

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, March 6, 2023 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, Amanda Tolbert-Smith, Luke Roman (Perry Cty. Times), Paul Krieger, Phyllis Krieger, David Mills, Kurt Hepschmidt, Lauren Eichelberger, Elijah Barrick, Kraig Nace and Phil Vogel.

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

The minutes of the February 6, 2023 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the March 6, 2023 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 gave an update for the recreation board and the things discussed at their last meeting; field reservations, ruts on field, topsoil & sod, painting the bridge deck and a mural on the back of the snack bar and also received an anonymous donation.

Kurt Hepschmidt stated he would like to keep the pressure on with the comprehensive plan regarding the terrible cell phone coverage in the township. Kurt also discussed the difficulty of using the dry hydrant that was installed at the Sulphur Springs Bridge.

Lauren Eichelberger introduced herself stating she is the current District Attorney in the County and is seeking reelection.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS presented the call numbers through the end of February to the supervisors, stated the 4th qtr. reports were emailed to the township today and annual subscriptions will soon be mailed out.

Jeff Smith presented the Road report for last month as follows: fixed hydraulic line on backhoe, put new pads on the back of the backhoe, cut down approximately 50 dead trees throughout the township, replaced wiper arm on red dump, did grading on Loshes Run, removed brush and grading on Windy Hill and working on filling in shoulders on Glutz Hole.

There was no representative from the Duncannon Fire Co. at tonight's meeting. Vicki Jenkins advised it was announced the Duncannon Fire Co. received grants for \$35,000 for radio replacement and \$15,000 from the Office of the State Fire Commissioner. New Bloomfield Fire received \$15,000 and New Bloomfield EMS received \$20,000.

Jeff Smith made a motion to approve the driveway issues letter that has been prepared, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Letters will be given to those residents whose driveway presents a safety issue.

Agenda #8 – AED for Township Building has been tabled until next month. Waiting for another quote.

At last month's meeting IT support and a new computer was discussed for the secretary. The supervisors asked Vicki Jenkins to set up an appointment with Galin Rice from Triple E Technology to go over his services. Jeff Smith made the motion to hire Galin Rice for IT and purchase a computer pending the meeting going well, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jeff Smith made a motion to reinvest the remaining 2 General Fund CD's and 1 State Fund CD and invest \$100,000 from the State Fund in a new CD at the new higher rate of 4.3% for 20 months, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

The annual Costars road salt contract is due by March 15 for the 2023 – 2024 season. Jeff Smith made a motion to contract for 100 tons and pay for the salt out of the ARPA Fund, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

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 \$200 per pull and \$100/ton for MSW and \$200 per pull and \$140/ton for tires, 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. Jeff Smith made a motion for Sylvester's to haul the MSW and tires and Bulldog Motors for the scrap metal, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jeff Smith made a motion to get the bid package ready for advertisement for the 2023 paving and sealcoat project, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Paving will be applied to Linton Hill Road from Rt. 274 to Dave's World and sealcoat will be applied to the townships portion of Creek Road, Montebello Road and Montebello Farm Road. Jeff will contact Rick Levan from PennDOT for measurements.

At last month's meeting the question about posting draft minutes came up. Vicki Jenkins emailed PSATS and they stated this is not a requirement and many choose not to do so and wait till minutes have been approved but can be done to show transparency. Barry Schrope made a motion to post the draft minutes on the website prior to being approved, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jeff Smith stated he is having issues with his phone and asked the other supervisors about getting a new phone. Jim Fuller made the motion for Jeff to get a new phone, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Jeff Smith asked about purchasing a sealer buggy. The supervisors asked Jeff to obtain pictures and pricing for next month's meeting.

Lester Nace drafted a notice about chickens and farm animal's regulations for the spring newsletter and asked the supervisors to review and approve. All supervisors approved.

Vicki Jenkins advised she has received an updated EOP and NARM from Kurt Hepschmidt EMC for the supervisors review.

Jim Fuller recognized the volunteers who came out and helped at recycling on Saturday.

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

6150 – 6173 and 020323, 020723, 01-2023, 001-2023 and 20823

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, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary