

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, February 3, 2020 in the Township Building. Barry Schrope called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Barry Schrope, Jeff Smith, Vicki Jenkins, Lester Nace, Dexter Potter, Sue Flickinger, Holly Potter, Scott Shedd, Kurt Hepschmidt, David Mills, Dave Linville, Todd Schell, Jodi Schell and Luke Roman (Perry Co. Times).

Jeff Smith led the pledge to the American flag followed by an invocation given by Kurt Hepschmidt.

The minutes of the January 6, 2020 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the February 3, 2020 regular meeting for public viewing. Jeff Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Barry Schrope second the motion.

Barry Schrope stated the township solicitor; Veronica Range has accepted another job elsewhere and is no longer with Cunningham, Chernicoff and Warshawsky. Barry stated they are looking for another associate to attend the meetings and that Johanna Rehkamp stated she could come but the supervisors felt there was nothing pressing on the agenda for her to be here tonight.

David Mills thanked the supervisors for continuing to support recreation in the township.

Dave Linville stated ditto to what David Mills said.

Jeff Smith presented the road report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has had 4 small nuisance snow/ice storms to deal with, took care of trees that came down on wires on Roseglen Road and Loshes Run Road, power washed the trucks and equipment after each storm, filled in shoulders on Windy Hill Road, replaced the bearings in the salt spreader on the F550, went around the township and opened up all the culvert pipes that were clogged and replaced the alternator and batteries in the big red dump truck.

No representative from the Duncannon Fire Co. was in attendance at tonight's meeting. Barry Schrope stated they did give the township the 4th Qtr. 2019 general fund reports for their accounts to review.

Correspondence has been received from Blue Ridge Communications regarding the renewal of the existing cable franchise agreement for another 2 year term. Barry Schrope made a motion to renew the franchise agreement for another 2 year term with no changes, Jeff Smith second the motion.

Spring cleanup will be held Thursday, April 23, 2020 through Saturday, April 25, 2020 with hours of 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. The supervisors asked the secretary to obtain dumpster bids and electronics container bid for next month's meeting.

The supervisors discussed the proposed 2020 road projects. Jeff Smith stated he would like to seal coat Basin Hill Road from Loshes Run Road to Rt. 849, Glutz Hole Road from Roseglen Road to Linton Hill Road and Narrows Road from Paradise Road to the township line; approximately 3 miles. The supervisors stated no paving will be done this year. There are 3 pipes on Roseglen Road that need replaced between Windy Hill Road and Dellville Road and then they will do paving on that portion of the road the following year.

Barry Schrope advised the property on Mountain Road has been resolved. Lester Nace, Zoning Officer can handle issuing a letter of non-compliance use approval per Veronica, Section 1502 of the Zoning Ordinance. Vicki Jenkins advised the letter has been sent to Tradesman Drywall. Lester Nace stated he will prepare a small explanation for the spring newsletter to give notification to everyone who may be interested.

Correspondence has been received from PSATS regarding the township's non-police pension plan. IRS regulations require that sponsors of Defined Benefit Pension Plans periodically restate the plan documents to incorporate changes in pension legislation; the previous mandatory plan restatement was in 2012. The fee for preparation is \$550, with PSATS subsidizing \$450 of this fee. The township will be responsible for the remaining \$100. Barry Schrope made a motion to approve the restatement of the qualified retirement plan, Jeff Smith second the motion.

Correspondence has been received from the New Bloomfield Fire Co. regarding their annual fireman's banquet on February 20th at 7:00 p.m. Barry Schrope advised if anyone is interested in attending to call and confirm their attendance.

Jeff Smith stated he spoke with Randy of Sylvester's Services and he indicated the price for recycling will be \$150/pull per container and \$125/ton to get rid of the recycling material. Randy indicated on average the containers from recycling weigh 1 – 2 ton. The price would approximately double as to what the township is currently paying. Vicki Jenkins advised Jim Fuller told her that he has a call into Randy as well to ask some questions. Lester Nace suggested the supervisors speak to Randy about bundling the recycling and spring cleanup contract together to see if he can give a better price.

Lester Nace advised he will be contacting JC Smith, SEO about 2 properties with possible septic problems. Lester also advised he has been contact by Wells Fargo regarding 1581 New Bloomfield Road and possible code violations.

Vicki Jenkins asked about advertising the bid package for the Wagner Park project if DCNR approves the bid package and plans prior to the next meeting. Vicki advised she received the signed papers from Rob and has forwarded the papers to the solicitor for her signature so that they can be forwarded to Cheri at DCNR for her approval to advertise the bid package. Barry Schrope made a motion to conditionally approve advertising the bid package for the Wagner Park project upon DCNR approval, Jeff Smith second the motion.

Kurt Hepschmidt asked if Jim Fuller found out anything about the minutes being given out in draft form. Barry Schrope advised that Jim Fuller said we could ask Holly Fishel of PSATS at the Perry County Convention.

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

4904 – 4942 and 010620A, 010620B, 010920A, 010920B, 012-2019, 0004-2019 and 12-2019.

Barry Schrope second the motion to approve the checks.

There being no further business Barry Schrope made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jeff Smith second the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary