

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, December 6, 2021 in the Wheatfield 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, Thomas Sheaffer, Scott Sheaffer, Holly Potter, Dave Jenkins, Elijah Barrick, Rhoda Barrick, Kraig Nace, David Mills and Kurt Hepschmidt.

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

The minutes of the November 1, 2021 regular meeting and the November 18, 2021 budget workshop meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Wheatfield Township Building prior to the December 6, 2021 regular meeting for public viewing. Jeff Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting as presented by the secretary, Jim Fuller second the motion, Barry Schrope abstained; he was not present at the meeting. Jeff Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the budget workshop as presented by the secretary, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS presented the supervisors with the call numbers as of the end of November stating with 1391 calls at this point it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> busiest year ever. Kraig stated they have 3 new employees and a 4<sup>th</sup> that is interested. Kraig thanked the supervisors for their continued support.

David Mills thanked the township for continuing to support Wagner Park and recreation in the community.

Kurt Hepschmidt stated Jim Fuller asked him about the TEMA membership at the budget workshop and what it costs. Kurt stated for a partial TEMA subscription through PSATS for him as EMC it would cost \$50 and that would give him access to their monthly newsletter and a reduced EMC class cost. Vicki Jenkins stated as a member of PSATS the township already gets a reduced cost on classes for having a full subscription.

Jeff Smith presented the road master report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has removed some brush on Dellville Dam Road, serviced and changed the oil and fuel filter in the old red dump and put the spreader and plow on it, hauled about 100 ton of anti-skid to finish filling the salt shed, fixed Mr. Hockensmith's yard on McNaughton Drive as requested at last month's meeting, put a new roof on the shed out back, serviced the new red dump and put the spreader and plow on it, took care of 4 tree's that came down from wind on Narrows Road, put the plow and spreader on the F550 and filled in shoulders on Mountain Road and Wheatfield Estates. Jim Fuller asked why the mower was still on the tractor; Jeff advised he left it on to keep it out of the weather as long as possible. Jim said it is inconvenient to use it with the mower on it at recycling; Jeff advised he will take it off.

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

Bids received for the Wagner Park Bridge Replacement were opened and read aloud. The results were as follows:

Jay Fulkroad and Sons Inc. - \$225,112.07

John Weldon Construction - \$74,950.00

Jim Fuller made a motion to award the bid to John Weldon Construction pending missing paperwork such as insurance documents, subcontractor list and the bidder experience list, Barry Schrope second the motion; Jeff Smith opposed stating he thinks it's ridiculous to spend \$104,500.00 on a walking bridge.

Thomas Sheaffer stated he is here tonight in regards to the Lester & Pauline Weldon Subdivision plan and that he's been trying since 1989 to straighten out this subdivision, a corner was never set per the township requirements, never had to put a paved road in and there are over 8 houses when township ordinance states no more than 3 houses, no 50 foot right of way and no cul-de-sac. Jim Fuller stated this subdivision that was just approved at the last meeting, none of the parcels come near John's Farm Lane; Jeff Smith stated all they did was take the old house and subdivided it off to try and settle the estate and the remaining lot was left alone and says right on the plan it's not a building lot until it's brought up to township specifications. Jim stated this subdivision was done prior to the current zoning requirements and what the administration did back then is what they did and is already done; the current administration cannot change that and should not be responsible for what was done back then. After a lengthy back and forth conversation Barry Schrope stated nothing will be done on this lot until a public road is established and at this point nothing can be done until such time. Jim stated as far as he's concerned the plan has been approved and it's time to move on.

The supervisors advised the 2022 budget has been prepared and advertised as required. Jim Fuller made a motion to adopt the 2022 budget as prepared and presented, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion for the dates and times for township meetings to be as follows: monthly Board of Supervisors meetings will be held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. with the exception for the months of July and September, July's meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 and September's meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, the Planning Commission will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., the Recreation Board will meet the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m., the Zoning Hearing Board will hold their organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. and the Auditors will hold their organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:45 p.m., Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Meetings will be advertised as required by law.

Jeff Smith made a motion for taxes to remain at .199 on all real estate assessments, 1% on real estate transfer tax (.5% township, .5% school), and 1.8% on earned income tax (.5% township, 1.3% school), Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Labor & Industry regarding the Uniform Construct Code stating a 5 year audit review was performed and has determined that Wheatfield Township code enforcement department has satisfactorily complied with the UCC regulations on eligible projects.

Jeff Smith stated the Ford F550 is broke down again. Jeff and Jim Fuller will go into Maguire's Ford tomorrow morning and speak with Ryan Rohrer and discuss all the issues the Township has had with this truck.

Jim Fuller stated there was plenty of help at recycling on Saturday and the weather was nice. Jim stated he spoke with Randy Sylvester and he advised all the recycling materials are going to Penn Waste and not the incinerator.

Jeff Smith made a motion to approve the checks from the General Fund for the month of November. They were as follows:

5636 – 5671, 10-2021, 010-2021, 110521 and 110521A

Barry Schrope 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 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins  
Twp. Secretary