

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, June 7, 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, Sue Flickinger, Dexter Potter, John Weldon, Joe Burget Jr., Holly Potter, Kurt Hepschmidt, David Mills, Elijah Barrick, Rhoda Barrick, Paul Krieger and Kraig Nace.

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

The minutes of the May 3, 2021 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the June 7, 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.

John Weldon presented the supervisor's with a list of items that need to be done by the road crew at Wagner Park.

Kurt Hepschmidt stated he would like to see a sign of rules posted at the recycling center.

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

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS stated bingo has started back up this evening and had a record attendance, advised the 2008 ambulance lost power tonight going to a call and is at the mechanic being looked at and also stated they have discovered the roof is leaking at the station; they have received 3 quotes for different options to repair/replace the roof. Kraig stated the 990 should be complete and forthcoming soon.

Jeff Smith presented the road report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has finished cleaning up from spring cleanup, removed brush and graded along Pleasant Grove Road, got the mower on the tractor ready, serviced the tractor and mower and advised they are almost done with the first round of mowing.

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

Joe Burget Jr. of Burget and Associates presented the Richard & Betsy Riter Final Minor Subdivision Plan. Joe stated the purpose of the plan is to subdivide an existing 26 acre lot to create a new building lot for their son to build a home on. Joe advised all comments from the planning commission have been addressed and they have recommended approval of the AOR's requested and plan. The requested AOR's are 1 – Preliminary Plan Submission, 2 – ESC Plan Approval, 3 – Stormwater Management and 4 – Property Map Scale. Jim Fuller made a motion to accept the AOR's as requested, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Barry Schrope made a motion to conditionally approve the plan pending engineering fee's being paid, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Joe Burget Jr. of Burget and Associates presented the Edward Sr. & Letti Simoncelli Final Minor Subdivision Plan. Joe stated the purpose of the plan is to subdivide a 1.564 acre lot from the existing 4.395 acre lot to create a lot addition to neighboring lands. Joe advised all comments from the planning commission have been addressed and they have recommended approval of the AOR's requested and plan. The requested AOR's are 1 – Final Plan Review, 2 – Map Scale Requirement, 3 – Stormwater Facilities, 4 – ESC Plan Approval, 5 – Stormwater Plan and 6 – Driveway Ordinance. Barry Schrope 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 DEP sewage approval, engineering fee's being paid and owner's signatures, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

At last month's meeting the supervisors discussed 3 Certificate of Deposits, 2 with Pennian and 1 with Member's 1st, coming up for renewal. Vicki Jenkins advised Member's 1st could not renew the CD at the rate that was previously quoted because of it being public funds, so the CD was withdrawn and invested at Pennian Bank for a higher interest rate. Vicki advised the 2 with Pennian were reinvested as well.

Correspondence has been received from PSATS regarding the American Rescue Plan Funding for Townships. The Township will receive \$348,862.48, ½ this year and the remaining half in 2022. Barry Schrope advised there are some rules on how the money can be used; nonprofits such as fire and EMS, lost revenue replacement for earned income tax, real estate tax, etc., providing premium pay to eligible workers performing essential work and investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure. Vicki Jenkins advised an application through DCED needs to be completed before funds will be released and she will work at submitting the application with the required information this week.

Vicki Jenkins advised at last month's meeting the supervisors appointed two alternate members to the Zoning Hearing Board and that this should have been done by resolution according to the Municipal Planning Code. Vicki presented the supervisors with Resolution 01-2021 appointing Elijah Barrick and Karl Sheaffer as alternate members for a term of 3 years. Barry Schrope made a motion to adopt and sign resolution 01-2021, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

At last month's meeting the supervisors discussed the Russell property and going to the District Justice Office to speak to them about it. Since that time the property has going up for sale. The supervisors stated they will wait and see what happens with the property before further action is taken.

Vicki Jenkins advised for the Township Directory Map we will need to get pictures of the committees, building, equipment, park, etc. done as soon as possible so the information can be submitted. Vicki stated we have also received the final proof of the directory map and asked the supervisors to look over it to make sure everything is correct.

Lester Nace stated he has not heard anything new on the right to know request for the pet crematory.

Lester Nace stated he has received a 2nd driveway request from a resident on Grandview Drive. Lester stated the township ordinance states a 2nd driveway can be authorized by supervisors if there is a justification for it. Lester advised the resident has a landscaping business and lots of equipment that he currently is parking on the lawn and dragging mud onto the street, he would like to put the equipment in the pole building he has out back. Lester stated his recommendation is that he would not have a problem with it; it's not a through street and not a lot of traffic. Barry Schrope made a motion to conditionally approve the second driveway permit pending all supervisors go out and look at it and approve, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Lester will wait to issue the permit until he hears from the supervisors.

Lester Nace stated last fall an appeal was submitted to the county regarding a 10 acre tract on Linton Hill Road that is not 10 acres. Lester advised he stopped at the Assessment Office to check the status of it and was told that the appeal board only meets periodically and their next meeting will be in October. Lester stated the county will be asking the property owner to provide them a copy of the survey showing it's a 10 acre tract.

Jim Fuller stated recycling was a very busy day and they were short on help.

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

5435 – 5467, 050321, 04-2021, 004-2021 and 051021

Jeff Smith second the motion, 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 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary