

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, December 3, 2018 in the Wheatfield Township Building. Barry Schrope called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Barry Schrope, Jim Fuller, Jeff Smith, Johanna Rehkamp, Lester Nace, Vicki Jenkins, Sue Flickinger, Holly Potter Dave Jenkins, David Linville, Ed Womer, Don Strickler, David Mills, Luke Roman (Perry County Times), Dave Keen and Kraig Nace.

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

The minutes of the November 5, 2018 regular meeting and the November 15, 2018 budget workshop were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Wheatfield Township Building prior to the December 3, 2018 regular meeting for public viewing. Jim Fuller made a motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Ed Womer stated at recycling 2 months ago someone told his wife the township is no longer accepting anything but #2 clear drink bottles and asked if that is correct. The supervisors stated that is not true, all household plastics are still accepted.

David Mills thanked the supervisors for continuing to supporting recreation. David also advised there are 2 Eagle Scout projects underway at the park, one is to install a couple of benches along the trail and install a charcoal grill at the #2 pavilion and the other is going to move the loop trail off of Paradise Road and put it onto the park ground so people are not walking on Paradise Road.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS stated they have completed and passed their licensure re-inspection with the Department of Health last Thursday. Kraig stated they have gone from 4 ambulances in service to 2 ambulances in service which is where they were a decade ago, they have sold a transport van and are looking to sell another transport van. Kraig also briefly went over the SR6 final report with the supervisors. Kraig thanked the supervisors and residents for their ongoing support.

Jeff Smith presented the road master report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has changed the oil and fuel filters in the backhoe, blue dump truck and brown dump truck, put the spreaders and plows on the dump trucks, replaced the window regulator on the brown dump truck, plowed snow, graded along Narrows Road, power washed the trucks and equipment, fixed the guardrail at the Montebello Road bridge and cleaned up trees and limbs from a wind and rain storm. Barry Schrope stated there is still some work to be done to the guardrail at the Montebello Road bridge.

Dave Keen of the Duncannon Fire Co. stated he has nothing to report this month. Dave stated the new truck is here but is not quite ready yet and will let the supervisors know when they are ready to the official unveiling.

Jim Fuller made a motion for the days and time for township meetings to be as follows: monthly Board of Supervisors meetings will be held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. with the exception for the month of September this year, Septembers meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, the Planning Commission will meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., the Recreation Board will meet the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m., the Zoning Hearing Board will hold their organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m and the Auditors will hold their organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Meetings will be advertised as required by law.

The December 2019 recycling will be moved to November 30, 2019 due to deer season and lack of volunteers.

Jeff Smith made a motion for taxes to remain at .199 on all real estate assessments, 1% on real estate transfer tax (.5% township, .5% school), and 1.8% on earned income tax (.5% township, 1.3% school), Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller stated the Recreation Board has been awarded the \$40,000 small community grant from DCNR for the replacement of the existing foot bridge over the Little Juniata Creek at the park and create handicap parking spaces and pavement improvements to comply with ADA requirements. Jim also advised the recreation board is looking for a recommendation from the supervisors as to what to do about the donations from those who reserve the pavilions. Jim stated the pavilions were reserved 58 times and there were only 12 donations received totaling \$925. The bills for trash removal, toilet paper, dog waste bags, etc. exceed what is being received in donations. Jim stated the website currently states no fee is required; donations requested and asked Vicki to remove the no fee required from the website and the letter mailed out when someone reserves the pavilions. Jim stated the recreation board can discuss establishing a minimum suggested donation for the large and small pavilion to put on the website and in the letter at their next meeting and get back to the supervisors with their recommendation.

Barry Schrope advised the supervisors have found a used dump truck for sale in Lebanon. Barry advised the truck is in really good condition and from the looks of it; it has been taken very well care of. Barry Schrope made a motion to purchase the used 2000 International Dump truck, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Barry stated this truck will replace the 1987 brown dump truck stating parts for the truck are getting harder to find. The supervisors stated they will look to sell the 1987 brown dump truck after the winter season.

Barry Schrope advised it is the consensus of the Board of Supervisors and Zoning Officer that the issue of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Burget's carport canopy that is not quite out of the setbacks can remain where it is until such time that the right of way becomes access to any additional lot development or the property owner of 266 Montebello Farm Road would request it be moved due to the encroachment of the setback requirement. Donald Strickler stated he does not

agree with the setback requirement changing and stated if the township is going to grant permits and setbacks its only as good as the enforcement and at this point it's not being enforced.

Correspondence has been received the USDA Rural Development regarding grants being available for several different items. The supervisors will look over it and forward it to the recreation board to see if there is anything they could apply for.

BIU has invited the township to a holiday luncheon on December 13th at Zeiderelli's in Newport. Barry Schrope stated if anyone is interested in going to let Vicki know so she may reply. Replies are due by December 6th.

The supervisors advised there will be a special meeting on December 17, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. to adopt the proposed 2019 budget.

Johanna Rehkamp stated in response to the email regarding auditing a fire company; the township can do that. Johanna advised the statute requires the fire company should submit to the board of supervisors an annual report of the use of the appropriated monies for each completed year to the township before any further payments are made and advised the other statute states the township shall be responsible for insuring that fire and emergency medical services are provided within the township by the means and to the extent determined by the township including the appropriate financial and administrative assistance for these services. Johanna stated she considers an audit to be an administrative assistance for their services.

Lester Nace advised the supervisors that he believes the concept of a resident wanting to do a dry house has going by the wayside.

Jim Fuller advised he had placed a wanted ad in the Lancaster Farmer for an auger for the glass crusher and has received several calls back but not for a belt conveyor. Jim advised they will try an auger and see how it works, if not they will try something else.

Kraig Nace in regards to the pavilion discussion, he attended a birthday party in Lewisburg and the people are from Altoona and she commented on the park and said it is her favorite park and how nice it is. Kraig also stated on the EMS front and in light of the SR6 report he would like to ask the supervisors to discuss what level of service they desire them to provide in Wheatfield Township so they can prepare for future needs. Kraig thanked the supervisors for their consistency of the yearly donation. Barry Schrope advised the township budget consists of \$119,000 towards emergency services.

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

4369 – 4412, 10-2018, 010-2018, 110218A and 110218B

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, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary