

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, March 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, Dexter Potter, Sue Flickinger, Rick Boyer, Rick Gibney, Joe Burget Jr., Holly Potter, Donna Hoak, Mike Hoak, Scott Shedd, John Rubinic, Dave Jenkins, David Mills, Kurt Hepschmidt, Sandra Boyer, Kraig Nace and Luke Roman (Perry Cty. Times).

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

The minutes of the February 1, 2021 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the March 1, 2021 regular meeting for public viewing. Jeff Smith made the motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Sue Flickinger thanked the supervisors for the wonderful job on snowplowing.

Rick Gibney stated he is here tonight to introduce himself and announce he is running for the open position of Magisterial District Judge. Rick stated he is a lifelong resident of Rye Township and a Detective in Harrisburg.

Donna Hoak thanked the township and Lester Nace for their assistance in helping with their neighbor's noise issue.

David Mills stated he would like to thank the supervisors for continuing to support recreation in the township.

Kurt Hepschmidt stated he is not happy with the County raising taxes 38% and he encourages the township supervisors to look ahead so they don't have to raise taxes that much at one time. Kurt also stated there will be 3 ballot questions on the primary election ballot to update the constitution; he suggests voting yes to the first 2 having to do with disaster declaration.

Sandra Boyer stated she would also like to thank the supervisors for helping with the neighbor's noise issue.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS stated they will be updating their Quickbook reports for easier understanding of expenses/income and that they will be participating in a program called Match Madness through the Central Pennsylvania Partnership for Better Health. Kraig advised their call volume has been average and that there will be no change in the annual subscription rates.

Jeff Smith presented the Road report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew did a lot of snow plowing this month, received 120 ton of salt, serviced the F250 and F550 and power washed the trucks and equipment.

John Rubinic, President of the Duncannon Fire Co. was at tonight's meeting. John presented the supervisors with their 2020 budgeted/actual and 2021 budgeted report guideline and stated their fundraising raffle has really taken off. John also presented a guideline as to how they would like their annual donation and capital reserve money to be disbursed for 2021. John stated they are currently working on trying to spec out a new brush truck and a UTV which they are applying for a grant through the Dept. of Forestry which they are hoping to cover at least half of the cost, any remaining money and trailer and equipment will come out of their fundraising monies.

Joe Burget of Burget & Associates presented the Ronald & Elizabeth Goodhart Final Minor Subdivision Plan. Joe stated the purpose of the plan is to cut off a 2 acre lot from their existing lot of 15.7 acres for their daughter to build a home on. Joe advised all comments from the planning commission have been addressed. Joe stated the planning commission is requiring a maintenance agreement for the driveway; which has been signed by affected property owners, to add a note to the plan that the township does not approve the existing driveway encroachments on the neighbor and add an existing storm pipe to the plan. The township planning commission has recommended approval of the requested AOR's and the subdivision plan with the corrections discussed. The requested AOR's are 1 – Preliminary Plat Procedure, 2 – Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan, 3 – Location Map, 4 – Map Scale and 5 – Storm Water Management Plan. Jim Fuller made a motion to accept the AOR's as requested, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Barry Schrope made a motion to conditionally approve the plan pending owner signatures on the plan, DEP sewage module approval and the plan being notarized, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Clark Steele stated he is here tonight to introduce himself and announce he is running for the open position of Magisterial District Judge. Clark stated he has worked for the Perry County Prison and did 11 years as a State Constable in this area.

Jeff Smith made a motion to hold spring cleanup Thursday, April 22, 2021 through Saturday, April 24, 2021 with hours of 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and advertise for dumpster bids, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. This year the 2 limit load limit will be changed; a truck with a trailer will be considered the 2 loads, they will no longer be able to bring a truck with a trailer twice, and there will be a maximum of 8 tires allowed; the first 4 will be free and each tire after that will be \$2/per tire charge.

The certified letter sent to Jeffrey Russell regarding his property at 1341 New Bloomfield Road, New Bloomfield has been returned to the Township refused. Vicki Jenkins advised the letter will have to be

hand delivered by the Sheriff's Office or a Constable. The supervisors asked Clark Steele if he would be interested in hand delivering the letter for the Township. Clark stated he would be able to deliver it for us and will provide a service of process paper to the Township if legal action is necessary.

Jeff Smith made a motion to get the bid package ready for advertisement for the 2021 sealcoat project, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Sealcoat will be applied to Pleasant Grove Road (from Dark Hollow Road to Windy Hill Road) and Windy Hill Road (from Rt. 274 to Dellville Road). Jeff will contact Rick Levan from PennDOT for measurements.

Jim Fuller made a motion to release \$1200 budgeted as a donation to the Duncannon Senior Citizens Center and \$500 budgeted as a donation to the New Bloomfield Library, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

The supervisors advised there is an open position on the Zoning Hearing Board if anyone is interested in volunteering to contact the Township Office and there is also going to be an open elected position for Township Auditor at the end of this year.

Jeff Smith stated he would like to lower the Costars salt contract to 140 ton instead of 200 ton for this coming contract period. All supervisors were in agreement.

Lester Nace advised he has been contacted by someone who is interested in having a family cemetery on their property. Nothing has been applied for as of yet.

Lester Nace stated a complaint has been received from DEP regarding burning trash at 707 Newport Road. Lester stated he has not ever seen anything being burnt there but has observed a pit with sticks, cardboard boxes, no plastic or tires. Lester stated he did contact DEP and let them know but they requested he make contact with the owner.

Lester Nace stated the County GIS department contacted him regarding an address discrepancy on Creek Road and will check into it.

Vicki Jenkins stated the Township Directory Map is going very well and that they have sent a proof of a township map and street names to be reviewed.

Jim Fuller stated recycling is this Saturday.

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

5329 – 5360 and 01-2021, 020221, 021021 and 001-2021

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 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins  
Twp. Secretary