

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, March 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, Dave Jenkins, Holly Potter, Elijah Barrick, Rhoda Barrick, John Weldon, Marty Smith, Mary Smith, David Mills and Kurt Hepschmidt.

Jeff Smith led the pledge to the American flag followed by an invocation given by Jim Fuller.

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

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 took care of a couple snow and ice storms, power washed the trucks and equipment, went around the township cutting down some dead trees, opened culvert pipes on Hunkey Hollow, took care of some trees that come down from the strong winds, cut down some trees for sight distance at Rt. 274 and Linton Hill Road, got 2 ton of cold patch and spread throughout the township and hauled 5 loads of 2A stone for pipe replacements. Jeff advised he and Barry Schrope went and looked at a pipe issue on Hunkey Hollow and stated the road crew will be taking care of it before they sealcoat. Jeff stated he would also like to replace the pipes on Loshes Run Road between Linton Hill and Pennells Church so it can be blacktopped next year. Jeff stated the supervisors have talked prior about doing some pipe replacements with the ARPA monies the township received; his list includes 5 pipes on Loshes Run, 1 on Creek Road down by Linton Hill, 1 on Dark Hollow and 5 on Linton Hill Road. Jeff stated the pipe would cost approximately \$31,320. Jim Fuller stated he would like to take a look at Jeff's list till next month's meeting. Jeff said he would like to get the one on Dark Hollow between Jenkins and Gardner's done as soon as possible since the township will be sealcoating that road this year. Jim stated he didn't see a problem with doing that one.

Byron Worner of the Duncannon Fire Co. was at tonight's meeting. Byron advised they have received their 4th installment of the gaming grant for the debt reduction on the tower truck as Reed Township's contribution to them and that the brush truck is still under construction and they are hoping to have it sometime this month.

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 \$170 per pull and \$90/ton for MSW and \$130/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. Barry Schrope made a motion for Sylvester's to haul the MSW and tires and Bulldog Motors for the scrap metal, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. From last month's meeting regarding people taking stuff from spring cleanup Jeff asked the other supervisors what is going to be done about that. Barry stated he is not sure what to do and Jim said he thought it was well explained in last month's minutes. Jeff said so we are going to pick and choose who takes what; Jim said he thinks anything of value to the township should not be taken and Jeff said then all scrap metal goes in the dumpster. Jim stated if Jeff wants to be like that it can be done like that and Jeff stated he does not think it's fair that Jim is going to sit there and say you can take this and who can't take that. Jim said we're talking about one guy who comes in and parks his truck and takes everything he can possibly get on it that is of any value. Jim stated if John Hines wants to take lawn mowers up to the school for the boys to work he does not see a problem with that and believes the supervisors should be able to say who takes what. Jeff asked then does that mean we're going to stop all the construction material and other things from being taken by other people. Jeff Smith made a motion that nobody takes any scrap metal from spring cleanup and that it all goes into the dumpster because it is there for the township and not the people to benefit off of; motion failed for lack of a second. The conversation went back and forth and some ideas were suggested from those in attendance; such as volunteers submitting a list as to what they are looking for and not being allowed to park on the road side where recycling is making it a little more difficult for volunteers to put stuff in there vehicles. Barry stated the supervisors will have to figure out a solution to this.

Barry Schrope made a motion to get the bid package ready for advertisement for the 2022 sealcoat project, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Sealcoat will be applied to Dark Hollow Road from Rt. 274 to Linton Hill Road, Dugans Mill Road and Hunkey Hollow Road. Jeff will contact Rick Levan from PennDOT for measurements.

Jim Fuller has contacted Dave Wilson, Solicitor from Philpott Wilson LLP regarding being solicitor for the Township and also reviewing the bridge contract at Wagner Park. Dave submitted a letter (copy on file) stating he is interested and his normal hourly rate is \$150/hr. Barry Schrope asked Dave about him running for District Attorney and how long he would be with the township if hired as solicitor. Dave advised the Primary Election would be May 2023 and if voted for he would start in 2024. Jim stated our current solicitor has quit with the

firm we currently have and at this point they do not have a replacement to attend meetings if needed. Jim Fuller made a motion to hire Dave Wilson to review and work on the Wagner Park bridge contract only at this point; not as the township solicitor, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

A letter has been received from the township auditors (copy on file) regarding their concern of lack of proper procedure being followed for the grant procedures as requested by DCNR for the Wagner Park bridge project. The supervisors advise with the hiring of Dave Wilson to review the bids and contract this should take care of this issue.

Barry Schrope made a motion for the Delegate (Jeff Smith) and Alternate (Jim Fuller) to remain the same for the Perry Co. COG, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Agenda item #12 – Alternate SEO was tabled until next month’s meeting.

Lester Nace advised he received a call from an individual who wanted to know if the township requires permits for fireworks. Lester stated he returned his call and answered some questions; but the guy did not know if it was in our township or not and didn’t have an address for the location. Lester stated he could call him back and asked the supervisors if they had any comments or questions for when he called him back. The supervisors stated they would need more information to make any decisions. Lester advised he would keep them informed.

Jim Fuller thanked all the volunteers who came out to help at recycling on Saturday.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS submitted a letter (copy on file) regarding a dedicated volunteer retiring at the end of June and the concern about the cost to replace the crew hours currently being covered and payroll stating they will not be able to sustain with their current municipal contributions and other revenue. Kraig stated there are some options they could look at in lieu of securing additional funding from municipalities such as out of service time where calls would be covered by other EMS agencies, collaboration with Penn State Life Lion EMS to staff a Mobile Intensive Care Unit at the Duncannon station or affected municipalities solicit EMS service from another EMS agency. Kraig stated they welcome any feedback on this matter and if there are any further questions to please let him know.

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

5745 – 5771 and 020222, 01-2022, 001-2022 and 020822

Jim Fuller second the motion to approve the checks, 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 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary