

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, October 7, 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, Veronica Range, Lester Nace, Vicki Jenkins, Dexter Potter, Sue Flickinger, Holly Potter, Dave Jenkins, Luke Roman (Perry Cty. Times), Kurt Hepschmidt, David Mills and Kraig Nace.

Barry Schrope led the pledge to the American flag followed by an invocation given by Jim Fuller.

The minutes of the September 3, 2019 regular meeting and the September 25, 2019 budget workshop were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the October 7, 2019 regular meeting for public viewing. Jim Fuller made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting as presented by the secretary, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Jim Fuller made a motion to approve the minutes of the budget workshop as presented, Barry Schrope second the motion, Jeff Smith abstained (not at the budget workshop meeting).

Sue Flickinger thanked the supervisors for the nice picnic that was held for the volunteers.

David Mills thanked the supervisors for continuing to support recreation in the community and also thanked the road crew for getting the work done for the gaga pit (Eagle Scout project).

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS presented the updated call report through the end of August and also thanked the supervisors for their continuing support.

Jeff Smith presented the road master report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has finished repairing the bridge on Montebello Road, serviced the backhoe and replaced the muffler, completed the 3rd round of mowing, purchased 1.5 ton of cold patch and used it on various roads, changed the oil in the F550, hauled 15 loads of anti-skid, filled in shoulders on Cook Road, Dark Hollow Road and Montebello Road and leveled the ground at Wagner Park for the Eagle Scout project.

No representative from the Duncannon Fire Co. was at tonight's meeting.

The New Bloomfield Fire Co. has submitted their financial reports.

The township has received notice from the Commonwealth of PA that the amount of Volunteer Fire Relief for 2019 has been received in the amount of \$17,929.51. Jeff Smith made a motion to release \$13,447.14 (3/4) to the Duncannon Fire Co. and \$4,482.37 (1/4) to the New Bloomfield Fire Co., Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to release \$11,250 (remaining 1/2 of the 2019 donation) to the Duncannon EMS, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

The 2019 donation to Perry County Crime Stoppers was tabled until more information is received.

Barry Schrope advised 3 quotes have been received for the shed replacement. The supervisors tabled the issue until the current shed condition/block is further looked into.

PSATS has sent correspondence to the Township regarding the election of Trustees for the Pension Trust, Health Insurance Cooperative Trust and Unemployment Compensation Group Trust. Jim Fuller made a motion to accept PSATS recommendation of Michael Keller as Trustee for the Pension, Health and Unemployment Compensation Trust for a period of 2 years, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to invest \$100,000 in a Certificate of Deposit from the State Fund account, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Correspondence has been received from the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission regarding seeking nominations for people to represent them. Currently Bob Rhoades is a representative for the Perry Southeast Regional Planning Area, but Bob will be moving next year. Jim Fuller stated he would be interested in serving as a representative. Jeff Smith made a motion to nominate Jim Fuller as a representative, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Vicki Jenkins will submit the supervisor's nomination by email as requested.

Barry Schrope made a motion to schedule a budget workshop for the preliminary 2020 budget on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. The workshop will be advertised as required by law.

Jeff Smith made a motion to have Trick or Treat night in Wheatfield Township on Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope stated the volunteer picnic was held and all went well. Barry stated approximately 45 people attended and he received a lot of positive feedback.

Barry Schrope stated correspondence has been received from the Historical Society regarding an anniversary dinner. Barry stated if anyone is interested in attending the information will be here at the township.

Jeff Smith stated in regards to the grant for Wagner Park, he has been speaking with Dave Mills, John Weldon and Rob Shaffer and has some things finalized. Jeff stated there are still a few things that need worked out and also stated he told Rob that before the plans are finalized he would like to set up a meeting with him. Jeff stated he will try to schedule it for a Monday or Tuesday evening so if anybody else wants to attend they will be able to.

Jeff Smith stated at the Perry Co. COG meeting Jason Finnerty was there and they were talking about Meck's Corner and the rumor is it's going to be a T intersection and Dellville Road will only be assessable from Rt. 274 and the loop like you would go to New Bloomfield would have a cul-de-sac on it and be handed back to the township. Jeff stated another meeting is to be held on this and Jason Finnerty will let him know when it is.

Vicki Jenkins stated correspondence has been received from the PA Dept. of Transportation regarding the upcoming 2021 Transportation Improvement Program candidates which includes the Paradise Road bridge replacement over the Little Juniata Creek.

Jim Fuller advised the recycling containers for the plastic need dumped. Jeff stated he will check the containers and take care of it. Jim stated there were 7 volunteers at recycling and it was a busy day.

Jim Fuller also stated he would like the bucket truck and F550 would be backed into the salt shed instead of being out in the rain.

Jim Fuller stated he attended a Task Force meeting at Penn Township and they discussed the intersection at Rt. 34 and Rt. 850 and the new Dollar Store on Rt. 274 and why there was no turning lane installed when the driveway permit was issued. Jim stated the issue came up about the corridor and intersection that comes up from the Duncannon Legion to Mutzabaughs and the need for it to be looked at for safety reasons.

Barry Schrope stated at the budget workshop the New Bloomfield Fire Co. gave brochures to the supervisors regarding the new fire house and finances and ways to financially support the fire company. Barry stated the brochures would be here at the township if anyone is interested in sponsoring them.

Kraig Nace gave an update about the ambulances they would like to purchase. Kraig stated he has reached out to the USDA Rural Development Program and it sounds promising and that he has started the required paperwork. Kraig advised they could probably finance the ambulances at 3 – 4% interest rate and finance them for up to 15 years. The one ambulance was available in July and the other one should be available in November so he is waiting to hear back from the sales person in regards to if they are still available.

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

4746 – 4788, 008-2019, 08-2019, 090419, 090519, 092619 and 121

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 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary