

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, April 4, 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, Paul Krieger, Sue Flickinger, Dave Jenkins, Elijah Barrick, Holly Potter, David Mills, Kurt Hepschmidt, John Weldon, Kristi Kuren, Byron Worner and Kraig Nace.

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

The minutes of the March 3, 2022 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the April 4, 2022 regular meeting for public viewing. Jeff Smith made the motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Paul Krieger stated in regards to the spring cleanup discussion; the township limits the amount people bring to the spring cleanup, maybe the township has to set limits for people who take stuff. Paul stated he hopes things can be worked out and things don't have to change, but if an agreement can't be reached he suggests setting limits on the stuff people can take.

David Mills stated he would like to thank the supervisors for continuing to support recreation in the community.

Jeff Smith presented the Road report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew had 2 nuisance snow storms to deal with this month, replaced the 42" pipe on Roseglen Road, hauled 2 ton of cold patch and spread throughout the township, hauled 8 loads of 2A modified for pipe replacement, had a hydraulic line break on the backhoe and repaired that, replaced an 18" pipe on Hunkey Hollow Road, filled in some of the shoulders on Loshes Run Road, cut down a dead maple tree and trimmed some trees on Roseglen Road, cut the dead trees off the walking trails at the park and are currently working on filling in some of the shoulders on Hunkey Hollow Road.

Byron Worner of the Duncannon Fire Co. stated they have a new treasurer, Tim Myers. Byron stated the delivery date for the brush truck is in May and the 1st qtr. call report should be emailed to the township this week.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS stated they had their breakfast with the Easter Bunny at the station on Saturday and it was well attended. Kraig advised the subscriptions are at the station and should go out next week; there are no rate changes. Kraig presented the call numbers through the end of March (copy on file) and advised the 1st qtr. financial reports will be forthcoming and also presented the 2021 calls dispatched by municipality (copy on file), showing each municipalities contribution and percentage of total budgeted EMS cost. Kraig advised Penn Township increased their 2022 donation to \$35,000. Barry Schrope advised the contribution of \$22,500 for Wheatfield Township should actually be \$32,500 since Wheatfield Township purchased an ambulance for \$50,000 for Duncannon EMS in November 2019 in lieu of 5 years of increases. Kraig advised he will make that adjustment on the report.

John Weldon of the Township Recreation Board asked the supervisors to consider amending Ordinance #22-11-92 requiring the recreation board have a 7 member board and changing it to a 5 member board stating it's hard to find volunteers and with 2 members recently resigning they sometimes don't have a quorum at their meetings. Barry Schrope made a motion to start the paperwork to make the change to a 5 member board as requested and review the revised draft ordinance at next month's meeting, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Correspondence has been received from David Wilson of Philpott Wilson LLP updating the supervisors in regards to the Wagner Park Bridge Grant. David advised he is currently working to resolve the issues with DCNR and get all the required documents from John Weldon Construction.

Barry Schrope advised Jim Fuller and Jeff Smith he drafted a document for them to review in regards to the spring cleanup issue and taking items (copy on file). Barry stated he considered all suggestions made at the last 2 meetings and this is what he could come up with to resolve the issue. The document would have to be signed by each volunteer that helps in addition to the current volunteer waiver form. Jim and Jeff both agreed the document sounded fair and should be implemented with the waiver form. Lester Nace stated what he felt was completely out of line last year was the physical threat made to one of the volunteers by another volunteer. Barry Schrope made the motion to adopt the document as policy, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

The supervisors reviewed the seal coat bid package. Jeff Smith made a motion to approve and advertise the bid package as prepared, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Vicki Jenkins will forward the advertisement to the local paper. Bids will be opened at the May meeting.

Sue Flickinger presented the 2021 Auditors report stating the Township audit has been completed along with the Tax Collector and Recreation Board records showing all records were in order (copies on file). Sue stated the Auditors commend Township personnel for their diligence in their performance of duties in keeping the interest of Township residents of utmost importance. Barry Schrope stated an appraisal needs to be done on the property to update the Township's assets in the accounting program.

Agenda Item #13 – Alternate SEO – was tabled.

Barry Schrope made a motion to release \$1200 budgeted as a donation to the Duncannon Senior Citizens Center and \$500 budgeted as a donation to the New Bloomfield Library, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller discussed the idea of the Township installing a surge protector to protect any electrical equipment from being damaged during an electrical surge. Jim stated he would like to find out more information on this and get back to the other supervisors at next month's meeting.

Barry Schrope asked Jeff Smith about the pipe he wanted to order. Jeff advised he would like to replace the pipe at Creek Road and Linton Hill Road, 7 on Loshes Run Road and 5 on Linton Hill Road. All supervisors were in agreement to order the pipe and use the ARPA money for it.

Lester Nace stated he would like to commend the individual who walked away from the situation discussed at last year's spring cleanup.

Jim Fuller thanked the volunteers who came out to recycling on Saturday and Kristi Kuren for bringing the delicious treats for the volunteers to enjoy.

Byron Worner also advised the Fire Company has put an offer on a piece of property in Duncannon Borough; the old Asbury Church.

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

5772 – 5804 and 030222, 02-2022, 002-2022 and 030822

Jeff Smith 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 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary