

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, October 5, 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, Holly Potter, Luke Roman (Perry Cty. Times), David Mills, Kurt Hepschmidt and Kraig Nace.

Jim Fuller led the pledge to the American flag followed by an invocation given by Kurt Hepschmidt.

The minutes of the September 8, 2020 regular meeting and the September 28, 2020 budget workshop were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the October 5, 2020 regular meeting for public viewing. Jeff Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the budget workshop as presented by the secretary, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

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.

Kurt Hepschmidt also thanked the supervisors for the appreciation picnic.

Jeff Smith presented the road master report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew got everything set up and cleaned up from the fall cleanup, filled in shoulders on Roseglen Road, dug some more shale loose from the shale pit that they plan on using for filling in other shoulders, hauled 2 more loads of playground mulch to Wagner Park, took the F550 to the garage to have the engine replaced and took the bucket truck up to Hoover's for inspection. Jim Fuller stated he called to check on the progress of the F550 and was informed they were set back a few weeks but they have the new engine in and should have it back in a couple weeks.

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

The township has received notice from the Commonwealth of PA that the amount of Volunteer Fire Relief for 2020 has been received in the amount of \$18,042.74. Jeff Smith made a motion to release \$13,532.06 (3/4) to the Duncannon Fire Co. and \$4,510.68 (1/4) to the New Bloomfield Fire Co., Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to release the \$500 donation as budgeted to Perry County Crime Stoppers, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

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 Jack Hines and Tim Horner as Trustees for the Pension, Health and Unemployment Compensation Trust for a period of 2 years, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Correspondence has been received from the Department of the Auditor General's office regarding the Municipal Pension Reporting Program biennial distress score for the municipality. The 2020 distress score for the township's pension plan is 1 and does not require any mandatory remedies to be implemented.

Jim Fuller made a motion to have Trick or Treat night in Wheatfield Township on Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to schedule a budget workshop for the preliminary 2021 budget on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. The workshop will be advertised as required by law.

Jeff Smith stated there were 17 dumpsters filled at the fall cleanup, 8 landfill, 2 tires, 7 dumpsters of tin which was just shy of 52,000 lb. and netted \$2,078. Jeff stated they had 2 of the township's single axle trucks loaded with aluminum which was just about 1,300 lb. and netted \$192 and they had 413 lb. of wire which netted just over \$100. Vicki Jenkins stated there were 453 loads brought to the cleanup.

Jeff Smith asked Dave Mills to check with Jerry Spease at next week's planning commission meeting about the status of the grant paper work for the bridge at Wagner Park.

Lester Nace stated he was on an EMS call in the township last night and 2 men from the area he was in showed up and helped the EMS crew load the person up. Lester stated with all the negative news we here each day it's nice to have this happen and he was very appreciative of the help.

Jim Fuller stated Sue Flickinger counted the cars at recycling on Saturday and there were 156 vehicles that attended in the 4 hours. Jim stated there was plenty of help for the cleanup and recycling and he is very thankful for the volunteers we have in Wheatfield Township.

Barry Schrope stated the township did have their appreciation picnic last Thursday evening and there were 34 people who attended. Jim Fuller stated the Duncannon Sportsmen's Assoc. donated the hamburger for the picnic.

Kurt Hepschmidt stated since cleanup ended up being held in the fall will cleanup in 2021 be held in the spring or the fall. The supervisors stated they are hoping to have it in the spring but will have to wait to see what happens.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS stated they applied for a grant back in July from the Scott Electric Foundation. Kraig stated they received a quote from X10 Electric of Marysville for replacing all the remaining fluorescent lights in the building with LED's and replacing the ceiling tile in there banquet hall. The total of the quote came out to \$15,000 and they were awarded \$10,000 from the grant. Kraig advised he also believes they are going to see some funding from the Cares money that came through the County that they applied for. Kraig stated they currently have 2 ambulances out of service; they are both currently at Noaker's being repaired and they also have a full time EMT in the hospital and this has left a hole in their schedule to cover. Kraig stated they had 103 total dispatched calls in September and they are staffed 24/7 with at least 1 ambulance. Kraig thanked the supervisors for their ongoing support.

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

5157 – 5188, 090320, 008-2020, 08-2020 and 090820

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, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins  
Twp. Secretary