

December 19, 2016

The Regular 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

Secretary Joe Oberdorf

Dean VonBlohn, Zoning Officer

Leslie Young, East End Fire Chief

Engineer John Mazich

Also in attendance were:

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

Henry Eyer, Marlene Gunther, Bob Swanson, Cathy Eyer, Joe Diehl, Linda Forney, Linda Weaver, Sue Kauwell, Rose and Bill Pursel, Tom and Robin Kessler, Ted Oman, Dan Kline, Bernae Evans, Todd Keyser, Jonathan Fellin, Jackie Fox, Sam Hunsinger, and Jackie Woodruff.

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

Supervisor Scott recommend Dan Kline be nominated as to receive the MVP Award to be presented by the Board of Supervisors for his many accomplishments. Fire Chief Leslie Young recommended Dan Kline for his dedication, even though he just recently joined the East End Fire Company. He has such a commitment to the people in the township to make it a better place reported Scott. Supervisor Scott then asked his fellow firefighters in the Fire Department to stand for acknowledgement.

Marlene Gunther had some corrections to be made on last month's written minutes (not the official recording of the meeting). Chairman Woodruff would have them corrected.

Supervisor Scott made motions to accept the minutes with the correction and this was seconded by Vice Chairman Lynn. Motions passed.

Secretary Oberdorf gave the financial report for November which was approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Scott then reported that a new legislation for property tax relief for active firefighters and EMS personnel. Solicitor Tira explained the new legislation criteria but noted the documents are not available. Solicitor Tira said the legislation is to become effective January of 2017 and then the supervisors may look at the documents. Supervisor Scott reported the Supervisors will look at this once more details become available.

Solicitor Tira then noted that in January he will have the ordinance on the parking procedure "Handicapped Parking" document ready for review and he asked Oberdorf to put the item on the agenda.

1. John Mazich reported that he has had no further contact with the developers or agents of the Woods of Welsh Whispering Hills development since October 2016.
2. The MS4 Permitting requirements will be sent out shortly after the 1st of the year, the Township will have 180 days to comply. A workshop should be scheduled to review the scope of work required, determine resources and personnel available and discuss how to implement the plan.
3. Hidden Hollow Escrow Reduction, an inspection was conducted by John Mazich and Dean VonBlohn, to determine the amount the improvement guarantee escrow can be reduced. Based on the inspection it was determined and recommended that the escrowed account of \$248,888.00 could be reduced to \$65,212.00. Action: Supervisor Scott made the motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chairman Lynn. Motion passed.
4. T & S Realty Lower Street 6 Unit Townhouse, Lot Consolidation, Preliminary/Final/Subdivision/Land Development was reviewed, it was verified that all the comments on the review were addressed except for the status of the proposed stormwater easement across Geisinger property. After some discussion, John recommended that the Supervisors conditionally approve the plan pending the submission of the recorded Storm Water Easement agreement with Geisinger. Action: Supervisor Scott made a motion to grant Conditional Approval pending the recorded Storm Water Easement Agreement with Geisinger, Vice Chairman Lynn seconded the motion, Motion passed.
5. The Graham Lot Consolidation and Storm Water Management Plan was currently being reviewed and would be completed by January 2017 Planning Commission Meeting.

Supervisor Scott moved to ratify the terms and accept the resignation of Charles Dietterick as a police officer for Mahoning Township also the appointment of Donald Shobert as the Transition part-time Manager at \$25.00 per hour with no benefits and the Larson Design Group as the engineers for the Sewer and Water Transition. 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 This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Lynn. Motions passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Woodruff reported asked for motions for the final adoptions of the 2017 Mahoning Township Budget. Supervisor Scott moved to accept the budget as presented and this was seconded by Vice Chairman Lynn. Motions passed.

Supervisor Scott motion to approve the motions for the 2017 taxes to remain the same with no tax increase. Vice Chairman Lynn seconded the motions to approve the 2017 Tax Resolution with all taxes to remain the same as presented. Motions passed.

The Resolution for the 2017 Tax Rates shall be:

1.384 mills for General Purposes

.204 mills for Fire Fund

½ % of 1% Realty Transfer Tax

.000300 mills for Fire Hydrant Tax

\$10.00 Per Capita Tax

\$52.00 LST Tax (Local Service Tax)

Same rate for Street Light Tax

The Board of Supervisors then approved the motions by Supervisor Scott and Vice Chairman Lynn to adopt the meeting dates for 2017. Motions were passed. The meeting dates for 2017 will be advertised later this month.

Supervisor Scott made a motion to accept the Sewage Enforcement Officer Gene Powlus rates will be the same for 2017. This was approved after a second to the motion by Vice Chairman Lynn. Motions passed.

In regards to the Per Capital Tax, Supervisor Scott reported that Ken Woodruff, Ken Houck and Joe Oberdorf have looked at the issued and the supervisors will be tentative looking at ending this tax for the 2018 budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Woodruff thanked Supervisors Lynn and Scott for the work done by them on the Open House.

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 reported the recently purchased shredder was not doing a cross cut shred function and the machine is being returned. The township has contacted a Shred-it company with security and the company would provide two 64 gallons (locked) container to the township for \$60.00 per month. The secure containers will be picked-up on a set schedule by a service representative who is required to have photo ID visible and the documents are secure from the time they are collected until their destruction at the Shred-it facility. Supervisor Scott made a motion to approve the contract with Shred-It. This was seconded by Vice President Lynn and approved. Tax Collector Marlene Gunther asked if she could also use the system. The supervisors reported that would be acceptable and Scott noted the East End Fire Department and Police or government organization could use the service.

Supervisor Scott made a motion the Supervisors work to cooperate with the current Water and Sewer Authority to a smooth, effective, and productive transition to the dissolving of the Authority. This was seconded by Vice Chairman Lynn. Motions passed.

Sue Kauwell had a question regarding the selection plans for the new chief. Chairman Woodruff explained there will be three candidates for the supervisors to interview on the 27th and a meeting will take place on the 29th at 5:30 PM for the supervisor to name the new Chief of Police. The Chairman also explained the two open positions for the police department will filled with the new chief taking part in the decision with the supervisors. The applications will be accepted up to and including January 15th. Joe Diehl asked if the chief will be required to live in the township to which Chairman Woodruff noted the individual will have six months to move into the township or within 10 miles of the police station.

Supervisor Scott moved to authorize and approve checks on the bill lists and payroll for November and adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Lynn seconded the motion. Motions passed and the meeting was adjourned.

This meeting was recorded on tape.

Joe Oberdorf, Secretary