

A Conditional Use Hearing was held Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Township Building prior to the regular meeting of the supervisors. The hearing was for the proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> driveway for Joe Burget Jr.'s property on Windy Hill Road. Those present were Barry Schrope, Jim Fuller, Jeff Smith, Johanna Rehkamp, Vicki Jenkins, Lester Nace, Dexter Potter, Joe Burget Jr., Thomas Keene, Holly Potter, Rick Burkholder, Dennis Lutz, Luke Roman (Perry Cty. Times), David Mills, Kurt Hepschmidt, Linda Fuller and Donald Strickler. A stenographer from Hughes, Albright, Foltz & Natale Reporting Service, Inc. was in attendance. A full copy of the transcript will be kept on file at the Township Office.

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, September 4, 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, Joe Burget Jr., Thomas Keene, Holly Potter, Rick Burkholder, Luke Roman (Perry Cty. Times), David Mills, Kurt Hepschmidt, Linda Fuller and Donald Strickler.

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

The minutes of the August 6, 2018 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the September 4, 2018 regular meeting for public viewing. Barry Schrope made the motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

David Mills thanked the township for everything they do to promote recreation in the community.

Linda Fuller stated she would like to voice her opinion regarding the proposed driveway ordinance/permit. Linda advised she is not in favor of it and thinks it will be a hardship for people who want to build in this township. Linda stated she does not know why it should be changed when it's already 200' and making it farther would only make it harder on people.

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for the month of August. Jeff stated the road crew has finished the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of mowing, Martin Paving has applied the seal coat to Sulphur Springs Road, removed trees and brush that were hanging down in the road in Wheatfield Estates, sprayed the 3 softball fields at Wagner Park, dug a ditch for electric lines for the softball shed and 2<sup>nd</sup> pavilion at Wagner Park, hauled 5 loads of stone for Wagner Park, replaced a 15" pipe and inlet box on Linton Hill Road, put in 180' of 18" pipe on Dugans Mill Road, started filling in the shoulders on Cook Road and started painting the picnic tables at Wagner Park.

Barry Schrope advised a Conditional Use Hearing for Joe Burget Jr. prior to the regular meeting. Barry asked if there were any questions or comments from those in attendance. Barry Schrope made a motion to grant the conditional use pending the other right of way disappears that currently goes through the trailer and shed, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Joe Burget of Burget & Associates presented the Harry & Grace Roush Estate final minor subdivision plan for approval. The purpose of the plan is to cut off the trailer with a lot of 8 acres and convey that to a family member, add property to the Harry Roush II property as a lot addition (approx. 100') and then the residual (approx. 78 acres) would be conveyed to a family member. Joe advised all comments have been addressed and the township planning commission has recommended approval of the requested AOR's and the subdivision plan. The requested AOR's are: 1 – Final Plan Review, 2 – Sheet Size and Scale, 3 – Map Scale and 4 – Erosion Control Plan. Barry Schrope made a motion to approve the AOR's as requested, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. DEP has sent a denial letter for the request for planning exemption due to the onlot sewage disposal system being in a high quality or exceptional value watershed. A Component 1 planning module will have to be submitted for approval. Barry Schrope made a motion to conditionally approve the plan pending DEP approval of the Component 1 planning module and engineering fees being paid, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Charlie Wise from the Duncannon Fire Co. was at tonight's meeting. Charlie advised Byron Worner was not able to attend the meeting tonight but advised him to set up a date with the supervisors to meet with him at the fire station and that he would be available September 10<sup>th</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>. The supervisors advised September 19<sup>th</sup> would work for them. Barry Schrope stated he would get in touch with him regarding a good time to meet. Barry stated revised financial reports have been received and the questions he had have been answered to his satisfaction. Jim Fuller stated he has heard Penn Township Supervisors have designated several thousand dollars towards an independent audit. Barry stated Byron had asked him to reconsider releasing the donation to the fire company this

month stating they needed some money. Barry also advised the financial reports have been received from the New Bloomfield Fire Co. as well. Jeff Smith asked if there has been a reply yet from New Bloomfield regarding the questions the supervisors had regarding their financial report from Robert Morris. Vicki Jenkins advised she has not heard back from the email that was sent to Mitch and Justin. Jim asked what email was sent and Vicki advised we asked them for the missing disclosures that are ordinarily included in financial statements. Jim stated he has spoken to Mitch Robb and Rob Morris. Jim stated Rob Morris advised there are 3 different types of audits, a full fledge audit at a cost of approximately \$10,000, a review which costs approximately \$5,000 - \$6,000 and then there is a compilation which is the cheapest audit (approx. \$1,500) you can get and the fire company chose to go with the compilation audit. Rob advised they do so much accounting for New Bloomfield Fire Co. that they would not be eligible to do a complete audit because of conflict of interest and advised if there was anything anywhere they would see it and alert someone. Jim stated that gives him more confidence in what the supervisors have received. Barry stated he still does not like the fact that the fire companies don't disclose what they receive from the fire relief monies which states in the report that it is tax money and if next year comes and it is not in their financial statements he will not vote to release their monies. Barry advised it was stated in the paper that the supervisors were happy with the answers they received from New Bloomfield but he was not. Jeff Smith advised only 1 supervisor might be happy with it. Jim stated the other 2 supervisors can drill New Bloomfield Fire Co. next month when they are at the meeting. Barry asked if there was any interest in releasing monies to the fire companies this month. Jim stated he would like to have the meeting first with Duncannon Fire Co. Jeff stated he would like to wait till next month's meeting when there both here. No monies will be released to either fire company this month.

Barry Schrope stated the supervisors have been reviewing the fire lines. Barry advised Jim Fuller has talked to Rich Fultz at the 911 center. Jim stated the supervisors are responsible for setting the fire box lines appropriately in the townships and see who can reach what location first. Jim stated there has always been a question as to whether Duncannon Fire Co. or New Bloomfield Fire Co. could reach Pine Hill Road first. Jim stated there is a website that shows mileage, driving conditions and response time that Rich showed him and what he came up with is that New Bloomfield could reach the Covered Bridge 3 seconds faster than Duncannon. Jim stated this situation came up several years ago and the supervisors were split at that time on the decision and they have since looked at it again and have decided to change a couple locations. Jim stated currently the cutoff point is at Dark Hollow coming down Rt. 274, New Bloomfield coming down and Duncannon coming out, as far as Rt. 34 and Dellville Road you have more of a downhill straight shot and they're proposing to change the fire lines from one side of Dark Hollow to the other side, from 274 to Roseglen Road, changing it from Duncannon Fire Co. to New Bloomfield Fire Co. and Dellville Road at Windy Hill Road heading towards Rye Twp. would change from Duncannon Fire Co. to New Bloomfield Fire Co. as well. Jim stated the supervisors would have to submit the changes to the County Emergency Management and have it recorded in the township minutes. Jim stated the last changes were made in October 2011. Jim Fuller made a motion to make the changes as discussed, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

A draft speed limit resolution has been presented to the supervisors for their approval. Barry Schrope stated the resolution states "no person or person shall drive or operate a vehicle at a speed in excess of 35 mph on collector roads and 25 mph on minor roads as established in the SALDO". Barry stated he thinks it should also state "unless otherwise currently posted" because in his travels around the township there are roads that are currently posted at 30 mph. Johanna Rehkamp advised that language should be placed in the resolution before the supervisors approve it. Vicki Jenkins will make the change and present the resolution to the supervisors for approval at next month's meeting.

Barry Schrope stated the next order of business is to advertise and hold a public hearing on the proposed standalone driveway ordinance that has been prepared. Linda Fuller stated she would like to know how the driveway ordinance is going to affect Barry Schrope and Jeff Smith personally. Barry advised he was elected to take care of the safety of 3,500 residents and that weighs heavily on him each month and this eases the burden and makes it a little safer in the township for people pulling out of their driveways and commuters going through. Barry stated as for him developing any land, he could develop land, he has land right along the road and there's actually lots right now developed on the farm that were never submitted. Barry said yes this ordinance could affect him as well. Jeff Smith stated the ordinance won't affect him personally because he has no property along a township road, but he measured his sight

distance at his driveway and he has 155' to the right on a 45 mph State Road and asked how many kids and grandkids would you like to have to pull out of his driveway if that driveway was approved today. Jeff stated it is dangerous and why wouldn't you want sight distance. Jeff advised if you look at the table and the speed limits they just discussed, the supervisors would like most of the roads at 30 mph and that will make it better for township residents because they will only need 196' actually 4' less than what they require now. Barry stated a person might not need 200' sight distance in both directions depending how the lot falls with the chart in the driveway ordinance; it may help some lots and not hinder them. Barry stated about 90% of what's in the proposed driveway ordinance is already in the SALDO book now, what's not in there now is the penalties, also the proposed ordinance also gives the supervisors the right to revoke driveway permits if not up to specs as required, such as the one on Pleasant Grove. Jim Fuller stated as far as that driveway the engineer wanted them to do a rain garden, a very expensive rain garden, and what would one storm do to a rain garden, it would have covered it with shale. Jim stated a driveway like that is hard to deal with and he just sees it as a big expense for nothing. Barry said it was also brought to his attention about requiring a permit to pave a driveway, and what the intent of that is to make sure the driveway is installed correctly and that the water is not coming down and running out onto the township road, all the township is looking for is to go out and make sure it's put in correctly, because once it's paved it's too late. Loraine Vogel asked about the penalties that were placed in the ordinance and asked if it could be less harsh. Barry stated he has no problem with taking that part out, as long as it states the driveway permit can be revoked if not installed right because right now the township has no recourse if the driveway is not built right. Lester Nace advised the only thing the township has now is to hold up a zoning permit, and he currently has one right now where the driveway was built but was not built to what the driveway permit required and now there applying for a zoning permit to put a house in and they will not get it until the requirements are fulfilled for the driveway permit. Lester states you try to work with people but there are also regulations. Jim stated that seems penalty enough that a person cannot get a zoning permit until the driveway is correct. Lester advised many times the zoning permit and driveway permit are issued at the same time and also some lots have been subdivided for years and now someone has bought it and wants to put a house on it. Jim stated most people will cooperate with what they're supposed to do and then the township puts language in the ordinance that states 30 days in jail and \$500 fine and most of the people don't like it and will do what's supposed to be done. Barry states it becomes a problem when the person doesn't want to do it correctly and then the homeowner comes to the township and says the township is not working with them. Loraine stated the threat of \$500 fine per day and jail is a little harsh. Jim stated if you want to improve your driveway at all you need a permit. Barry stated no, only if you have it paved. Jim stated he thought it was any kind of grading and Barry stated no, it's paving only, an existing or a new driveway. Jim stated the question is should the penalties be so harsh. Barry stated he is okay with taking out the sentence regarding imprisonment of up to 30 days. Barry Schrope made a motion to advertise to hold a public hearing for the adoption of the driveway ordinance amended to take out the sentence about imprisonment, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Jim stated he has been enlightened some tonight, if the supervisors do post the roads at 30 mph throughout the township then the sight distance won't change and that was his concern, he didn't want to increase the sight distance and make it harder. Jeff Smith made a motion to hold the public hearing on October 1, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular schedule supervisors meeting, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Joe Burget Jr. stated he will do a survey at his father's property to certify the property line and present it to the supervisors at next month's meeting. Joe stated this is in regards to a complaint filed about his father's kennel and shed not meeting the setback requirements. Don Strickler stated in response to Joe Burget Sr.'s response letter to the township he states that both neighbors have dogs and he disagrees with that, only one of his neighbors has dogs, he also disagrees that only 10 vehicles come there on one weekend and that is not true because 2 weeks prior to when he sells the puppies there's tons of traffic coming in and if that's the case why does he need a sign if they only come there 1 weekend out of the year. Lester Nace advised he raise's dogs every year and is allowed to have an in home occupation and he is allowed to have a sign up all of the time. Lester stated the Burget's have a standing order with a company for service dogs each year. Lester stated he also believes the increased traffic on Montebello Farm Road is because of the work being done on Linton Hill Road in Penn Township and not because of the Burget's selling dogs. Mr. Strickler stated there are more than 10 cars that come a year to the

property to look at the puppies, it's more like 20 cars. Barry Schrope stated they will look at the official survey once it's done and see where the buildings are and advised Mr. Burget is allowed to have an in home occupation and the sign.

Barry Schrope advised a certified letter has been sent to the resident at 1581 New Bloomfield Road (copy on file) regarding cleaning up the property. The letter indicates this is the final notice and they have 10 days from receipt of the letter to remove all debris and rubbish from the property. If not done to the satisfaction of the Zoning Officer and Supervisors a fine of \$500 per day for each day the property is in violation will be enforced.

Barry Schrope reminded everyone about the appreciation picnic being held on Monday, September 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Wagner Park.

Barry Schrope reminded everyone of the upcoming Local Coordinators Quarterly Training on September 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Perry County Courthouse.

Correspondence has been received from Casey Baxendale at Tri County Planning Commission regarding the concerns brought to the supervisors from Ed Womer regarding the possibility of no left hand turns on Rt. 322. Casey advised the project is still in the preliminary engineering phase and nothing has been officially set. Casey stated she will pass along the concern to the project manager. No letter will be sent from the supervisors at this time and will wait to see if there will be a public meeting held.

Correspondence has been received from the Commonwealth of PA Department of the Auditor General Municipal Pension Reporting Program advising of the township's distress score. The results of the 2018 distress score is 1 (copy on file). No mandatory remedies need to be implemented.

Barry Schrope advised the New Bloomfield Fire Co. will be doing the presentation they did previously at next month's meeting.

Barry Schrope made a motion to hold a budget workshop on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 9:30 a.m., Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. The workshop will be advertised as required.

Jim Fuller stated he appreciates all the help with recycling.

Jeff Smith made a motion to approve the checks from the General Fund for the month of August.

They were as follows:

4248 – 4287, 07-2018, 007-2018, 080618A, 080618B, 083118A and 083118B

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 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins  
Twp. Secretary