at the future as to what could happen on that property and this might be the only chance the township has to buy it, but at what price. Jim stated in Barry's letter he suggested between 50 and 60 thousand, Wayne Russell suggested offering \$80,000 and Jim stated he would suggest going somewhere in the middle. Dave Mills stated there is a potential of 2 lots on that property if someone else would buy it. Jeff stated he would like to start at \$50,000. Jim Fuller made a motion to offer \$50,000 for the property, Jeff Smith second the motion. Vicki will contact the realtor with the offer amount.

Correspondence has been received from the Auditor General Office regarding the examination of the 2015 Liquid Fuels Tax Fund (copy on file). All records were found to be in order.

Correspondence has been received from Jason Finnerty, Perry County Planning Commission regarding the Perry County Hazard Mitigation Plan asking if the township has any project ideas for consideration at this time, stating principal hazards identified in the HMP include flooding, drought and transportation. The supervisors state they have nothing to submit this year.

Jim Fuller stated he spoke with Bonnie Delancey at the Voter Registration Office and Carol Flickinger received 9 votes for township auditor and needed 10. Jim stated a write in campaign for the auditor position will have to be done in the General Election.

Jim Fuller thanked the volunteers who come out and help at recycling. Jim stated he would like for someone to come out on recycling day and count how many residents attend recycling.

Lester Nace stated he did a follow up on the property owned by the Duncannon Borough in Wheatfield Township that was discussed at last month's meeting. Lester stated in 1981 the Borough of Duncannon transferred to the Municipal Authority 4 tracts of land; 2 in Rye Township, 1 in Penn Township and 1 in Penn Township and Wheatfield Township. Lester stated the 1 in Penn & Wheatfield Township consists of 659 acres and approximately 100 acres are in Wheatfield Township and the land is very steep. Lester stated the 100 acres

is not accessible from Wheatfield Township and the reason it is not listed as a tax parcel in the tax book is because there are no residences on the property and no one can build on that piece of property. Lester made a report for the supervisors on his research and gave it to Vicki to file in the township records.

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

3694 – 3731, 041717, 04-2017, 004-2017, 050817A and 050817B

Jim Fuller second the motion to approve the checks.

There being no further business Jim Fuller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jeff Smith second the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vicki L. Jenkins". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Vicki L. Jenkins  
Twp. Secretary