

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, May 3, 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, Elijah Barrick, Paul Krieger, Luke Roman (Perry Cty. Times), Holly Potter, Kurt Hepschmidt, David Mills and Loraine Vogel.

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

The minutes of the April 5, 2021 meetings were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the May 3, 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.

Kurt Hepschmidt spoke of the upcoming election. Kurt advised there will be 4 amendments on the ballot; the first 3 amendments have to do with emergency management and he encourages all to vote yes on all 3.

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

Jeff Smith presented the road report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has removed the plows and spreaders from all the trucks, power washed the trucks, equipment, garage and parking lot, filled in shoulders on Sulphur Springs, mowed Wagner Park twice so far this year and had spring cleanup. Jeff stated there were a total of 5 landfill dumpsters, 5 scrap metal dumpsters and 1 tire dumpster filled at this year's spring cleanup; totaling approximately 38,000 lbs. of metal, 1300 lb. of aluminum and some miscellaneous copper, batteries, etc. Total received from scrap metal was \$3,565.41 and \$213 for auto tires/oversized tires. Vicki Jenkins advised there were approximately 430 loads brought in over the 3 days.

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

Bids received for the 2021 seal coat project were opened and read aloud. The results were as follows: Martin Paving, Inc. - \$58,828.70

Jim Fuller made a motion to award the seal coat bid to Martin Paving, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Seal coat will be applied to Windy Hill Road from Dellville Road to Rt. 274 and Pleasant Grove Road from Windy Hill Road to Dark Hollow Road.

Barry Schrope made a motion to release \$17,500 budgeted as a donation to the Township Recreation Board, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

The supervisors discussed the Russell property on New Bloomfield Road stating some of the cars/junk has been cleaned up, but there is still work to be done to bring it into compliance. Lester Nace stated he has made copies of the zoning requirements and amendments for neighborhood commercial and agricultural residential and the township nuisance ordinance for Mr. Russell to pick up and he has not picked them up as of yet. Jim Fuller and Jeff Smith stated they will go and speak with District Justice Frownfelter and discuss the situation with her and see what she recommends the township does.

Vicki Jenkins stated there are 2 Certificate of Deposits coming up for renewal at Pennian Bank. Vicki stated 2 Pennian Bank representatives came into the office last week and gave an information packet and discussed the upcoming CD renewals. They indicated interest rates are not getting any better and suggested putting the monies in a checking account/money market account until such time CD interest rates get better. Vicki also advised there is a CD coming do for renewal at Member's 1st this month. The supervisor's stated they will see where the interest rates are at the time of maturity and decide from there what to do with the monies.

At last month's meeting the supervisor's stated they would look into the Municipal Planning Code about appointing alternate members to the Zoning Hearing Board. The municipal code states the supervisors can appoint 1 – 3 residents to serve as alternate members for a term of 3 years. Jim Fuller made a motion to appoint Elijah Barrick as alternate member #1 and Karl Sheaffer as alternate member #2 for a 3 year term, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Jeff Smith stated he has heard there has been some stealing going on in the area. Jeff advised the road crew has cleaned up the township property and put road materials together and have placed a game camera on the property in case there is a problem.

Lester Nace stated after last month's meeting he received a General Inspection Report from DEP at his home address concerning burning at the Farmers Market. Lester advised in the report it states that Wheatfield Township gave them permission to burn there and that Wheatfield Township also has used the site for burning and that Sylvester Services does not take cardboard. Lester stated he prepared a letter in response to the General Inspection Report and mailed it and did hear back in a phone call from Derek Bartram. Mr. Bartram advised Lester that the report is all alleged and will send a follow up later stating this. Lester advised a letter has been received (copy on file) and at this time DEP finds the case to be closed.

Vicki Jenkins stated she received many compliments regarding the spring cleanup and that she also received an email from a resident thanking the township and volunteers for doing the spring cleanup.

Barry Schrope made a motion to approve the checks from the General Fund for the month of April. They were as follows: 5400 – 5434, 040221, 03-2021, 001-2021,003-2021, 041221, 041421A, 041421B, 043021, 128 and 129 Jeff Smith second the motion to approve the checks, with all in favor.

There being no further business Jim Fuller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins Twp. Secretary