

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, March 2, 2020 in the Township Building. Barry Schrope called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Barry Schrope, Jim Fuller, Jeff Smith, Vicki Jenkins, Lester Nace, Dexter Potter, Holly Potter, Paul Krieger, Sue Flickinger, Dave Jenkins, Joe Burget Jr., Luke Roman (Perry Cty. Times), David Mills, Kurt Hepschmidt, Scott Shedd, Kraig Nace and Kyle Foy.

Barry Schrope led the pledge to the American flag followed by an invocation given by Kurt Hepschmidt.

The minutes of the February 3, 2020 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the March 2, 2020 regular meeting for public viewing. Jeff Smith made the motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Barry Schrope second the motion, Jim Fuller abstained (not at meeting).

Sue Flickinger thanked the supervisors for the opportunity to attend the Perry County Convention in Millerstown for the Auditors workshop. Sue asked Jim Fuller to pass along to the convention committee that the audit session was very good and well received. Sue also stated the township auditors have prepared the 2019 audit. Sue stated the following, the audit has been completed along with the tax collector records and the park and recreation board records showing all records are in order. There are minor recommendations to the township and rec board as outlined in the official letters to both (copies on file). It has been noted that the township has earned less than it has spent in the past 9 years. The auditors commend the township secretary for her diligence in processing all township matters confidentially and the supervisors and staff for their hard work and attention to following proper procedures. Sue stated it makes the auditors work a lot easier.

David Mills stated he would like to thank the supervisors for continuing to support recreation in the community and for all the extra efforts in trying to make the grant for them possible.

Kurt Hepschmidt stated from the EMC he would like to make the supervisors aware that Tony Mull and Josh Snyder attended a sheltering training on Saturday in Juniata County. Kurt stated he would like to publicly thank these two for taking the time out for the training.

Kraig Nace presented the 2019 call reports & call analysis report by municipality to the supervisors and also provided the 2020 Sunday dinner schedule to post on the bulletin board. Kraig stated the 2015 ambulance is in service and was licensed the end of January, they just about have everyone through the driver training. Kraig thanked Noaker's for donating the lettering work for the ambulance. Kraig advised the subscription notices are at the printer and that they did not have to hit into their 2019 line of credit in part due to the extra donations given by Penn & Wheatfield Township. Kraig introduced Kyle Foy who attended the meeting with him. Kraig stated he is a senior at Messiah College studying political science and attended tonight's meeting to see what things are like.

Jeff Smith presented the Road report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has power washed the trucks and equipment, did tree trimming on Linton Hill and Roseglen, Jeff advised the old power washer died so they had to purchase another one, they changed the oil and fuel filters on the F250 & F550, took the backhoe down to Groff's to have some work done to it and did some tree trimming on Sherman Drive and Pine Hill for sight distance. Jeff advised someone has been messing with the street signs on Windy Hill, Cook Road, Roseglen and Linton Hill, they've been either turning them around or stealing them. Jeff stated it's mostly happening on the weekends. Jeff asked for everyone to keep an eye out and report it if they see something. Lester Nace suggested contacting the State Police, Jeff advised he would do that.

There was no representative from the Duncannon Fire Co. at tonight's meeting. Barry Schrope stated correspondence has been received from the Duncannon Fire Co. inviting the supervisors to their annual banquet on March 28, 2020. If anyone is interested in going please let Vicki know so she can RSVP.

Joe Burget of Burget & Associates presented the Thomas & Almerta Spease Final Minor Subdivision Plan. Joe stated the purpose of the plan is to subdivide an existing 71 acre lot into 3 separate tracts (non-building lots) to satisfy an estate. Joe advised all comments have been addressed and the township planning commission has recommended approval of the requested AOR and the subdivision plan. The requested AOR is 1 – Final Plan Review. Jeff Smith made a motion to accept the AOR as requested, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Jeff Smith made a motion to conditionally approve the plan pending owner signatures on the plan and changing the wording on the plan under Form B – request for non-building waiver from Spring Township to Wheatfield Township, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jeff Smith gave an update on the Wagner Park project. Jeff stated the township is waiting to hear if Jerry Spease will apply for the GP-11 permit and also waiting to hear if John Madden still has the permit paperwork from when he was the township engineer. Jeff stated Cheri at DCNR is satisfied with all the other paperwork. There was discussion between the supervisors about the billings (approximately \$20,000 since the beginning of the project) from Rob Shaffer of Act One. The supervisors and rec board asked Vicki to send an email and ask him not to do any more work on the project unless advised by the supervisors.

The township received 3 bids for dumpster services for this year's spring cleanup, Sylvester's Services, Raven Recycling and Bulldog Motors & Recycling LLC. Raven Recycling will provide 2 – 40 yd. at no charge for metals only and will pay board price for materials, Sylvester's is charging \$160 per pull and \$80/ton for MSW and \$120/ton for tire disposal and \$100 to haul scrap metal containers, the township would keep the scrap money and Bulldog Motors & Recycling will provide 2 roll off containers to be swapped out as needed and will pay board price at time of pickup, no charge for the pickup. Barry Schrope made a motion for Sylvester's to haul the MSW and tires, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. The supervisors asked Jeff to contact Raven & Bulldog for more clarification on container pick up for Saturday before deciding on the metal containers. Barry Schrope advised there would be no tv's or computers collected at this years spring cleanup. Dauphin County Recycling will take tv's, computers and other electronics free of charge. The township will save \$4,350 on the electronic container coming from New Jersey. Vicki Jenkins also advised Kurt Hepschmidt told her that the Bethesda Mission would also accept tv's and computers free of charge. Information will be available in the spring newsletter.

The supervisors have been contacted by Sylvester's Services that the monthly recycling price will be increasing. The new price will be \$150 per pull and \$125 tipping fee per ton, the township is currently paying \$325/mth. The price increase will approximately double the monthly recycling cost. Jim Fuller made a motion to accept the new price from Sylvester's Services for the remainder of the year, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Jeff Smith made a motion to get the bid package ready for advertisement for the 2020 sealcoat project, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Sealcoat will be applied to Glutts Hole Road, Basin Hill Road and Narrows Road (Paradise Road to the township line). Jeff will contact Rick Levan from PennDOT for measurements.

Barry Schrope made a motion to release \$1200 budgeted as a donation to the Duncannon Senior Citizens Center and \$500 budgeted as a donation to the New Bloomfield Library, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to renew the township employee's vision coverage with Highmark at no rate increase for this year, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Jeff Smith made a motion to accept Jeremiah Ferguson's resignation from the Planning Commission as requested, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. The supervisors advised the township will be looking for a replacement. Vicki Jenkins advised she has put it in the spring newsletter.

Jim Fuller made a motion for the Delegate (Jeff Smith) and Alternate (Jim Fuller) to remain the same for the Perry Co. COG, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Lester Nace gave an update on the property at 1581 New Bloomfield Road. Lester stated it looks like the house has been vacated, but there were lights on in the house so he made a call to his contact person in Minnesota and they will provide information to the township with what's happening with the property. The person Lester spoke with is connected with Wells Fargo Bank.

Vicki Jenkins stated correspondence has been received from Jason Finnerty about a Zoning Administration Course being offered at Penn Township. The course will be held April 7, April 14 and April 21 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. and cost \$35/person. The course is for planning commission, zoning officer, zoning hearing board and elected officials. Barry Schrope made a motion to pay for the course if anyone is interested in attending, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

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

4943 – 4966 and 01-2020, 001-2020, 020420A and 020420B.

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 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary