

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, November 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, Lester Nace, Vicki Jenkins, Dexter Potter, Holly Potter, Sue Flickinger, Rhoda Barrick, Elijah Barrick, David Mills, Kurt Hepschmidt, Luke Roman – Perry Cty. Times and Lt. Ken Tallman – PA State Police.

Jeff Smith led the pledge to the American flag followed by an invocation given by Elijah Barrick.

The minutes of the October 3, 2022 regular meeting and the September 27, 2022 & October 25, 2022 budget workshops were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the November 7, 2022 regular meeting for public viewing. Jeff Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the budget workshops meeting as presented by the secretary, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

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

Lt. Ken Tallman of the PA State Police introduced himself as the new station commander for the Newport Barracks and went over the criminal and traffic stats for Wheatfield Township. There were a total of 284 calls, 107 criminal offenses, 19 DUI's and 17 crashes; the other calls were miscellaneous calls.

Jeff Smith presented the road master report for last month. Jeff stated the road crew hauled approximately 250 ton of anti-skid, got the red and blue dump truck ready for snow removal, sanded and painted the red and blue dump truck, put cold patch down where the pipe was replaced on Linton Hill, cleaned up and power washed the F550, cleaned up some vandalized signs on Montebello Road, Hunkey Hollow Road, Narrows Road and Loshes Run Road and replaced some stop signs and street signs on Dark Hollow Road.

There was no representative from the Duncannon Fire Co. at tonight's meeting.

At last month's meeting Loraine Vogel, Tax Collector, presented the supervisors with a sample resolution to implement Act 57 of 2022. The secretary has prepared Resolution #01-2022 to implement Act 57 of 2022 property tax penalty waiver provisions. Jim Fuller made a motion to approve and sign Resolution #01-2022, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Bids on Municibid were received for the 2010 Ford F550 the highest bid was for \$21,000, the reserve of \$30,000 was not met. Jim Fuller made a motion to reject all bids, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Jim Fuller made a motion to rebid the sale of the truck in the local papers for the January meeting, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to send Carl Hancock of Dellville Road a check for \$25.00 and a letter of appreciation for mowing the cemetery on Dellville Road, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope advised a thank you letter has been received from the New Bloomfield Library thanking the township for donation received.

Vicki Jenkins asked the supervisors if they have reviewed the 2023 proposed budget and if any changes would be needed since it will be posted at the township building for public inspection. Barry Schrope stated the insurance category might need adjusted, due to employee Jeff Smith getting married soon and adding his wife. Jim Fuller stated he thought it shouldn't need raised very much because we have an adequate amount currently budgeted; current budget amount is \$62,000. The supervisors increased the budgeted amount for insurance to \$65,000.

Jim Fuller stated recycling was busy on Saturday and he is very thankful for those who came out and helped.

Kurt Hepschmidt stated he has noticed the no trespassing signs at a resident's house on Montebello Farm Road have been multiplying.

Sue Flickinger stated she has a few questions. Sue asked if the Wagner Park bridge been inspected by the engineer as it was directed by DCNR, Vicki Jenkins advised she spoke to Rob Shaffer today and yes, the final inspection has been done and the certification letter is forthcoming and once she receives that she will contact Trisha from DCNR for her final site inspection. Sue asked about the yellow posts that are stuck in the bridge and if there were specifications on how far apart they should be, Barry Schrope stated he does not believe a wheelchair will fit through there and does not believe they are 36" apart. Sue stated the park is looking pretty good except there were a couple of piles of dump stuff such as cinder blocks and old concrete, Sue asked if the township permits people to come in and dump whatever stuff, David Mills stated they have dumped stuff back there where it is going to be filled in. Jim Fuller

stated the township does not permit people to dump stuff there. Sue asked if the recreation board gives the supervisors a monthly report, Jim Fuller advised yes, Barry Schrope stated they get their monthly meeting minutes. Sue asked when the recreation board wants to do a project do they get supervisor approval before spending money, stating there a committee of the township, and do they get bids/quotes if it's over a certain dollar amount, Jim Fuller stated they discussed this at their last meeting and the bid/quote requirements the township must go through for above a certain amount and that the recreation board will follow the same requirements, David Mills stated he does not think the supervisors need to approve the expenditures because the money has already been appointed to the recreation board. Sue stated she is not accusing anyone of anything; she just needs clarification and believes the township supervisors should have final approval of things. There was discussion on the paving and what should have been included in the bid package and what was done extra, Barry and Jeff believe the bid package called for paving the 60' x 60' parking lot area at the 2<sup>nd</sup> pavilion and the paving out to the bridge, David and Jim stated the paving in the bid package was just for the paving from the 2<sup>nd</sup> pavilion out to the bridge and the 2 handicap spots and not the parking area. The recreation board minutes were also discussed; Vicki Jenkins advised she does not receive draft minutes of the meeting from the recreation board; she only receives the recreation board minutes after they have been approved so the supervisors do not see these minutes until after everything has been approved and done. Sue asked why there is a difference in how the meeting minutes are handled between the committee's, shouldn't things be consistent. David stated he does not want to jeopardize their relationship with the supervisors and whatever the supervisors want them to do they will do.

Barry Schrope advised the township had an audit done by the Department of the Auditor General for years of 2020 and 2021 on the Liquid Fuels account and there were no findings.

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

6007 – 6046, 100422, 09-2022, 100622, 009-2022, 0003-2022, 101122A and 101122B

Jim Fuller second the motion, 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 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins  
Twp. Secretary