

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, February 5, 2018 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, Rick Schaar, Sue Flickinger, Dave Linville, David Mills, Kurt Hepschmidt, Kraig Nace and Luke Roman (Perry Cty. Times).

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

The minutes of the January 2, 2018 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the February 5, 2018 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.

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

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS stated 2017 was the busiest year for the EMS there were 1423 dispatched calls. Kraig also stated the generator is ready to run when needed and thanked the supervisors for their support.

Jeff Smith presented the road report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has changed the oil in the F250, replaced the throttle cable on the backhoe, plowed and cindered for 6 nuisance storms, power washed the trucks and equipment, replaced 2 arrow signs one on Pleasant Grove Road and one on Basin Hill Road, went around township and opened up clogged culvert pipes, replaced the hot water heater in the township building, did grading and cleaned up along a driveway on Loshes Run Road that was washing out, started trimming trees on Cook Road and had 4 loads of salt delivered.

No representative from the Duncannon Fire Co. was in attendance. Vicki Jenkins stated the December call reports have been received from both Duncannon & New Bloomfield Fire Co.

The PSATS Convention in Hershey is being held April 22 – 25, 2018. There is no interest from the supervisors or road crew in attending this year.

DCED has sent correspondence in this year's Liquid Fuels packet regarding appointing a Flood Plain Administrator. DCED stated all municipalities must designate a person to this position. After much discussion the supervisors stated they would like to do further research on this issue and see what the requirements are, item was tabled.

Spring cleanup will be held Thursday, April 19 through Saturday, April 21, 2018 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. The supervisors asked the secretary to obtain dumpster bids and electronics container bid for next month's meeting. Jeff Smith indicated he will talk to Raven Recycling about the containers/pull charge for the scrap metal.

The supervisors discussed the proposed roads for the 2018 road projects. Jeff Smith stated he would like to pave Cook Road end to end and seal coat Sulphur Springs Road end to end.

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.

Barry Schrope stated the revised SALDO book has been presented to the supervisors for their review. Barry asked the other supervisors if they have reviewed the book and if they are ready to have a public hearing on it. Jeff Smith stated he has reviewed the sections which were discussed at the meetings. Barry Schrope stated it was quite the undertaking by the planning commission. Barry Schrope made a motion to hold and advertise the public hearing on March 5, 2018 at 6:45 p.m. prior to the regular supervisors meeting, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. The supervisors stated they will look to adopt the SALDO book at their April meeting after comments are received.

Correspondence has been received from Blue Ridge Communications regarding the renewal of the franchise agreement. The existing agreement will expire May 31, 2018. Barry Schrope made a motion to renew the agreement as is for another 2 year term, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope stated a meeting was held with Casey Baxendale, Tri County Planning Commission, Nathan Walker, PennDOT District 8 regarding the replacement/rehabilitation of the bridge on Paradise Road by Wagner Park. The meeting was to discuss any concerns or identify any needs the township would like for PennDOT to consider when planning for the project. Barry stated Casey from Tri County also indicated there are some grants available for projects such as the replacement of the foot bridge at Wagner Park and that Tri County could help with the grant writing. The contact information for Casey was forwarded to David Mills of the recreation board.

Correspondence has been received from the New Bloomfield Fire Co. regarding their annual fireman's banquet on February 15th at 7:00 p.m. Jim Fuller and Jeff Smith stated they will attend.

Correspondence has been received from the Duncannon Fire Co. regarding their annual semi-formal banquet on February 24th at 6:00 p.m.

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

Barry Schrope advised Vicki Jenkins signed the paper work from the PA Game Commission to renew the Hunter Access Program Cooperative Agreement at Wagner Park.

Correspondence has been received from the Governor's Office regarding a joint meeting with Governor Wolf's cabinet on February 20, 2018 at 3:15 at Greenwood High School to discuss issues that are important in the region. Jim Fuller stated he will attend.

Correspondence has been received from PennDOT Secretary Leslie Richards regarding a Municipal Outreach Session to discuss her priority PennDOT Connects initiative. The next closest meetings will be held on February 21st in Lancaster and Lebanon. There was no interest from the supervisors to attend the session.

Correspondence has been received from Rich Fultz, Perry County EMA regarding a Disaster Preparedness Seminar being held on February 17, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Newport Assembly of God Church in Newport. The supervisors stated it is open to everyone and asked Vicki to post it on the bulletin board.

Barry Schrope stated the supervisors have received the 2017 financial report for New Bloomfield EMS. The supervisors will look over it for next month's meeting.

Kurt Hepschmidt stated the County Hazard Mitigation Plan is due to be updated and asked the supervisors to look over it with him and update as needed.

Johanna Rehkamp stated she would not be at next month's meeting, stating she will be on vacation. Johanna stated a colleague of hers could come if needed. The supervisors stated they would let her know if they want someone to attend.

Lester Nace stated Vicki received some verbal abuse from a resident last week and he is wondering if the township has a map showing traffic volumes. The supervisors stated they do not recall seeing a map of traffic volumes. Lester stated he will check with Rick Levan of PennDOT to see if they have maps with traffic volume on township roads.

Vicki Jenkins stated Pennian Bank does not have Jeff Smith listed as an authorized signer. Vicki advised Pennian Bank has asked for a letter stating who the current authorized signers for the CD accounts would be. Vicki stated she has prepared a letter stating Jeffrey Smith has replaced Annette Mullen and the authorized signers are Barry Schrope, James Fuller, Jeffrey Smith and Vicki Jenkins. Barry Schrope made a motion to sign the letter authorizing the signers, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Vicki Jenkins stated correspondence has been received from the Perry County Conservation District regarding the planning process and pledge request for an electronics recycling event again this year. Item was tabled until next month.

Vicki Jenkins stated she has reinvested 4 General Fund CD's at Pennian Bank from 11 month municipal easy access CD's at 1% to 15 month special CD's at 1.46%. Vicki advised 2 CD's were kept as municipal easy access.

Jim Fuller stated he would like to keep track of volunteer hours of the people that come out for recycling for recognition somewhere along the line. Jim stated he appreciates their help and is very thankful for the volunteers.

Rick Schaar asked about the status of the Duncannon Fire Co. workers comp billing from the Duncannon Boro. The supervisors advised the amount (2014, 2015, 2016 & 2018) was budgeted into this year's budget and will be paid out over the year as extra monies become available.

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

3980 – 4027 and 12-2017, 0004-2017, 010418A, 010418B, 012-2017, 010518 and 010818.

Jim Fuller second the motion to approve the checks, with all in favor.

There being no further business Barry Schrope made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary