

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, September 8, 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, Vicki Jenkins, Lester Nace, Dexter Potter, Sue Flickinger, Vicki Hench, Willow Rudy, Dave Jenkins, Luke Roman (Perry Cty. Times), Paul Krieger, David Mills, Kurt Hepschmidt, Holly Potter and Kraig Nace.

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

The minutes of the August 3, 2020 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the September 8, 2020 regular meeting for public viewing. Jim Fuller made the motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Willow Rudy of Girl Scout Troop #10627 stated she is at tonight's meeting to seek approval from the supervisors to put a blessing box in the township parking lot. Willow stated a blessing box is a wooden cabinet where people can take things such as food, gloves, hats, etc. The supervisors asked who would build and maintain the blessing box and Willow indicated she would. The supervisors were all in agreement and gave her permission to place the blessing box in the parking lot. Willow stated she would like to place it by the township sign so that people can see it. The supervisors will mark where the box should be placed. Willow said the project will probably not start until spring.

Paul Krieger asked the supervisors to consider cutting back recycling hours from 4 hours to 3 hours.

David Mills thanked the township for continuing to support recreation in the township and asked Jeff Smith if the road crew could haul 2 more loads of bark mulch to the park and there are some more trees on the trail need trimmed. David also asked the supervisors if they saw someone was down on the multi-purpose field doing donuts. Jeff Smith advised the State Police were notified. David asked what the status of the grant is. Jeff advised he has not heard anything from Jerry Spease but did notice there were some ribbons down there so Joe Burget must be surveying. Barry Schrope stated Trooper Nelson called him about the field damage and asked about the surveillance at the park or if the supervisors have spoken to anyone in close proximity to see if they caught anyone on camera. Barry advised the Trooper told him they will send a police report. Kraig Nace suggested contacting Crime Stoppers to see if they could offer a reward for any information on vandalism at Wagner Park.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS gave the supervisors an updated call report through the end of August and stated that August has been the busiest month since February 2018. Kraig advised they have applied for a 2<sup>nd</sup> round of emergency grants through the Partnership for Better Health which has a \$10,000 limit, applied for the County Cares grant, applied for the State Fire Commissioners Grant which is \$50,000 and also applied for the Hazard Pay Grant, however no EMS organization throughout the Commonwealth were funded through the Hazard Pay Grant. Kraig thanked the supervisors for continuing to support the EMS services.

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for the month of August. Jeff stated the road crew has completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of mowing, had the line painting completed, picked up 2 loads of wood chips and spread at the park, sealed the benches and fishing dock at the park, sprayed all the ballfields at the park, weed wacked around all of the guard rails, mowed at the Covered Bridge, did some grading on Pleasant Grove Road and filled in shoulders along Dark Hollow Road.

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

Barry Schrope advised the supervisors have met with Amie Savidge of Deibler, Straub & Troutman Insurance and she gave us quotes for the auto, property, liability, workers comp, etc. The quote was a savings of \$4,026 and at the end of the year this company pays a dividend to municipalities which could be another couple thousand dollars savings depending on the overall claims. Barry Schrope made a motion to switch insurance companies and accept Deibler, Straub & Troutman's quote for the township's insurance needs, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

The supervisors stated they have decided not to endorse the truck restrictions on Pine Hill Road being proposed by John Schulze of Rye Township. Jim Fuller stated the accident report given to them by John does not have 1 incident pertaining to a semi on Pine Hill; they are mostly all caused by high speed. Jeff Smith stated Carroll Township has also decided not to endorse it. Barry Schrope stated most of the township roads are all windy and hilly and advised he drove the road and believes the water washing the shoulders away is causing the corners to break off from the road.

Correspondence has been received from Jason Finnerty of the Perry County Planning Commission regarding the update to the County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Jason advised in the correspondence that both PEMA and FEMA have granted their approval of the plan and requested the supervisors adopt the resolution at their meeting. Barry Schrope made a motion to adopt Resolution #01-2020 Perry County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as provided, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Correspondence was received for last month's meeting regarding the West Shore ALS notice of ownership change. Barry Schrope stated he is not in favor of doing the contract that was provided he is in favor of contacting Emergency Management indicating the township wishes to keep the ALS provider as Penn State at the time Geisinger goes away and Penn State becomes the owner and that the BLS will remain with the local EMS companies. All supervisors were in agreement.

Barry Schrope made a motion to accept Bulldog Motors quote for the metal containers at the fall cleanup, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope advised the 2010 Ford F550's engine needs overhauled or replaced; the injectors went out on it and cylinder #2 has no compression. Jim Fuller stated he received a quote to replace the engine for \$17,000 for a new 6.4 engine and approximately \$2,500 for labor. Jeff Smith received quotes for a new truck and the prices ranged anywhere from \$72,000 and \$80,000 to just buy a truck off the lot. Jeff advised he spoke with Hoover Bros. and they wanted \$15,000 to \$18,000 to rebuild the engine that's currently in the truck. Jim advised the truck is in good condition, no rust, new transmission, stainless steel bed and only 40,000 miles. As the truck sits now the township could only get about \$7,000 for the truck and that's with the plow and the spreader on it. Jim Fuller made a motion to put a new 6.4 engine in the 2010 Ford F550, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to hold a budget workshop on Monday, September 28, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. The workshop will be advertised as required.

Barry Schrope reminded everyone about the appreciation picnic on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at Wagner Park.

Barry Schrope advised a thank you note has been received from Swenson Fuels thanking us for choosing them for our diesel fuel needs and a thank you from New Bloomfield EMS for the donation.

Jim Fuller stated he would like for Sue Flickinger to come to next month's recycling and count how many people attend. Jim advised they used a scoop shovel to shovel the glass out of the box and into the backhoe and it worked well. Jim advised the auger that was being used is shot.

Jim Fuller stated he contacted the State Police regarding the sign vandalism and advised them that no police report was ever received for the vandalism. Jim stated the Trooper was going to look for the report and get back to him. No call back or report has been received.

Kurt Hepschmidt stated from a volunteer standpoint he thought a hardship was created for the volunteers at recycling because none of the metals were taken out of the shed. Kurt stated the volunteers had to bag everything which took more time and he thought that was inconsiderate of the employees to not take the metals in and the shed be full. Jeff Smith stated it's hard to take them in without a small truck; it makes it hard to get the barrels on a big truck. Jim Fuller also advised the plastic containers need emptied. Jeff advised they normally do the metal every other month but stated the containers will be emptied for next month.

Barry Schrope made a motion to approve the checks from the General Fund for the month of August. They were as follows:

5128 – 5156, 07-2020, 007-2020, 080420 and 080620

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, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins  
Twp. Secretary