

The organizational meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, January 4, 2021 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, Sue Flickinger, Holly Potter, Paul Krieger, Luke Roman (Perry Cty. Times), Rick Boyer, John Weldon, David Mills, Kurt Hepschmidt, Mike Hoak, Donna Hoak and Kraig Nace.

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

The first order of business was to reorganize. Barry Schrope made a motion to appoint Jim Fuller as Temporary Chairman to start the organizational meeting and Sue Flickinger as Temporary Secretary, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Jeff Smith made a motion to reappoint Barry Schrope as Chairman, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Barry Schrope took over the organizational meeting as Chairman.

Barry Schrope made a motion to reappoint Jim Fuller as Vice-Chairman, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to retain Vicki Jenkins as Secretary/Treasurer, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to increase the Secretary/Treasurer, Vicki Jenkins hourly rate by 1.3%, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to lower the Treasurer bond for Vicki Jenkins to \$100,000, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to retain Jim Fuller as Assistant Treasurer, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Jeff Smith made a motion to keep the Treasurer bond for the Recreation Board at \$65,000, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to retain Marysville Bank as the depository for township funds, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to retain Kurt Hepschmidt as the Emergency Management Coordinator for Wheatfield Township, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to retain Bob Mull as the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for Wheatfield Township, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to retain Jeff Smith as Roadmaster, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. The auditors will set Jeff's hourly rate at their organizational meeting.

Jeff Smith made a motion to reappoint Dave Jenkins as Township Vacancy Board Chairman, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to retain Ron Legaspi as Township Solicitor on an on call basis, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. There will be a fee increase for 2021; \$250 per meeting (copy of fee schedule on file).

Jeff Smith made a motion to reappoint Jerry Spease as Township Engineer, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. The 2021 meeting fee will remain the same at \$100 per meeting.

Barry Schrope made a motion to reappoint J.C. Smith as Township SEO, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. There is no increase to the 2021 fee schedule.

Barry Schrope made a motion to reappoint Lenny Sizer of Frederick, Seibert & Associates, Inc. as Alternate SEO, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Jeff Smith made a motion to reappoint Lester Nace as Zoning Officer, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jeff Smith made a motion to increase Lester Nace's hourly rate by 1.3%, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to reappoint Ed Womer as Assistant Zoning Officer, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to increase Ed Womer's hourly rate by 1.3%, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion for Dexter Potter to remain full time laborer, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to increase Dexter Potter's hourly rate by 1.3%, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jeff Smith made a motion for Jim Fuller and Barry Schrope to be called first if a part time laborer would be needed, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. The auditors will set Barry and Jim's hourly pay rate as part time employees at their organizational meeting.

Jeff Smith made a motion to retain Corey Stone as part time laborer if needed, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion for the hourly rate to remain at \$13.00 per hour for outside part time laborers without a CDL, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion for the hourly rate to remain at \$15.00 per hour for outside part time laborers with a CDL, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion for the mileage rate to be .56 cents per mile per the 2021 IRS standard mileage rate, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to retain Capital Tax Collection Bureau to collect the local earned income taxes, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to reappoint Vicki Jenkins as Capital Tax Delegate, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to reappoint Jeff Smith as Capital Tax Alternate, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to reappoint Vicki Jenkins as the Chief Executive Officer for the township pension fund, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to reappoint Vicki Jenkins as the CDL testing contact person, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Barry Schrope made the motion to have all random CDL tests conducted on site when available, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to reappoint Dave Jenkins to a 4-year term on the Planning Commission, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to reappoint Mike Petersen to a 5-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to reappoint Bob Foltz and Shawn Fuller to a 5-year term on the Recreation Board, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to reappoint Vicki Jenkins as Zoning Hearing Board secretary, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Barry Schrope made a motion to increase Vicki's hourly rate by 1.3% per hour for the Zoning Hearing Board secretary, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

This concludes the organizational meeting. The supervisors continued with their regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

The minutes of the December 7, 2020 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the January 4, 2021 regular meeting for public viewing. Jim Fuller made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented by the secretary, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

David Mills thanked the supervisors for continuing to support recreation in the township.

Donna Hoak stated she is here tonight because of the concern of loud noise (revving of engines) coming from their neighbors house all hours of the night and asked the supervisors if there is anything they can do to help with the noise. Mike Hoak also stated the neighbor has a business there and should not because it is not zoned for business. Lester Nace, Zoning Officer, stated he has been there before to talk to them about the noise and it seemed to help for a little while. The supervisors asked Lester Nace to go and speak to the neighbor again.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS presented the end of the year numbers and stated December 2020 has been there busiest month ever. Kraig thanked the supervisors for their ongoing support and stated if any further information is needed to please let him know.

Jeff Smith presented the road master report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has filled in shoulders on Hunkey Hollow Road, replaced all the street signs on Basin Hill Road, and advised the township has had 4 stolen that they made a police report on and he found 2 more on Windy Hill Road that were taken and ripped out of the ground, plowed for 1 snow storm, power washed the equipment, stated the Ford F550 is back from being repaired and seems to running good thus far, put 2 new front tires on the F550 and put 2 new rear tires on the old red dump. Jim Fuller stated he was a little concerned on the cost of \$1900 for the 4 tires. Jim asked Jeff to check around on prices for tires in the future.

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

A volunteer application has been received from Phyllis Krieger to be appointed to the Recreation Board. Jim Fuller made a motion to appoint Phyllis Krieger to a 5-year term on the Recreation Board, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Paper work has been received from One Digital Health and Benefits regarding the health and dental insurance renewal rates. There is a savings on the health insurance premium this year of 2.47% and there is no increase for the dental insurance premium. Barry Schrope made a motion to remain with Capital Blue Cross for the health insurance and United Concordia for the dental insurance, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

The State Convention will be held April 18 – 21, 2021 in Hershey. The supervisors advised there is no interest in attending the convention this year.

At last month's meeting the supervisors asked Vicki to contact Daisy at Rye Township regarding the application for truck restrictions on Pine Hill being rescinded. Vicki advised she received an email from Daisy stating the majority of the Board of Supervisors voted to not proceed with the truck restrictions on Pine Hill with Carroll Township and Wheatfield Township opposing the restriction. The supervisors decided at this point there is no need to send a letter to PennDOT opposing the restrictions.

Lester Nace the last 4 – 5 years the township has been consistent with the number of zoning permits issued.

John Weldon asked about the property up the road here from the Township Building. John advised the property is turning into a junk yard. Barry Schrope stated Lester Nace has been out to the property before and talked to the land owner and was told to not come back on his property and the township has also hand delivered him a letter. Lester stated he thinks the township solicitor should send him a letter notifying him his is in violation of the township zoning ordinance. The supervisors asked Lester to gather a list of violations and they will discuss any further actions at their next meeting.

Jim Fuller gave thanks for all the volunteers at recycling.

Barry Schrope made a motion to approve the checks from the general fund for the month of December. They were as follows:

5260 – 5296, 120220, 11-2020, 011-2020, 120820, 126 and 127

Jeff Smith second the motion to approve the checks, 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 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary