

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, April 5, 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, Codi Steigerwald, John Rubinic, Holly Potter, David Mills, Kurt Hepschmidt, Donna Hoak and Kraig Nace.

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

The minutes of the March 1, 2021 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the April 5, 2021 regular meeting for public viewing. Jim Fuller made the motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Sue Flickinger gave the 2020 Auditors report stating the Township audit has been completed along with the Tax Collector and Recreation Board records showing all records were in order with only minor recommendations (copies on file). Sue stated the Auditors commend Township personnel for their diligence in their performance of duties in keeping the interest of Township residents of upmost importance.

Codi Steigerwald introduced himself as a candidate for District Judge and gave a brief description of his prior/current job duties and schooling.

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

Donna Hoak stated she would like to continue to thank the township for the intervention of the noise issue of their next door neighbor. Donna asked if there was anything for the prevention of 4 wheelers running in a residential area. Lester Nace advised the township does not have a noise ordinance.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS presented the call numbers through the end of March. Kraig stated he was just informed that New Bloomfield EMS and medic are both out of service again today/tonight. Kraig also advised the subscriptions are at the printer and ready for pickup and should go out early next week, the banquet hall renovations are just about done and there office hours have changed to Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Jeff Smith presented the Road report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has taken care of numerous trees and limbs from the wind, cleaned off all the winter debris from the bridges, rolled all the fields at Wagner Park, placed approximately 1 ½ ton of cold patch on various areas throughout the township, serviced the tractor and started the spring power washing of all the equipment.

John Rubinic of the Duncannon Fire Co. stated there chicken bbq fundraiser is being held May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Penn Twp. station, it will be a drive thru pick up and also there raffles are being held on Sunday evenings now instead of Thursday and Sunday's.

A 90-day extension request has been received from Navtech Inc. for the James and Linda Styers subdivision plan. Barry Schrope made a motion to grant the 90-day extension, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

The township has received 2 bids for dumpster services for this year's spring cleanup, Sylvester's Services and Bulldog Motors & Recycling LLC. Sylvester's is charging \$165 per pull and \$85/ton for MSW and \$120/ton for tire disposal and \$100 to haul scrap metal containers, the township would keep the scrap money and Bulldog Motors & Recycling will provide 2 roll off containers to be swapped out as needed and will pay board price at time of pickup, no charge for the pickup. Jeff Smith made a motion for Sylvester's to haul the MSW and tires and Bulldog Motors for the scrap metal, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope gave an update on the Russell property. Barry stated Mr. Russell has been served the letter of ordinance violations from the Township by the Constable on March 20, 2021. Mr. Russell has made no contact with the Township at this point but did speak with the Constable and advised him that he is working on getting the property cleaned up. Jeff Smith stated the property is looking better. Lester Nace will draft a letter to send to Mr. Russell noting the improvements that have been made thus far and send him a newsletter with the spring cleanup dates and accepted items to bring so that he may get rid of some more junk and get his property into compliance by April 24, 2021. The supervisors asked Vicki to contact JC Smith to see when the septic permit expires for the property. The supervisors stated they would like to inspect the property once the property has been cleaned up to make sure all violations have been taken care of. There was also discussion as to whether the approved site for the septic has been disturbed.

The supervisors reviewed the seal coat bid package. Barry Schrope made a motion to approve and advertise the bid package as prepared, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Vicki Jenkins will forward the advertisement to the local paper. Bids will be opened at the May meeting.

Correspondence has been received from Highmark regarding the employee vision insurance renewal. There was a slight increase to the premium; individual coverage increased \$.14/month and husband/wife coverage increased \$.40/month. Barry Schrope made a motion to renew the townships employee vision coverage with Highmark, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

There is an open position on the Township Zoning Hearing Board due to the death of John Stansfield. There are 3 residents interested in being appointed; Marsha Snyder, Karl Sheaffer and Elijah Barrick. Jim

Fuller made a motion to appoint Marsha Snyder to finish out the remainder of Mr. Stansfield's term, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Marsha's term will expire the end of 2021. The supervisor's will look into the Municipal code for appointing alternate members to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Barry Schrope reiterated the 2020 audit of township records, tax collector and recreation board have been completed and all records were found to be in order. Barry thanked the auditors for their work.

A thank you card has been received from the New Bloomfield Library for the donation received from the township.

Lester Nace stated he received 2 phone calls after the Magaro Zoning Variance Hearing thanking the township for the way the hearing was held and how it went.

Jim Fuller stated recycling was held on Saturday and it was very busy. Jim stated the glass crusher has a vibration in it and it looks like the beater is off center and rubbing on the left side. Jim asked Jeff Smith to take a look at it.

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

5361 – 5399 and 02-2021, 030321, 002-2021 and 031021

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 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins  
Twp. Secretary