

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, August 3, 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, Ron Legaspi, Lester Nace, Vicki Jenkins, Sue Flickinger, Dexter Potter, Luke Roman (Perry Co. Times), John Schulze, Holly Potter, Landon Finger, Kraig Nace, David Mills and Kurt Hepschmidt.

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

The minutes of the July 6, 2020 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the August 3, 2020 regular meeting for public viewing. Jeff Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

John Schulze supervisor for Rye Township stated he would like to talk with the supervisors regarding implementing a truck restriction on Pine Hill Road. John stated Pine Hill goes through 3 municipalities; Rye, Carroll and Wheatfield. John presented a slide show on his computer showing trucks going through the turns on Pine Hill, the engineering and traffic study for restrictions report and stated he will forward a copy of the accident report for Pine Hill to the supervisors (copies on file). John stated they are looking to restrict any trucks/total vehicle length over 30' long from using the road, no weight restriction, just length. Jim Fuller asked if the other 2 supervisors from Rye Township support this, John stated yes. John advised he would be going to Carroll Township next week to propose the idea to them as well. Barry Schrope asked if there is a problem with tractor trailers running this road or what brought this about. John advised this started when Rye Township's road crew was out doing road maintenance and observed tractor trailers using the road and eating up the edges of the road and also the problem of not being able to stay on their side of the road going around the S curves. Jim asked about enforcement, John advised it would be enforced by the State Police. Jim asked about the cost of the signs and posts, John stated they would purchase the signs the first time around and then it would be up to the township to maintain and replace signs as needed. Barry stated his concern would be if they go 30' a lot of farm trucks would be restricted. Jim stated he doesn't believe the supervisors are ready to make a decision on this tonight seeing's how they just received the material tonight. John stated he can look into restricting combination vehicles. Barry stated he will try to attend the Carroll Township meeting next week and see what they have to say.

Landon Finger of Boy Scout Troop 64 stated he has completed his Eagle Scout project, a GaGa ball pit, at Wagner Park and all paper work has been signed off on. The supervisors thanked Landon for his project.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS stated he has updated there financial documents online and stated he also pulled the numbers for July and they had 95 total dispatches which puts them in line with most months of most years. Kraig stated there call volume is getting back to what they consider average.

David Mills thanked the township for continuing to support recreation in the township and asked about the status of the paper work for the grant. Jeff Smith stated there waiting to hear back from Jerry Spease and Joe Burget. Jeff advised Joe picked up the plans for the park and returned them last week. Jeff stated he has not seen any surveying get done down at the park. David thanked Jeff for replacing the fan in the bathroom at the park and advised they are ready for the bark mulch for the playground and stated the benches and handicap fishing pier need to be sealed. David also stated there is a bunch of trees at the lower parking lot by the pavilion that need taken care of, David asked if they could be trimmed with the bucket truck.

Kurt Hepschmidt stated recycling was on Saturday and he observed the township sign has been cleaned and it looks good.

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for the month of July. Jeff stated the road crew has finished the 2nd round of mowing, cleaned up some downed trees from storms on Narrows Road, Dark Hollow Road and Loshes Run Road, replaced the fan in the bathroom at the park and sprayed all the ball fields at the park. Jeff advised the line painters should be here next week; there is approximately 11.5 miles of line painting to be done. Jeff also stated they have only had to mow the park 2 times because of the dry weather. Jim Fuller advised there is a dead tree on Roseglen Road that needs to be taken care of. Jeff advised he will take a look at it.

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

Barry Schrope stated an email has been received from Loraine Vogel the Township's Tax Collector regarding the school taxes. Loraines' email (copy on file) states the discount period for paying school

taxes is extended until September 30, 2020 and there will be no penalty added for bills paid up until December 31, 2020.

Barry Schrope stated the supervisors did meet with Travis Clapper and they feel he will be an asset to the planning commission. Barry Schrope made a motion to appoint Travis Clapper to the vacant position on the Planning Commission, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Travis will finish out the remainder of Jeremiah Ferguson's term. Term will expire December 31, 2022.

Agenda Item #9 – Insurance Quotes – the township is still waiting on the updated quote from W.J. Moore's office for property/auto/liability. Quotes will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Correspondence has been received from Penn State Health/Geisinger Emergency Medical Services regarding West Shore ALS notice of ownership change (copy on file). Kraig Nace gave an explanation of the letter. Kraig stated West Shore ALS Services is d/b/a Holy Spirit EMS and Geisinger EMS. West Shore is currently part of the Geisinger system and Geisinger is currently selling off the Holy Spirit assets including EMS in south central Pennsylvania. Kraig advised they legally have to notify the municipalities for which they provide service that the entity providing that service is changing; the people, the equipment, vehicles and coverage area is not changing, nothing operational is changing, just administrative; same level of service. The transfer is expected to happen on or about October 1st providing all is approved. Kraig stated they are reaching out to municipalities to sign a Municipality Agreement and in the template that was sent along with the letter it states the municipality desires to have them provide the ALS and EMS services. Kraig stated there was concern they were trying to take over the EMS services portion and force out the local EMS companies; Kraig stated that is not their intention. Kraig advised he spoke with Paul Christophel, Executive Director at West Shore Life Support and he told Kraig he recommended they did not send the template that it was going to cause confusion and concern in Perry County. Kraig stated the intention is there is currently no formal agreement between Wheatfield Township and Duncannon EMS or West Shore ALS and they are asking for a motion by the township supervisors to notify Perry County 911 center that effective on or about October 1st the township is okay with this new entity. The supervisors will review the resolution template provided for September's meeting.

The supervisors stated the appreciation picnic for all current volunteers, officials and children will be held at Wagner Park on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Vicki Jenkins will send out the invites to everyone.

Jeff Smith asked the other supervisors if they want to rebid the cleanup dumpsters or recontact the companies who already gave prices to make sure there are no changes in prices. Barry and Jim stated just recontact the companies. Jeff stated they will also have to make a decision on the scrap metal at next month's meeting.

Lester Nace advised the second driveway issue on Montebello Road has been resolved. Lester advised Mr. Myers has signed the agreement (copy on file) stating he would be the only one using it, and a cable would be installed at all times other than using it for limited access to store a camper and to maintain the septic system.

Jim Fuller stated at recycling a lady approached him about the sight distance at Rt. 849 and Paradise Road being terrible. Jim asked Jeff Smith to contact PennDOT and see if they can take care of it.

Jim Fuller stated JC Smith contacted him about a neighbor complaint he received about the smell of septic. Jim stated he went out and looked at it and could see no evidence of a leak and he did not smell anything.

Jim Fuller stated the auger that was purchased is not working out good for the glass crusher. Jim stated the auger is worn down and labels that are left on the glass are a problem. Jim stated he believes the township needs a conveyor belt to make it easier. Jim stated recycling on Saturday was very busy.

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

5099 – 5127, 06-2020, 070220, 070620, 006-2020, 0002-2020, 070820A, 123 and 070820B

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 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins

Twp. Secretary