

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, February 1, 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 and Kraig Nace.

Barry Schrope led the pledge to the American flag followed by a brief moment of silence.

The minutes of the January 4, 2021 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the February 1, 2021 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.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS stated January 2021 tied with January 2015 for the busiest January.

Jeff Smith presented the road report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has filled in shoulders on Pine Hill Road, cleared some dead ash trees on Hunkey Hollow Road for sight distance, plowed snow and spread cinders for 2 snow storms and power washed the trucks and equipment.

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

Agenda Item #7 – Burget & Associates – Goodhart subdivision plan was postponed until next month's meeting.

PSATS has completed the annual Disclosure Statement required by Chapter 7-A of Act 44 of 2009, the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act (copy on file). PSATS has asked the supervisors to review the disclosure statement and if it is adequate adopt the Disclosure Statement and place it in the township's pension file. Barry Schrope made a motion to adopt the Disclosure Statement, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope advised the township has budgeted \$133,000 to the fire companies this year, an increase of \$18,000. Barry Schrope made a motion to split the amount budgeted $\frac{3}{4}$ going to Duncannon Fire Co., \$30,000 to their operating funds and \$69,750 going to their capital reserve account and $\frac{1}{4}$ going to New Bloomfield Fire Co., \$19,000 to their operating funds and \$14,250 to their capital reserve account, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Monies will be divided into 4 payments a year and disbursed quarterly.

At last month's meeting the supervisor's asked Lester Nace to gather a list of violations for the property on New Bloomfield Road owned by Jeffrey Russell. The township has received several complaints about the property being an eye sore. Lester compiled a list of violations (copy on file); campers across the creek, 3 abandoned vehicles visible from the road, several vehicles & trailers, site meets definition of a junk yard, etc. Lester advised the creek on the property is considered a high quality water shed; and if it is a high quality water shed there may be restrictions as to whether they can cross the stream with vehicles, etc. Jim Fuller stated he would like to talk with the District Justice Office and see what the township's options are for filing an order against him for the ordinance violations. Barry Schrope stated he will come into the office tomorrow and give the District Office Office a call to set up an appointment.

Agenda Item #11 – Spring Cleanup – Tabled till March meeting.

The supervisors discussed the proposed 2021 road projects. Jeff Smith stated he would like to seal coat Dark Hollow Road and Pleasant Grove Road this year. The supervisors stated no paving will be done this year.

Barry Schrope advised the township had a Liquid Fuels Audit for the year 2019 and all records were found to be in order.

Correspondence has been received from Kristie Smith, Perry County Conservation District, regarding the Juniata River Watershed Plan preparation. Ms. Smith asked the supervisor to look over the letter from Jennifer Farabaugh of the Western PA Conservancy and she also advised nothing is required from the Township, they are just looking for a letter of support from the Township; a sample letter was included. Barry Schrope made a motion to send a letter of support, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Correspondence has been received from PA Dept. of Transportation regarding them placing traffic counters in the Township between January 2021 and April 2021 to obtain data to complete a statewide network screening and prioritize locations for potential safety improvements.

Lester Nace stated he has received a complaint from DEP regarding alleged burning on a property on Newport Road. Lester stated he went out and looked and observed a 15' x 20' pit that is approximately 3' deep that has a berm around it and a row of cinder blocks. Lester stated there is no evidence of burning being done there recently, there were sticks, cardboard and tin cans; he saw no evidence of plastic or rubber

or anything like that. Lester stated he will contact DEP and let them know what he observed. Barry Schrope advised the township has no ordinances against burning.

Lester Nace advised the township will probably be receiving a request for a zoning hearing in the near future.

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

5297- 5328 and 12-2020, 010521, 010621A, 0004-2020, 010721, 010721A and 012-2020

Jim Fuller 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 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary