

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, October 3, 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, Paul Krieger, Sue Flickinger, Holly Potter, Rhoda Barrick, Elijah Barrick, David Mills, Kurt Hepschmidt, Kraig Nace, Luke Roman (Perry Cty. Times), Cody Weaver and Loraine Vogel.

Barry Schrope led the pledge to the American flag followed by an invocation given by Jim Fuller.

The minutes of the September 6, 2022 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the October 3, 2022 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, with all in favor.

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

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS stated he has submitted the 2nd quarter reports to Vicki at the beginning of the 3rd quarter and the 3rd quarter reports are forthcoming. Kraig stated they have a fundraiser movie night coming up at the end of the month, there Sunday dinners have started back up in August and bingo is doing as well if not better than ever. Kraig stated they have been able to maintain consistent staffing, it's just a matter of being able to maintain payroll which is about \$9600 every two weeks.

Jeff Smith presented the road master report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew finished the last round of mowing, replaced a window in the tractor that got broke, did grading and brush removal on Windy Hill, Alpha Space came and did the line painting on township roads, took care of trees down on Mountain Road and Linton Hill, mowed the township property and Wagner Park for the last time this year, rebuilt the glass crusher, patched all the holes in it and blew out all the dust in the motor, started working on the trucks ready for the winter and had a recall on the Dodge truck with the hydraulic pump, they came and picked up and will be putting a new pump on it.

Cody Weaver of the Duncannon Fire Co. stated they had settlement on the property in the Borough (27 N. High St.). Cody advised the 3rd qtr. reports are forthcoming and they have an open house on the 15th of this month and a chicken bbq at the Penn Township fire house.

Loraine Vogel presented the supervisors with a sample resolution to implement Act 57 of 2022 property tax penalty waiver provisions. Loraine stated Act 57 requires all municipalities, school districts and counties that levy a real estate tax to adopt a resolution or ordinance and it would allow taxpayers who fail to receive a tax notice during their first year of occupancy to apply for and receive a waiver of penalties and additional costs from the tax collector. Loraine stated the resolution would need to be passed within 90 days. Jeff Smith made a motion for Vicki to prepare the resolution for adoption at next month's meeting, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

The supervisors discussed selling the 2010 Ford F550 with the plow and spreader and placing it on Muncibid with a reserve. Jim Fuller made a motion to sell and put the truck out for bid on Muncibid, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Vicki will place the truck on Muncibid and put an ad in the local papers directing them to Muncibid to bid on the truck.

The township has received notice from the Commonwealth of PA that the Volunteer Fire Relief for 2022 has been received in the amount of \$19,318.41. Jim Fuller made a motion to release \$14,488.81 (3/4) to the Duncannon Fire Co. and \$4,829.60 (1/4) to the New Bloomfield Fire Co., Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to release the \$500 donation as budgeted to Perry County Crime Stoppers, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

PSATS has sent correspondence to the Township regarding the election of Trustees for the Pension Trust, Health Insurance Cooperative Trust and Unemployment Compensation Group Trust. Jim Fuller made a motion to accept PSATS recommendation of Shirl Barnhart as Trustee for the Pension, Health and Unemployment Compensation Trust for a period of 2 years, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to have Trick or Treat night in Wheatfield Township on Monday, October 31, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Jeff Smith made a motion to schedule a budget workshop for the preliminary 2023 budget on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. The workshop will be advertised as required by law.

Barry Schrope stated there were approximately 39 people who attended township appreciation picnic and all seemed to have a good time.

Barry Schrope advised correspondence has been received from the Department of the Auditor General in regards to the Township Pension Plan and the biennial distress determination. Wheatfield Township's distress score is 1; which requires no mandatory remedies need to be implemented.

Lester Nace stated he has expressed some concern with Pink Energy Solar and apparently a lady from Shermans Dale who got burned by them and he heard their business in North Carolina closed. Lester advised he has issued 2 permits to Pink Energy and hasn't heard any comments, but if someone is looking to use them he would suggest they do some investigation into Pink Energy's background.

Jim Fuller advised there were 145 people who attended recycling on Saturday and that County Commissioner Gary Eby was at the recycling to have a look at the glass crusher.

Kurt Hepschmidt asked when Sylvester's drop off the recycling containers could they place more room between the containers so there is more room to get between them. Kurt also asked for an update on the Wagner Park bridge project. Lester Nace stated he spoke to John Weldon and he said the bridge is done except for the stenciling of the handicap space and the plaque for the project being partially financed by a DCNR grant.

David Mills asked Jeff Smith if they could haul another load of cracker dust for at the park.

Kraig Nace asked if the township has been notified that New Bloomfield's paramedic service is no longer being run by New Bloomfield, they were notified in a strategic management meeting that UPMC Life Team took over the advanced life support portion and the BLS portion is still spending a fair amount of time out of service and his understanding is there is discussion of UPMC Life Time taking that portion over too. The supervisors stated they have not heard anything on this situation.

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

5977 – 6006, 090122, 08-2022, 008-2022 and 090722

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 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary