

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, January 3, 2011 in the Township Building. Jim Fuller called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Annette Mullen, Barry Schroepe, Jim Fuller, Johanna Rehkamp, Vicki Jenkins, Lester Nace, Robert Noaker, Dexter Potter, Jeff Beinhower, Bob Foltz, David Mills, Barb Zeigler, Joyce Swain, Mike Horanic, Mitch Robb, Darrin Foster, Dianne Dahlin, Kraig Nace and Sam Garula.

Barry Schroepe led the pledge to the American flag. A brief moment of silence was observed after the pledge in honor of the men and women who serve our country in the armed forces.

The first order of business was to reorganize. Annette Mullen made a motion to appoint Barry Schroepe as Temporary Chair to start the reorganization, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Jim Fuller made a motion to appoint Vicki Jenkins as Temporary Secretary, Barry Schroepe second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schroepe made a motion to appoint Jim Fuller as Chairman, Annette Mullen second the motion. There were no other nominations. All were in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to appoint Barry Schroepe as Vice-Chairman, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schroepe made a motion to retain Vicki Jenkins as Secretary/Treasurer, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Annette Mullen made a motion for the Secretary/Treasurer hourly rate to remain the same, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Annette Mullen made a motion for Vicki Jenkins vacation, sick and personal time to remain the same, nine (9) vacation days, eight (8) sick days and to give two (2) personal days, Barry Schroepe second the motion, with all in favor. Carry over vacation, sick and personal time to be in conjunction with the rules set forth by the Auditors, with the maximum allowed to carry over being 5 vacation days, 24 sick days and no personal time.

Barry Schroepe made a motion to keep the Treasurer bond at \$500,000, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schroepe made a motion to keep the Recreation Board bond for Bob Foltz at \$30,000, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made the motion to retain Orrstown Bank as depository for the township funds, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schroepe made a motion for Jim Fuller to remain Roadmaster, Jim Fuller second the motion, Annette Mullen opposed, motion carried.

Barry Schroepe made a motion to retain Turner and O'Connell as Township Solicitor, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Jim Fuller made a motion to accept the Solicitor fee at \$150 per meeting up to two hours, \$75/hr. after that, Barry Schroepe second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schroepe made a motion to retain Madden Engineering Services as Township Engineer, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Jim Fuller made a motion to accept the Engineer fee of \$100 per meeting, Barry Schroepe second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schroepe made a motion to reappoint Dave Jenkins as Township Vacancy board Chairman, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schroepe made a motion to reappoint J.C. Smith as Township SEO, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. The fee schedule for 2011 will remain the same.

Annette Mullen made a motion to appoint Lenny Sizer of Madden Engineering Services as Alternate SEO, Barry Schroepe second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to reappoint Lester Nace as Zoning Officer, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Annette Mullen made a motion to increase the Zoning Officer's hourly rate by 2%, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Mileage will be paid at the rate of .51 cents per mile; this is the 2011 IRS standard mileage rate.

Barry Schroepe made a motion to reappoint Lou Harford as Assistant Zoning Officer, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Annette Mullen made a motion for the Assistant Zoning Officer's hourly rate to remain the same, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Mileage will be paid at the rate of .51 cents per mile; this is the 2011 IRS standard mileage rate.

Jim Fuller made a motion for Dexter Potter to remain full time laborer, Barry Schroepe second the motion, with all in favor.

Annette Mullen made a motion to increase Dexter Potter's hourly rate by 2%, Barry Schroepe second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion for Dexter Potter to receive three (3) vacation days, two (2) sick days and one (1) personal day, Barry Schroepe second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion for Barry Schroepe to be called first if a part time laborer would be needed, Barry Schroepe second the motion, Annette Mullen opposed stating Barry has not obtained his CDL, motion carried. The auditors will set Barry's hourly pay rate as part time employee at their organizational meeting.

Barry Schroepe made a motion to pay outside part time laborers (if needed) \$12.00/hr. without a CDL, \$14.00/hr. with a CDL, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Annette Mullen made a motion for Bob Hines to be called first along with Barry Schrope at an hourly rate of \$15.00/hr., Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to retain The Capital Tax Collection Bureau to collect the local income taxes, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to reappoint Vicki Jenkins as the Chief Executive Officer for the township pension fund, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to reappoint Vicki Jenkins as the CDL testing contact person, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Annette Mullen made the motion to have all random CDL tests conducted on site, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Annette Mullen made a motion to reappoint Jennifer Wilson to a 4-year term on the Planning Commission, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to reappoint Mike Petersen to a 5-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

Annette Mullen made a motion to reappoint Bob Foltz and Shawn Fuller to a 5-year term on the Recreation Board, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Jim Fuller made a motion to reappoint Vicki Jenkins as Zoning Hearing Board secretary, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. Jim Fuller made a motion the salary for the Zoning Hearing Board secretary remain the same at \$13.33 per hour, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

The minutes of the December 6, 2010 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the January 3, 2011 regular meeting for public viewing. Barry Schrope made a motion to conditionally approve the minutes pending the secretary changing the minutes to reflect that Annette Mullen stated the tractor needs tires instead of will soon need tires, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor.

David Mills would like to thank the supervisors for continuing to support recreation in the township and he looks forward to another productive year.

Dianne Dahlin would like to comment on the organizational meeting and on following rules of meetings. Mrs. Dahlin states she is under the assumption the Chairman is the tie breaking vote and where he is concerned or any person on the board is concerned they do not have a vote on what would benefit them. Mrs. Dahlin states she questions the legality of Jim Fuller seconding his vote for roadmaster and Annette Mullen questioned the vote of Barry Schrope seconding the vote for first called part time labor, she states the rules need to be looked into.

Kraig Nace of Duncannon EMS presented to the supervisors the year end call statistics report and thanked the supervisors for their ongoing support.

Sam Garula offered best regards to the township supervisors in the New Year.

Darrin Foster of Lou Harford's office presented the Ida Smith subdivision plan for approval. Darrin states all comments/revisions have been addressed and that the township planning commission has reviewed the plan and has recommended approval of the requested AOR's and has recommended conditional approval of the plan pending the sewage module approval from DEP. The requested AOR's are 1 – Preliminary Plan Procedure and 2 – Sheet Size Requirement. Barry Schrope made a motion to accept the AOR's as requested, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Jim Fuller made a motion to approve the plan as presented contingent upon engineering fee's being paid and sewage module approval from DEP, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

PSATS has completed the Disclosure Statement required by Chapter 7-A of Act 44 of 2009, the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act (copy on file). PSATS has asked the supervisors to review the disclosure statement and if it is adequate adopt the Disclosure Statement and place it in the township pension file. Jim Fuller made a motion to adopt the Disclosure Statement, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. PSATS will provide the township with updates on an annual basis.

Jim Fuller made a motion to release \$500 budgeted as a donation to the fire police with it being split 2/3 to Duncannon Fire Police \$335 and 1/3 to New Bloomfield Fire Police \$165, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

The Perry County Convention is Saturday, February 26, 2011. Annette Mullen made a motion to pay the registration fee for the workshop and meal, no mileage reimbursement for the planning commission members who wish to go, and for the supervisors, auditors (including Kent Johnson appointed auditor), tax collector, zoning officer and secretary the registration fee for the workshop and meal, \$50.00 attendance and reimbursement for mileage at the IRS standard mileage rate, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

The State Convention will be held April 17 – 20, 2011 in Hershey. The supervisor's tabled action until next month's meeting so the supervisors can look over the information further. Annette Mullen expressed interest in attending a Sunday workshop.

Statements of Financial Interest for the year 2010 will be distributed. They are due back April 1, 2011.

Annette Mullen states she made a motion when the roadmaster position came up and she would like to make it publicly known that she thinks as Wheatfield Township moves on she would like to see the position of roadmaster not also be a supervisor. Annette states she thinks it is a conflict of interest having a roadmaster/supervisor as a sitting supervisor. The reason being it gives you one less voice in the township and she does not think the township has things

in place for accountability or what the roadmaster does, no reports are given. Annette states it is not the roadmasters fault, it's just as a township we have not ever had this in place and it creates a problem and a conflict of interest when the roadmaster is their own boss. Annette states she would like in her time in office to see the township get away from this practice and have the jobs separate.

Jim Fuller states his feelings on the roadmaster/supervisor position are that there has been a working supervisor for the last 30 years. Jim states he thinks that you are dealing with someone who is committed to the township versus a hireling. Jim states he knows from his position and from past roadmasters that it is very difficult for the supervisors out there to keep track of where the road crew might be. Jim states it is the responsibility of the township people to hire someone or to elect someone with integrity that will not be off doing something they should not be doing. Jim states he believes from his point of view it is a better situation, but what happens in the future is what happens.

Barry Schroepe states he has received a lot of phone calls this past month. One concerning if West Shore ALS would honor New Bloomfield ALS membership, which Barry states a letter was received confirming they would honor the membership. Another one asking if New Bloomfield ALS does not start up where does that money go for that portion of Wheatfield Township is it being held onto or being forwarded to West Shore ALS, which he has not received a final answer on this yet. Another resident asked if New Bloomfield ALS is not started who would be 1st call, Barry states what he has been told is that it would automatically go to the next due like ambulance service. Barry states he has received a number of phone calls from upset citizens above Windy Hill Road regarding the realignment of fire box lines. Barry states he would also like to rebuke some of Mrs. Dahlin's comments from last month regarding spending/budgeting money excessively, Barry states the township has saved greatly over the last few years and taxes have not been raised and there will still be quite a bit of money left in reserve. Also about Mrs. Dahlin's comment on raises, Barry states he did not receive a raise last year and it was brought up in a phone call as to what the supervisors make. Barry stated he did not get a raise, any cellular phone or any phone calls he makes he pays for them personally and he never turns mileage in when he does running around for the township, he figures what he gets paid as supervisors covers what he does and would like to make the residents aware he is not in this for the money. Barry states he knows Annette is upset he did not get his CDL, he has been busy with work and his farm and his learner permit runs out the end of the month and his plan is to have his CDL license by months end. Annette Mullen stated she does not have a problem with Barry and that he is a good worker, but to hire for the position of 1st called she would pick someone with their CDL license, it's nothing personal.

Kraig Nace advised the supervisors if he could help in any way or if they would like he could address the concerns that are arising from the new fire box lines with EMS and ALS.

Joyce Swain states just to clarify Miles Beaston is definitely affected by the fire box line change because he will have New Bloomfield ALS. Mrs. Swain states her concern is if she pays her membership to New Bloomfield EMS and the ALS is not up and running will West Shore ALS get the money (\$35). Mrs. Swain states the residents don't understand and no letters have been sent from the township or EMS services explaining the change. Kraig Nace stated again that Duncannon EMS and West Shore ALS will honor New Bloomfield subscriptions until April 30, 2012.

Dianne Dahlin states she has been asking for 3 months to talk about ALS and the supervisors informed her they are talking about EMS. Mrs. Dahlin states she waited and last month it was passed without anyone having any say and she is upset with that.

Barry Schroepe made a motion to approve the checks from the general fund for the month of December with each supervisor abstaining from approval on those they had a personal interest in. They were as follows:

16304 – 16341, 011-2010 and 11-2010, except 16308, 16309, 16310, 16320 and 16335, all five approved.

16308, 16320, 16335 – Barry and Annette approved, Jim abstained.

16309 – Jim and Barry approved, Annette abstained.

16310 – Jim and Annette approved, Barry abstained.

Jim Fuller 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, Annette Mullen second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary