April 17, 2017

The regular meeting of the Mahoning Township Supervisors was held this evening at the Mahoning Township Municipal Building at 5:30 PM.

Members of the Board present:

Ken Woodruff, Chairperson

Bill Lynn, Vice Chairman

T. S. Scott, Supervisor

Solicitor Ryan Tira

 Police Department Sean McGinley

Treasurer, Ken Houck

Secretary Joe Oberdorf

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn

Engineer John Mazich

Lloyd Craig, Street Department

Brett Levan, Water and Sewer Department

Also attending were Joe Sylvester, Danville News, Chris Krepich, Press Enterprise, Bonnie Johnson, Sue Kauwell, Linda Weaver, Molly Shultz, Mary Ann Landi, Jackie Fox, Betty Brittain, Ann Johns, Janis Williams, Henry Eyer, Rose and Bill Pursel, Tom and Robin Kessler, Rose and Bill Pursel, John and Nancy Whelan, Joe Diehl, and Teresa Younkin.

**All motions are approved unanimously unless otherwise noted.**

The Minutes of March 20 and April 10, 2017 were approved after motions by Vice Chairman Lynn and Supervisor Scott.

Secretary Oberdorf gave the March Financial Report showing a beginning balance as of March 1, 2017 to be $419,175.90, Receipts $151.09, an adjustment of $14,210.81, Expenses $181,632.90 and the ending balance of $251,904.90. Vice Chairman Lynn moved to accept the report. Supervisor Scott second. Chairman Woodruff noted there are budget report copies for anyone on the back table.

Solicitor Tira reported the PUC received a question from an Independent Consumer Advocate regarding the treatment of sewer rates and practices for those outside the township being treated the same as those living in Mahoning Township. He recommended the adoption of a new resolution that all will be treated the same. Supervisor Scott moved to adopt the resolution that accepts the terms and conditions of the water and sewer service for extra territorial customers. Vice Chairman Lynn second.

Engineer John Mazich had nothing to report.

Chairman Woodruff made a final reminder that Dumpster Day will be Saturday, April 29. Vice Chairman Lynn also noted that Heaps will not take any electronic devices. A discussion regarding bicycles that would be thrown away, Supervisor Scott asked that the bicycles be set aside for donations to an organization.

Chairman Woodruff reported the township now has received the certificate of insurance for the March of Dimes for Babies that will be held on May 7th.  Supervisor Scott moved to approved the march to use township streets. Vice Chairman Lynn second.

 Chairman Woodruff also reported the Race/Run to be held on May 27th, request from Robert Welby and they have provided the insurance certificate. Supervisor Scott made a motion to approve the Race/Run which was seconded by Vice Chairman Lynn.

Chairman Woodruff reported the **STREET DEPARTMENT PAVING FOR 2017** is as follows:

Edgewood Dive 450

Wildwood Drive 130

Palmer Drive 115

Tower view Cr. 533

Catherine Drive 115

Mateo Drive 527

Locust Lane 100 (from Kingsley to the end)

**Total tons 1970**

On the advice from the Solicitor. Supervisor Scott moved to seek bids for the 2017 paving program. Vice Chairman Lynn second.

Ann Johns asked how streets were selected for paving. Chairman Woodruff noted that he and Lloyd Craig of the Street Department went throughout the township reviewing the streets for the 2017 paving. He further stated that he hopes to have a long range paving plan in place for the future.

Chairman Woodruff stated the township would like to sell the 1999 #4900 International Dump Truck. Lloyd reported there are two ways to advertise and one is the newspaper and the second is through a MuniciBid. Solicitor Tira suggested the township do it both ways and the advertisement must state “As Is and No Warranties are provided. Vice Chairman Lynn made a motion to approved the selling of the truck. Supervisor Scott second.

 Brett Levan reported the township used 2,286,000 gallons of water which is high but this may have been caused by a water line break. He also reported the Wet Well Cleanup had problems with paper towels and used needles and masks (easily a ton) showing up in the Route 11 clean-out. The Township will send a letter to Geisinger for some answers but Brett said the material could have come from other sources. Brett also presented the bids for the Water Line Tracer Kit with the Eastcom Associates, Inc. $876.54. Vice Chairman Lynn made a motion to approve the bid of $876.54 from Eastcom Associates. Supervisor Scott second.

Supervisor Scott read a report from Dave Walters P.E. Sr. Project Manager of Larson Design Group that he had nothing new on the MS4(Storm Water Management) report but he is having a meeting this Friday on the matter. He also reported that he didn’t have anything new on the water tank project and he will meet with Brett Levan for a walk trough of the water and sewer systems on Wednesday of this week.

Chief of Police Sean McGinley reported there were 39 applicants and the choice for the two vacant police officer positions will happen soon. Joe Diehl asked when an officer provides services in another township, does Mahoning insurance cover them or is it the other township? Supervisor Scott reported the township requesting the service provides the insurance.

 Supervisor Scott mention the future updating of the Website to push information to the public and he moved to put the township on FACEBOOK so that information can be received by the public regarding such road closing, special events, water breaks and any emergencies. Vice Chairman nt Lynn made a motion to approve and this was seconded by Chairman Woodruff.

Supervisor Scott also mentioned that supervisors met on the 12th of this month with an IT vendor and how we spend our dollars.

The Supervisors approved the motions by Scott and Lynn to have WDE (Wagner, Dreese, Elsasser and Associates who did the 2016 audit) complete the audit for the former Authority. This audit will be for the period of October 1, 2017 to February 2, 2017 and the cost is $5,500.

A decision was made regarding two Certificates of Deposit ($232,208.31 each) held by the Jersey Shore Bank which are maturing before the next regular meeting. Supervisor Scott moved to keep the CDs at JSSB at 18 months which was seconded by Vice Chairman Lynn.

Supervisor Scott did mention the Sewer and Water invoices will be mailed this week which is later than usual due to the name changed from the Authority to Mahoning Township Sewer and Water Department.

The Supervisors will meet with the DHS art students on the 19th of April regarding the Mahoning Township Crest.

Sue Kauwell asked about if there (R F Renolds apartments) are plans to make further improvements with the creek behind Laura Drive that floods over Bloom Road? Chairman Woodruff noted the Montour Conservation District were at our Work Session and they have money and are obtaining a permit to go further up-stream this summer.

Nancy Whelan asked Chief McGinley for any information regarding the Dangerous Dog incident. Chief McGinley reported the dog is currently to be quarantined and must be muzzled and the dog is recorded as a dangerous dog and they must obtain an insurance policy if they intend to keep the dog. Vice Chairman Lynn asked if they were going to keep the dog. The Chief did not know if that is going to be done.

Betty Brittain asked about future address changes and Chairman Woodruff said the county says that 95% of the people will have new addresses. Chairman Woodruff also reported there are some residents receiving the new addresses and these are being sent out by the 911 authority on a weekly basis and not all at one time.

Joe Diehl asked what is happening with the township’s case regarding the Health Insurance for the former Secretary Christine DeLong. Supervisor Scott reported the matter is filed with the court and that DeLong did change attorneys once thus far. Sue Kauwell said that no one has asked for intervention with the court yet. Solicitor Tira also responded that once served, they have 30 days to respond.

Vice Chairman Lynn move the authorize and approve the bill list and payrolls from March 2017.

Second Supervisor Scott.

The meeting was adjourned after motions by Vice Chairman Lynn and Supervisor Scott.

This meeting was recorded on tape.

Secretary Joe Oberdorf