

Wheatfield Township  
April 1, 2019  
Supervisor Regular Meeting Minutes

The Regular monthly meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was called to order by Chairman, Barry Schrope at 7:00 PM.

Attending the meeting: Barry Schrope, James Fuller, Johanna Rehkamp, Lester Nace, Dexter Potter, Sue Flickinger, Kurt Hepschmidt, Holly Potter, Rick Schaar, Bob Rhodes, Landon Finger, Bob Hines, David Mills, Kraig Nace, and Ed Womer.

Barry Schrope led the Pledge to the Flag, followed by an invocation by Kurt Hepschmidt.

Motion by Jim Fuller and Barry Schrope to approve the March 4, 2019, meeting minutes.  
All voted in the affirmative. Motion Carried

Public Comments were made by the following:

Landon Finger, from Scout Troop 64, asked if there would be any projects he might take on as part of earning Eagle Scout status.

It was suggested he meet with the Recreation Board members at their next meeting on April 16th, for discussion of a project.

Landon and his father left the meeting at this time.

Bob Hines stated there is a need to update the Ag Security Program. Further discussion will be held after Vicki returns.

David Mills thanked the Supervisors for their continued support of the Recreation Board and their endeavors. Barry thanked the Recreation Board for all they do.

Kurt Hepschmidt, Emergency Management Coordinator, indicated the township computer he utilizes needs to be updated and would ask permission to take it to someone to have it cleaned and updated, but that he would need certain codes in order to do this.

Kraig Nace said he would help Kurt with this.

Kraig Nace, Duncannon EMS, thanked the supervisors for their continued support.

Road Report - Dexter Potter gave the road report as follows:

Plowed Snow	Graded Dellville Dam Road
Power washed trucks	Removed plows and spreaders
Power washed garage and parking lot	Replaced stop sign at Glutz Hole Road

Stidfole Plan - Joe Burget indicated there were three waivers missed last month when the Plan was presented to the Supervisors.

Motion by Barry Schrope and Jim Fuller to approve the three waivers on the Stidfole Plan.  
All voted in the affirmative. Motion Carried

Roush Plan - Discussion was held regarding a proposed right-of-way from the 70's that was never made permanent. Joe Burger indicated the parties involved with the Plan are in agreement to eliminate the proposed right-of-way.

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It was noted that parties involved with the Plan will attend the next Planning Commission meeting and the next Supervisors meeting. Supervisors feel it would be advantageous if the main party involved would submit a letter indicating her approval of the elimination. It was agreed that if this party attends the next meeting and agrees to the elimination and it is listed in the minutes of the meeting, that will be sufficient.

Rough Driveway Permit - Joe Burget pointed out safety concerns if the driveway for this property is moved according to current ordinance.

After discussion, the Supervisors agreed to take a look at the site on April 4th at 9 AM. Lester Nace and Bob Rhoades will accompany the Supervisors.

Fire Meeting - after discussion of holding a public fire meeting, Jim Fuller stated he feels that instead of a public meeting, Supervisors should be present at the voting polls to discuss the fire coverage situation with the voters.

Dave Mills stated he feels they should continue plans to hold a public meeting.

Ed Womer stated he is not prepared to "fund the fire companies' dreams."

Kurt Hepschmidt stated the Township should look into getting information from surrounding townships as to what percentage of their budgets are earmarked for fire protection. He stated he appreciates the frugality of the Supervisors, but it would be good to know if we are under paying. Where does Wheatfield fit?

Jim Fuller stated he will look into this.

Ed Womer asked if fire companies are permitted to bill homeowners' insurance for responding to a fire. After some discussion, it was stated this does not seem likely.

Spring Cleanup - Scrap Metal Bid

Motion by Barry Schrope and Jim Fuller to accept the bid from Route 850 Recycling, Landisburg, for the Spring Cleanup scrap metal. Charges will be according to board prices with no pull charge, no pick up fee, and they guarantee having dumpsters on site. Motion Carried

Electronics - Barry reported that Jeff was successful at obtaining a reduction on the Electronics disposal at \$4,350. This covers anything with a battery or plug.

2019 Sealcoating - The bid package was given to the solicitor for review. After her review this will be revisited later in this meeting.

Auditor's Report - Sue Flickinger gave a summary of the auditor report noting the Township, Tax Collector, and Park and Recreation Board records are in order. It was noted that the Township earned less than it spent in the past eight years.

The auditors commended the Township Secretary for her diligence and competency, and the Supervisors and Staff for their hard work and attention to following proper procedures.

Bob Hines questioned the legality of the supervisors writing checks in the absence of the Secretary. It is believed that the Supervisors are bonded as well as the Secretary.

Vision Insurance Renewal

Motion by Barry Schrope and Jim Fuller to approve the renewal rates for Vision Insurance for staff. \$13.34 monthly for Family and \$4.60 monthly for Individuals. All voted in the affirmative. Motion Carried

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Sealcoating Bid Package

Motion by Barry Schrope and Jim Fuller to approve the proposed bid package for advertising to be opened at the May Supervisor's meeting. All voted in the affirmative. Motion Carried

Part time help - Discussion was held regarding part time help for road crew and Wagner Park.

Motion by Barry Schrope and Jim Fuller to place it in the township newsletter for applicants. All voted in the affirmative. Motion Carried

Flood Plain Ordinance - Revisions were made to cover information regarding insurance.

Motion by Barry Schrope and Jim Fuller to advertise the Ordinance for a Public Hearing scheduled on May 6, 2019, beginning at 6:30 PM. All voted in the affirmative. Motion Carried

Basin Hill Pipe - will work as it is for now.

New Bloomfield Library - Barry read a letter from the Library thanking the Township for the \$500.00 donation.

Solicitor Findings - JoHanna Rehkamp reviewed the following and gave findings for each.

Right-to-Know - indication is there are no exceptions and if the Township receives future requests they are required to honor them.

Kraig Nace suggested the Township contact State Officials about this due to confidential resident information.

Local Delivery Signs - these have to be done by an ordinance with input by the State with an engineering evaluation.

Miscellaneous Items

Saturday, April 6th is Township recycling.

Kraig Nace reported April 6th is the EMS Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, beginning at 8:30 AM at the EMS building.

Also, Kraig gave the following vehicle update:

1994 Ambulance sold for a \$3,000 bid to a construction company.

2001 Ambulance sold for a \$3,000 bid to a Georgia Company which plans to ship it to Haiti.

1997 Ambulance is still listed for sale.

Motion by Barry Schrope and Jim Fuller to adjourn at 8:43 PM. All voted in the affirmative. Motion Carried