

December 12, 2016

The Work Session Monthly 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

Treasurer, Ken Houck

Secretary Joe Oberdorf

Dean VonBlohn

Also in attendance were:

Joe Sylvester, Danville News and Chris Krepich, Press Enterprise.

Henry Eyer, Marlene Gunther, Ryan and Vanessa Troup, Tom, and Mary Ann Landi, and Glenn Wintersteen.

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

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn report showed several items. (1) Most of the issues with properties that were not in compliance with the Property Maintenance code are being worked on by the property owners. A property located at 1315 Bloom Road continues to be out of compliance, this property is vacant and owned by the estate of the decrease owner, which is managed by a bank. Von Blohn asked the supervisors to hire a contractor to clean the property and send the bill to the manager of the estate. Vice President Lynn and Supervisor made motions to approve the hiring of a company to clean the area. Motions passed.

(2) The owner of 6 Palmer Drive notified me that her property is out of business and for sale.

(3) The boat on Erin Drive has been moved to the rear yard and covered with a tarp.

(4) Seth Eyer reports that Brian Kissinger contacted him to take care of the winter maintenance at the Woods of Welsh Whisper Meadows Project and any resident may call him at 570 854 4476 with any complaints on the road condition during the winter.

(5) Mr. George Heim Jr, owner developer of the Ultimate Express Carwash has submitted a request for the remaining balance of the monies deposited in escrow account since a certificate of occupancy was issued on 5/26/16. This was approved after motions by Vice President Lynn and Supervisor Scott.

Lloyd Craig have the Mahoning Township Street Department report showing:

- (1) The guide rail on Clinic Road by a vehicle accident has been repaired.
- (2) The guide rail was also damaged by a fallen tree on Clinic Road was repaired.
- (3) Leaf Collection ends tomorrow.
- (4) All the snow removal equipment is working fine.
- (5) Overtime: 4 call-ins for snow for a total of 64 ½ man-hours and one call-in for tree down for 1.5 hours.
- (6) Chairman Woodruff and he will be looking over roadways for the 2017 paving schedule.
- (7) He asked to contact PPL for tree removal in Mahoning Township. This was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Woodruff reported that Police Officer Charles Dietterick has submitted his resignation and Supervisor T. S moved to accept the terms of his resignation and Vice Chairman Lynn seconded the motion. Motions passed.

Supervisor Scott moved to appoint Mr. Donald Shobert as the Temporary Transition Manager for the Authority at a rate of \$25.00 per hour with no benefits and this was seconded by Vice Chairman Lynn. Motions passed. Supervisor Scott reported that Shobert will assist in the transition and dissolution and coordinating with Lucy Hettinger regarding information from the Authority. Supervisor Scott motions to appoint the Larson Design Group as the Transition Engineers for the Mahoning Sewer and Water Authority. This was seconded by Vice Chairman Lynn and motions passed. Supervisor Scott reports the Larson Design Group will specialize in water and sewer to file the proper forms with the Pennsylvania Utilities Commission and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources.

Chairman Woodruff reported the taxes for Mahoning Township will be the same as 2016 with no increases. The voting on the rates will take place on the 19th of December.

1.384 mills for General Purposes

.204 mills for Fire Fund

½ % of 1% Realty Transfer Tax

.00030 mills for Fire Hydrant Tax

\$10.00 Per Capita Tax

\$52.00 LST Tax (Local Service Tax)

Same rate for Street Light Tax

Chairman Woodruff also noted the Sewage Enforcement Officer Gene Powlus rates will be the same for 2017.

The meeting dates for 2017 will be advertised later this month.

Chairman Woodruff reported the Christmas Tree pick up will be every Monday and Friday beginning on December 30, 2016 and ending on January 30, 2017. The trees should be at the curbside by 7 AM, and trees will not be taken if they contain stands, lights, or bags covering them.

Supervisor Scott presented that Mahoning Township will have an "Open House" at the Municipal Building on the 17th of December beginning at 10 am until noon and that East End Fire Company will also have an "Open House" on that day. The entire building will be opened and staffed with employees and you can see the various offices such as Zoning, Secretary, Treasurer, Police, and Street Departments. There will be snacks, food and gifts will be available. All personnel will be available to you for any discussion

Chairman Woodruff stated the township will be advertising for one full time street department employee and within 30 days, will be accepting application for 2 new police officers. The new police chief applicants thus far are 7 and by the 27th of December, the Pennsylvania Chiefs Association listing total will be down to 3 candidates.

Treasurer Houck reported the transition from FNB Bank to Service First is progressing. The new accounts have been opened and the new checks have been printed save for one account. Out Quick Book Pro assistant will be here on 12/23/16 to help transition program. He also reported the audit is almost complete and expects a draft report soon and an annual Liquid Fuels audit with PA DOT is complete with no findings. This Wednesday, an Unemployment Compensation Audit will take place.

Supervisor Scott wanted to clear up the matter of confidentiality and he reported there are laws and regulations in place regard that must be followed, per the townships solicitor and legal sources. While he disagrees with them, he still will not break the law and subject the township to lawsuits where attorney fees are paid. Supervisor Scott stated that he will take the hit but he wants the press to know that my compliance is per our legal advice and not my own choice.

Marlene Gunther wanted to know if the township will give some recognition to John Baylor for his 37 years of service. Chairman Woodruff stated the supervisors will be looking at that in the next week.

Adjournment: The Supervisors Scott and Lynn then moved to adjourn the meeting and the supervisors adjourned the meeting. Motions carried.

This meeting was recorded on tape.

Joe Oberdorf, Secretary