

April 26, 2017

A Special Meeting was held this evening at the Mahoning Township Municipal Building at 5:30 PM. To present a conditional offer of employment as Mahoning Township Police Officers

Members of the Board present:

Ken Woodruff, Chairperson

Bill Lynn, Vice Chairman

T. S. Scott, Supervisor

Chief Sean McGinley

Also in attendance were: Joe Sylvester, Danville News, Joseph and Sharon Diehl, Rose and Bill Pursel and John and Nancy Whelan.

Chairman Woodruff opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Woodruff stated the purpose of the meeting was to hire two officers based on recommendations and one needs he one needs to pass an exam, (The Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission Jason Bedisky).

Chairman Woodruff then called for motions for a conditional hire of Ryan Pander and Jason Bedisky.

Supervisor Scott made a motion for hiring of two additional officers, Jason Bedisky and Ryan Pander pending successful outcome of all requirements. Vice President Lynn second. Motions passed.

Police Chief Sean McGinley reported the first officer is Ryan Pander of Bloomsburg and he currently holds an office with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and is a part-time officer for South Centre Township police in Columbia County. He is a Penn State University graduate who is originally from Pittsburgh. Chief McGinley then said the second person is Jason Bedisky of Manassas, Virginia and he was originally from the Danville area. He is currently a detective in the major crimes unit with the Prince William County Police Department serving 7 years. He is a graduate of Albright College, also serves with the Virginia National Guard and is fluent in Mandarin Chinese, which is the type of quality he was seeking. These are the top two candidates after testing and oral interviewing of the top six applicants of the 39 initial applicants. Chief McGinley said there are time that even he had with a language barrier and he was looking for in an applicant.

He also reported that Bedisky must take an exam from MPOETC and this is part of his conditional hiring. There is also a drug screening test and a psychological testing and a physical from a licensed physician in Pennsylvania. Pending a successful outcome from all this process, we move forward and he wants to thank the supervisors for their support to let him run this process. It has been transparent and fair and very competitive.

Chief McGinley reported the Certificate exam from MPOETC only occurs once a month and the test is very comprehensive test.

All supervisors commended Chief McGinley on the very thorough with background checks and other needs for the Township. All supervisors noted there were no politics involved which is a complete antithesis from the past practices of the Township.

Chief McGinley also thanked the citizens of the Township for their patience throughout the process and he wanted to insure this was done right. He also thanked all who were involved to aid him.

Supervisor Scott also thanked the current officers for their filling in with taking extra duties and supporting the Chief. This was echoed by Vice Chairman Lynn and Chairman Woodruff.

Chief McGinley reported that currently the police staff consists of 4 police officers and when the new officers begin, it will bring the police force to 6 full time officers. He is hoping the new officers will be on board by mid-May for Officer Pander and the end of May for Officer Bedisky depending on the speed of Bedisky tying up loose ends in his current police department. Chief McGinley stated there would be a training period for both officers, learning the area, and policies.

When asked about the salaries, Chief McGinley said the salary would be contingent the existing police collective bargaining agreement (\$48,000), with a one year probationary period.

Vice Chairman Lynn moved for adjournment which was seconded by Supervisor Scott.

This meeting was recorded on tape.

Joe Oberdorf, Secretary