

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, July 1, 2019 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, Lester Nace, Vicki Jenkins, Holly Potter, Sue Flickinger, Joshua Schrader, Luke Roman (Perry Co. Times), Kurt Hepschmidt, David Mills, Ann Miller, Kraig Nace and Mitch Robb.

Jim Fuller led the pledge to the American flag followed by an invocation given by Kurt Hepschmidt.

The minutes of the June 3, 2019 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the July 1, 2019 regular meeting for public viewing. Jeff Smith made the 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 and also thanked the township for all the work that has been done at the park over the past month, it made a big difference and it was greatly appreciated.

Ann Miller thanked the supervisors for their good service and thanked the road crew for the good work they did after the bad storms came through. Ann stated she lives in the Craig Run development and in general there are not many problems there. Ann asked if in one of the newsletters the township could explain what a right-of-way is and what the township may do in the right-of-way and she also asked about tall grass and properties not being taken care of in that aspect. Ann stated tall grass creates a safety hazard for fire and also creates a health hazard such as ticks and mice; Ann asked if an ordinance could be created to be able to enforce mowing the grass in developments or properties up to a certain size. Lester Nace stated he would try and get in touch with the people and see if they will cooperate with mowing their grass.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS gave a report on their current state of finances and options to maintain their current level of service (copy on file). Kraig also stated there was some conversation with the county regarding the portable radio that was given to the township EMC, Kurt Hepschmidt to use. Kraig stated Rich Fultz suggested having some sort of agreement in place but Kraig thought as long as it reflected in the townships minutes that the township is using the radio for the EMC it should be okay, the county would just have to show where the radio is if an audit would be done on the FEMA grant.

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for the month of June. Jeff stated the road crew has finished the first round of mowing, weed wacked along the guard rails in the township, filled in shoulders on various roads, had Martin Paving seal coat on Linton Hill Road, Pine Hill Road and a portion of Pleasant Grove Road, hauled 4 loads of shot rock, weed wacked the trails at Wagner Park, serviced the bucket truck, graded along Ankajam Drive, hauled 2 loads of playground mulch and spread it at Wagner Park, picked up 2 scoops of tan bark and spread at Wagner Park, started spreading stone for the parking lot at pavilion #2 at Wagner Park, filled in a wash out at the Dark Hollow Road box culvert with rip rap and started clearing out trees at the #2 pavilion at Wagner Park for an eagle scout project.

Dave Keen of the Duncannon Fire Co. stated there were 2 minor calls in the township this month and that they are expecting to get the rescue truck back that was involved in an accident back from the body shop this week.

Mitch Robb of the New Bloomfield Fire Co. stated he did go back to their members and they would be fine receiving 3/10 (2/10 of a mill the 1st year and 1/10 of a mill the 2nd year) of a mill for capital funding at this time and that doing a contract with the township would be no problem. Dave Keen of the Duncannon Fire Co. stated he did not bring it up, that the township has to decide what they were going to do first before he talks to his members. Barry Schrope stated they will discuss funding and contracts at the supervisors' budget workshops which starts in September.

Johanna Rehkamp, Solicitor, has submitted a letter of resignation to the supervisors due to moving away from the area. Johanna introduced her colleague Veronica Range to the supervisors and stated she will be available to finish out the year and beyond if so desired by the supervisors. Jeff Smith made a motion to accept Johanna Rehkamp's resignation, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Jeff Smith made a motion for Veronica Range to be the township's solicitor, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to advertise for a public hearing for the proposed speed limit ordinance on several township roads on August 5, 2019 at 6:45 p.m. at the Township Building, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Vicki Jenkins will advertise the ordinance and public hearing as required by the law.

Barry Schrope stated the township had a Liquid Fuel Audit for the year 2018 and all records were found to be in order.

Vicki Jenkins stated she is still waiting to hear back from James Wheeler at PSATS regarding the TEMA membership for Kurt Hepschmidt.

Barry Schrope stated the township will have to wait to hear back from the fire co.'s/EMS as to what accounting programs they have before deciding what financial reports we will require.

Jeff Smith asked the other 2 supervisors to come in some morning within the next couple weeks to look at a few roads.

Johanna Rehkamp stated she has sent a letter to Capital First Trust Company regarding them being in violation of the townships zoning ordinance for not obtaining a zoning permit for a building that was built on their property at 546 Newport Road.

Lester Nace stated he cut out an article from the paper regarding what the fireworks law is in Pennsylvania.

Vicki Jenkins stated the township has received financial reports from New Bloomfield EMS for the years 2015 – 2018.

Vicki Jenkins stated the township has received an invitation from Pennoni regarding the dedication ceremony and final inspection of the Dellville Covered Bridge. The dedication ceremony will be held July 11, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Jim Fuller reminded all in attendance that recycling will be held this Saturday.

Jim Fuller made a motion to approve the checks from the General Fund for the month of June. They were as follows:

4629 – 4668, 005-2019, 05-2019, 060419 and 060619

Jeff Smith 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 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary