

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, August 1, 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, Lester Nace, Vicki Jenkins, Dexter Potter, Sue Flickinger, Luke Roman (Perry Co. Times), Rhoda Barrick, Elijah Barrick, Holly Potter, David Mills, Kurt Hepschmidt, Dave Jenkins and Cody Weaver.

Jim Fuller led the pledge to the American flag followed by an invocation given by Elijah Barrick.

The minutes of the July 5, 2022 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the August 1, 2022 regular meeting for public viewing. Jeff Smith made the 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 and thanked the road crew for picking up the sod for the park.

Kurt Hepschmidt advised every one the new number for a mental health crisis situation is 988.

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for the month of July. Jeff stated the road crew has finished the 2nd round of mowing along the township roads, had McNaughton Paving come in and pave where they replaced 3 pipes, had Martin Paving come and do the seal coating on Dark Hollow, Dugans Mill and Hunkey Hollow, sprayed the ballfields at the park, mowed and weed wacked the park and covered bridge, put new blades on the mower, removed some brush on Windy Hill, took the blue dump truck to have the bed replaced and stated the new truck should be done this week and we should have it here in a couple of weeks. Jeff stated the patch work done by McNaughton Paving on Roseglen Road has a dip in it when coming from Rt. 274 and that he spoke with McNaughton Paving and they are willing to come out and make it right; all supervisors were in agreement to have them fix it. Jeff spoke about the seal coating bill received from Martin Paving and the escalation clause charge added to the bill for \$3,559.66. Jeff stated he spoke with Rick Levan and he advised they cannot charge the adjustment because they did not reach the 100 tons of liquid asphalt and the township does not have to pay it, unless we want to, because we do not have an ordinance allowing the escalator clause. Jim Fuller made a motion to pay the original amount of the contract and not the extra charge at this point, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. The supervisors asked Jeff to contact Rick Levan again and make sure the township won't get in trouble for not paying the extra charge if decided not to negotiate and then call them to let them know what Rick said before contacting Martin Paving. Jeff stated there are some pipes (3) on Linton Hill Road between Glutzs Hole Road and Dark Hollow that are pretty bad and can't handle the water and that the road is starting to undermine. Jeff stated the township can't dig it themselves; they'll either have to rent something to beat the rock or hire someone to do it. Jim asked the other supervisors if they could get together and look at it. They will go look at it tomorrow night at 4:30. Issue tabled until next month. Jeff also discussed the roads he would like to have line painted this year; Dark Hollow, Dugans Mill, Hunkey Hollow, Mountain Road, Narrows Road, Basin Hill, Loshes Run, Pennells Church, Pleasant Grove and Windy Hill; 14.76 miles. Barry Schrope made a motion to have the line painting done as indicated, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Cody Weaver of the Duncannon Fire Co. advised the settlement on the property in the Borough is going well and reminded everyone tomorrow is National Night Out from 6 – 8:00 p.m.

Vicki Jenkins advised Cheri Matter of DCNR emailed about the paperwork sent to her after the last meeting and that she needed the complete contract and not just the signed pages. Vicki advised she sent everything to her today but she is out of the office until August 8th.

Jim Fuller advised he and Jeff Smith were out to look at the mailbox/signs issue on Montebello Farm Road and everything has been taken care of; all the hazards in the township right of way have been removed.

Jim Fuller made a motion to have the appreciation picnic for all current volunteers, officials and children on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Vicki Jenkins will send out the invites to everyone.

Lester Nace advised he has 3 driveway issues he is working through and that he has received 3 solar panel installation permits last week.

Vicki Jenkins advised she attended a Capital Tax Collection Bureau meeting in Juniata County. Vicki stated they gave in draft form the schedule of earned income distributions for the year 2021 and the

township received \$421,388 and Susquenita received \$4,849,736. Vicki advised the meetings are worthwhile and it is the townships largest revenue source so it's important to stay involved.

Jim Fuller stated recycling is this Saturday.

Barry Schrope made a motion to approve the checks from the General Fund for the month of July.

They were as follows:

5913 – 5941, 146, 147, 06-2022, 070722, 006-2022, 072122A, 0002-2022 and 072122B

Jeff Smith, second the motion to approve the checks, with all in favor.

There being no further business Jim Fuller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary