

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, May 7, 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, Dave Jenkins, William O'Connor, James Carroll Jr., Kurt Hepschmidt, David Mills, Val Nehilla, Tom Nehilla, Tony Bentley Ed Womer and Paul Krieger.

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

The minutes of the April 2, 2018 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the May 7, 2018 regular meeting for public viewing. Jeff Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

James Carroll Jr. stated he had 2 comments, 1 was about the extending of the property line to the middle of the road and the other was about the fire department; he didn't like that they had a meeting prior to the township meeting.

Kurt Hepschmidt stated he thinks the Duncannon Fire Co. should be required to get an independent outside audit of its finances; a balance sheet and an income statement of all accounts. Kurt stated he recommends New Bloomfield also does the same thing. Kurt also would like to recommend the township get an outside independent study done to compare emergency services to make sure the township and emergency services are getting their just do for the size and population of Wheatfield Township compared to others. Kurt stated if the study was agreed upon with the supervisors and fire companies the cost could be split. Kurt stated as Emergency Management Coordinator he would like to mention Wheatfield Township is the 1st township ever to have a Local EMC and a Deputy EMC meet the basic and advanced training which is over 130 hours. Kurt states he thinks there should be something for attending meetings or mileage for some of the courses that cannot be taken online. Kurt advised Title 35 requires supervisors to have some of the emergency management training, the minimum is IS100 and IS700 which can be taken online for free and as far as he knows only 1 supervisor has 1 course; all supervisors are supposed to have both courses. Kurt stated the supervisors could contact Rich Fultz for a class that is being offered at the county. Kurt asked any residents attending tonight's meeting if they are willing to serve they could take the courses too; if interested please email him.

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

Tom Nehilla stated he was at last month's meeting and thought it was a great meeting for information. Tom stated there's a long way to go to get to something achievable, but he would like to see that happen. Tom stated he would like more information to find a solution to the fire company issue.

Tony Bentley thanked Kurt Hepschmidt for offering up to the supervisors to take the required classes. Tony thanked the supervisors for listening to the fire companies at last month's meeting and they are here to work things out.

Barry Schrope stated the township has met with the Duncannon Fire Co. regarding their financial report issues and Vicki Jenkins explained the errors she had found but at this point they have not gotten back to us yet. Jim Fuller stated there seems to be a \$48,000 difference (deficit) in the paper work received from Duncannon Fire Co. Jim stated no money will be distributed to them until this is ironed out. Barry stated there were also some other things mentioned at last month's meeting regarding the fire companies regarding fire relief monies. Barry stated the township has received the compliance audit for the Duncannon Fire Co. Fire Relief Association and it states "Volunteer firefighter's relief associations receive public tax monies", so it is tax money. Barry said it was also mentioned about the township doing fundraising for the fire companies, townships are not legally allowed to do this.

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has had to plow snow and hopefully for the last time this year, they have power washed the trucks and equipment, cleaned up some downed trees from strong winds, cleaned off the bridges and intersections from the cinders over the winter, changed the oil and fuel filters on the tractor, cut down 4 trees on Roseglen Road for a sight distance problem, graded on Glutzs Hole Road, Dugans Mill Road and Linton Hill Road, took the plows and spreaders off the trucks, had new front tires put on the parks tractor, had spring cleanup and cleaned up everything from spring cleanup, removed some brush on Basin Hill Road and Loshes Run Road for sight distance, had 4 new tires put on the backhoe and replaced the casters on the glass crusher.

Ed Womer asked if the guard rail at the Montebello Road Bridge could be adjusted so it meets the end of the bridge. Jeff Smith stated he will take a look at it.

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

Bids received for the 2018 seal coat project were opened and read aloud. The results were as follows:
Martin Paving, Inc. - \$24,193.25

Barry Schrope made a motion to award the seal coat bid to Martin Paving, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Seal coat will be applied to Sulphur Springs Road.

Bids received for the 2018 paving project were opened and read aloud. The results were as follows:
Pennsy Supply, Inc. - \$154,655.75

Wilson Paving - \$155,317.50

New Enerprise Stone & Lime Co. - \$156,325.50

Jay Fulkroad & Sons, Inc. - \$160,174.50

Jim Fuller made a motion to award the paving bid to Pennsy Supply, Inc., Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Superpave will be applied to Cook Road.

Barry Schrope stated there has been some discussion among the supervisors about possibly relooking at the fire lines and the time/distances; trying to get things straightened out before the township considers any funding increases. Barry stated New Bloomfield Fire Co. will be moving closer with their new building. Jim Fuller stated the last time they changed the lines there was much controversy over Pine Hill Road and currently Duncannon Fire Co. has that territory, but considering the topography it could be changed. Jim stated they would like to see a 50/50 split between the fire companies. Barry stated the supervisors are going to look at this a little more in depth. Paul Krieger suggested using Google maps to help with the process.

Barry Schrope made a motion to adopt the revised SALDO Book, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope stated the township planning commission has presented the supervisors with a standalone driveway ordinance. Barry stated he had a question about the proposed ordinance. Barry asked Lester Nace the way we currently issue permits for driveways is we measure 10' back from the edge of the road, 3 ½' high and 200' sight distance in each direction and the new procedure would be to follow PennDOT specifications. Jim Fuller stated the ordinance would require every road to be posted and a traffic study be done on each road. Jim stated he had some questions about the proposed ordinance and would attend tomorrow night's planning commission meeting.

Barry Schrope made a motion to release \$17,500 as budgeted as a donation to the Township Recreation Board, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Jim Fuller stated the recreation board has applied for a grant to help replace the bridge across the Little Juniata and will be having the 2nd pavilion roof painted and place concrete under the pavilion.

Barry Schrope advised only 1 application has been received for the part time help position. Jim Fuller made a motion to hire William O'Connor starting May 24, 2018, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. No set amount of hours will be guaranteed. Mr. O'Connor stated he will only be able to work Thursday's and Friday's because of current job hours.

Barry Schrope advised the planning commission and recreation board have given the supervisors a letter regarding the upcoming bridge work on Paradise Road. Barry stated the letter contained their recommendation of a wider approach and a pedestrian walkway to be included in the design. The supervisors asked the secretary to type up the letter on township letterhead and forward to PennDOT.

Barry Schrope advised a letter has been received from DEP regarding dumping debris close to a pond at 1581 New Bloomfield Road. The supervisors asked Lester Nace to draft a letter advising the property owner of the complaint letter received from DEP and give the property owner 30 days' notice to clean up the property to avoid fines. Barry and Jim will review the letter and Barry will sign it. The supervisors asked Lester to hand deliver the letter.

Lester Nace stated he received a call last week from Alexander Building Construction Co. out of State College regarding the Lamb property on McNaughton Drive and they have loaded 6 – 30 yard dumpsters and have hauled the material away. Lester stated he asked them if they were aware a letter had been sent about cleaning up the property by May 9th prior to the fire, and they indicated they are aware of the letter and asked if they could have a few more days to accomplish the cleaning up. Lester also advised they are asking for a zoning permit to rebuild the house and then they plan to sell the house. Lester advised he would get bet to them after the supervisors meeting. The supervisors stated they did not have a problem with extending the deadline by a few days and would like to wait to issue the zoning permit until the outside of the place is cleaned up as requested.

Barry Schrope stated the township has received correspondence from FEMA regarding the appeal process for the Flood Insurance Rate Map and if any homeowner wants to appeal the flood plain the way it is delineated or going to be delineated they would have to follow the appeal procedure. Barry stated a copy of the letter will be here in the office if anyone is interested in looking at it.

Barry Schrope stated there were approximately 507 loads of stuff brought to the annual spring cleanup and more than 177 tv's/computers collected. Barry thanked everyone who helped, people who brought food and a special thanks to Bob Hines for bringing his backhoe down and helping. Jim Fuller advised one less dumpster was used this year compared to last year for the municipal waste and Jeff Smith advised all of the tires fit in two dumpsters and they did not have to haul any themselves this year. Jeff advised there were 4 scrap metal dumpsters which came out to roughly 37,000 lbs. Approximately \$3,400 was made on scrap metal and \$1,300 on the tv's/computers/oversized tires, no bills have been received yet for the municipal/tire waste and the electronics trailer cost \$3,450.

Jeff Smith stated he has received 3 quotes to replace the garage doors on the shop. Jeff stated he called Milroy Door, Piles Door and Shank Door and the cheapest was Shanks which came out to \$1426/ea. and \$180 additional charge if windows are added. If all 6 are done at one time there is a discount (\$156/per door). Jeff stated the price is a rough price until they figure out the final details. Jim Fuller made a motion to have Shank Door replace all 6 doors on the garage, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Jeff Smith asked about the old salt shed. Jeff state he received rough price of \$12,000 to repair the salt shed to what it was and to build a pole building to what is currently there would be around \$18,000. Jeff stated it's getting to be quite the eye sore and safety hazard something needs to be done to it. The supervisors will get some better numbers on it for next meeting.

Lester Nace advised he received a call from the individual who purchased the Dellville Mill and they indicated the renovation project will be starting this summer.

Vicki Jenkins reminded everyone in attendance about the County E-Cycling Event being held on June 9, 2018 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Newport Fairgrounds.

Jim Fuller stated recycling on Saturday was pretty steady and thanked all of those who come out and help.

Rick Schaar asked if any solution has been come up with in regards to the fire company issue after all the meetings over the last 2 – 3 years. Rick asked if a fire tax was going to be created or is the township just going to donate what they think can be afforded. Rick stated if the fire company can't afford to build a new fire house they shouldn't be building it. Jim Fuller advised nothing has been decided until the supervisors look at the fire lines and get the financial report from Duncannon Fire Co. figured out. Barry Schrope stated he was thinking about it and has not discussed it with the other supervisors; but if the township has a good year and comes out ahead financially at the end of the year maybe a portion of the excess money could be placed in their capital reserve accounts.

Barry Schrope stated the township spring cleanup went well. Barry stated there were approximately 550 loads of junk collected and approximately 500 residents used the spring cleanup this year. The township collected \$1610.80 for the tv's & computers collected and received \$3053.00 in scrap metal.

Jim Fuller reminded everyone in attendance that recycling is this Saturday.

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

4108 – 4143, 040318A, 040318B, 0001-2018, 03-2018, 003-2018, 041018A and 041018B

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 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary