

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, February 7, 2022 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, Paul Krieger, Luke Roman – Perry Co. Times, Dave Jenkins, Rhoda Barrick, Elijah Barrick, David Mills, Kurt Hepschmidt, Holly Potter, Mary Swope, Brian Swope and Rick Shumaker.

Barry Schrope led the pledge to the American flag followed by an invocation given by Elijah Barrick.

The minutes of the January 3, 2022 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the February 7, 2022 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.

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

Jeff Smith presented the road report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew has filled in shoulders on Loshes Run Road, has taken care of a few snow and ice storms, had 80 ton of road salt delivered, took the Ford F250 up to Perry Collision for the bed rail replaced due to rotting, took the Ford F250 to Maguires Ford for inspection, got the Ford F550 back from Maguires Ford, cleaned up down trees on Windy Hill Road, Hunkey Hollow Road and Glutzs Hole Road, power washed all the trucks and equipment, put new LED lights on the plow trucks, put new batteries in the Ford F250, changed the oil and fuel filters in the F250 and met with Dan from HRG for the bridge inspection reports.

There was no representative from the Duncannon Fire Co. at tonight's meeting. Jim Fuller stated they have a new President, Cody Weaver. Vicki Jenkins stated she will contact Byron Worner to get the updated officers contact information.

Correspondence has been received from the Township's solicitor firm, Cunningham, Chernicoff & Warshawsky stating Ron Legaspi is leaving there firm. Mr. Warshawsky stated they would like to continue as solicitor but has a conflict with another client who meets on the first Monday as well and asked if something could be worked out until they hire another solicitor to handle our meetings since there attendance is usually not required. The supervisors stated that would be fine and we would continue using them on a on call basis until such time a new attorney would be hired or the township would switch to another attorney.

Correspondence has been received from Cheri Matter of DCNR regarding the Wagner Park Bridge grant. Cheri is asking if the township solicitor or township engineer was able to provide a letter verifying the award of the bid for accuracy and that nothing is missing. Jim Fuller stated he is not happy with the way the contract was written from Act One and does not agree with John Weldon having to submit his bills to Act One and not the township for the township to be able to pay them seems a little off to him. Jim stated he will see if the township can get a solicitor and go from there. Jim stated we already have \$50,000 into the engineer and nothing has really been done yet. Jim advised he will talk to Attorney Dave Wilson and see if he is interested in reviewing the contract.

The new owner of the pull off at Cook Road has contacted the township and asked if the township could keep maintaining the pull off for snow removal due to the bus stop being there; indicating they were contacted by the school saying there was a safety concern from parents regarding the ice there. The supervisors agreed to continue maintaining the pull off for snow removal. Vicki Jenkins will contact the new owner and ask them to send an email to the township requesting the township maintain the pull off until they move here.

Vicki Jenkins advised the annual road salt contract is due March 1, 2022 for the 2022 – 2023 season. Last year the township lowered the request from 200 tons to 140 tons; you must take 60% of the requested amount and you may purchase up to a total of 140% of the requested amount under the contract price. The supervisors agreed to keep the amount the same as last year at 140 tons. Vicki advised the minimum amount of road salt, approximately 80 tons, for this contract year has been ordered and asked the supervisors if they would like to pay this out of the State Fund as they did last year. Jeff Smith made a motion to pay the road salt bill out of the State Fund, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

PSATS has completed the annual Disclosure Statement required by Chapter 7-A of Act 44 of 2009, the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act (copy on file). PSATS has asked the supervisors to review the disclosure statement and if it is adequate adopt the Disclosure Statement and place it in the township's pension file. Jim Fuller made a motion to adopt the Disclosure Statement, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope advised the township has budgeted \$133,000 to the fire companies this year. Barry Schrope made a motion to split the amount budgeted $\frac{3}{4}$ going to Duncannon Fire Co., \$30,000 to their operating funds and \$69,750 going to their capital reserve account and $\frac{1}{4}$ going to New Bloomfield Fire Co., \$19,000 to their operating funds and \$14,250 to their capital reserve account, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Monies will be divided into 4 payments a year and disbursed quarterly.

Jim Fuller made a motion to hold spring cleanup Thursday, April 28, 2022 through Saturday, April 30, 2022 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, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Jim Fuller also stated he asked the secretary for a list of the volunteers who have filled out a volunteer waiver, release and indemnity form. Jim stated spring cleanup is very dangerous and there are some that are coming and helping who have not filled out a form and he doesn't want anyone down there who has not filled out a form. Jim stated the other thing is spring cleanup is for people to get rid of stuff and if you have someone there who is there just to take anything valuable and resell that goes against what we work towards and volunteer for. Jim stated if someone wants to take a chair and it's going to a burn pile that's one thing, but taking the valuable stuff is not the spirit of the spring cleanup; we're there to help the township and not ourselves. Jim asked the other supervisors their thoughts. Barry Schrope stated he is with Jim and at one point or another everyone who has volunteered has taken something. Jim explained last year there was a large amount of horseshoes brought in and a catalytic converter brought in and a volunteer took them. Jim stated these items were brought in to help the township and a volunteer took them and he doesn't want that to happen again. Jim advised in all the years the township has been doing this there has never been this type of situation and he really feels the supervisors should be responsible for who takes what because it's money out of the townships pocket. Jeff Smith stated he doesn't see how you can pick and choose who's taking what and if that's how the township is going to do it then nobody should take anything and put it in the dumpster. Jim stated that's what happens when someone comes in and ruins it for everybody, for years there were no problems; he would like to see things go back to the way they were. Barry Schrope stated he knows before if someone brought in a washer or dryer that was still working or some nicer furniture we would set it aside if someone knew of a person falling on hard times. Barry advised the supervisors will have to think about how this should be handled.

The supervisors discussed the proposed 2022 road projects. Jeff Smith stated he would like to seal coat Dark Hollow Road from Rt. 274 to Linton Hill Road, Hunkey Hollow Road and Dugans Mill Road this year. The supervisors stated no paving will be done this year.

Lester Nace advised he has issued 7 zoning permits already this year.

Vicki Jenkins stated the Duncannon Fire Co. has invited the supervisors to their annual banquet on March 26, 2022 and reminded them if they wanted to go to let her know or rsvp to the number on the email.

Vicki Jenkins reminded Jeff Smith of his Perry Co. COG meeting on Thursday, February 10, 2022 and reminded Jim Fuller of his HATS meeting on Friday, February 11, 2022.

Vicki Jenkins stated she saw in the PSATS News Bulletin that the final rule for the American Rescue Plan has been released and they have expanded the uses.

Jim Fuller stated there was a good turnout of volunteers for recycling on Saturday and thanked them all.

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

5712- 5744 and 010322, 12-2021, 010522, 012-2021, 0004-2021, 011122A and 011122B

Jim Fuller 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, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary