

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, November 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, Ron Legaspi, Lester Nace, Vicki Jenkins, Dexter Potter, Paul Krieger, Holly Potter, Kurt Hepschmidt, David Mills and Luke Roman – Perry Cty. Times.

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

The minutes of the October 5, 2020 regular meeting and the October 27, 2020 budget workshop were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the November 2, 2020 regular meeting for public viewing. Jim Fuller made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the budget workshop meeting as presented by the secretary, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Kurt Hepschmidt encouraged everyone to get out and vote tomorrow.

David Mills thanked the supervisors for supporting recreation in the community.

Jeff Smith presented the road master report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has serviced the blue truck and newer red truck, put the plows and spreaders on both trucks, dug shale loose to fill in along shoulders and cleaned up some downed trees and limbs from the wind. Jim Fuller asked Jeff if he would be moving the plastic recycling container prior to the next recycling; Jeff stated yes.

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

Agenda item #7 – Mowing of cemetery donation/letter of appreciation was tabled until next month. Jim Fuller said he would like to find out if the same gentlemen are still mowing the cemeteries.

Jeff Smith made a motion to schedule and advertise a budget workshop for November 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. The workshop will be advertised as required by law.

Jeff Smith made a motion to advertise the 2021 budget adoption notice for December 7, 2020 at the supervisor's regular meeting, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Vicki Jenkins advised Nina from Carroll Township called her regarding the request from John Schulze of Rye Township to post Pine Hill Road for truck restrictions. Nina advised he requested a letter from them stating they would allow Rye Twp. to post the signs on their portion of the road and asked if we have received a request from him as well. Vicki advised we have not received a request from Mr. Schulze as of yet. Jim Fuller also advised he spoke with Nina and she stated Regal Road was the concern because it starts on Rt. 34 in Carroll Twp. and ends on Rye Twp. on Mountain Road. The supervisors asked Vicki to contact Nina and see if a letter has been sent to PennDOT.

Barry Schrope stated there is an open position on the Planning Commission and it was posted in the newsletter. Barry advised Tom Berry has contacted the Township Office and expressed interest in filling the position. Barry stated he will contact Mr. Berry to see if he can come to the budget meeting so the supervisors can speak with him.

Barry Schrope advised an email has been received from Lieutenant Robert Ligon of the Newport State Police Barracks that he will be at the December township meeting.

Jeff Smith stated he spoke with Joe Burget regarding the survey for the park and he is all done with everything and Jerry Spease has all the information.

Jeff Smith stated he got a call from the garage that is replacing the engine in the F550 and was told they got the motor in it but there was trouble with it so it got shipped to Sunbury Ford for warranty work.

Lester Nace stated the appeal he spoke with the supervisors about was delivered to the County last week and the comment he received made was "this is something I can work with".

Lester Nace stated he received a call from an individual who is interested in putting an animal crematory in the township. Lester advised the property they are interested in is zoned commercial and this is not a permitted use in commercial. Lester advised he looked at the rest of the permitted uses in the township zoning book and in A/R it is a permitted use as a veterinary service. Lester said he met with the person and told them this and advised them that about 80 – 85% of the township is zoned A/R and it would be a permitted use in A/R. The person asked what options they have and Lester advised them they could apply for a zoning variance. Lester advised he does not know if they will apply for a variance or not.

Jim Fuller reminded everyone about recycling this Saturday.

Kurt Hepschmidt asked about the F550 engine, he thought it wasn't a Ford motor and hence wouldn't be under warranty. Jeff Smith advised it is a brand new block from Ford and would be covered under warranty. Jeff advised it is leaking antifreeze.

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

5189 – 5226, 100120, 009-2020, 09-2020, 100620, 124, 125, 0003-2020, 101420A and 101420B  
Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins  
Twp. Secretary