

December 29, 2016

The Special Meeting to select a Chief of Police for Mahoning Township 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

Also in attendance were:

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

Dean VonBlohn, Henry Eyer, Linda Weaver, Sue Kauwell, Joseph Diehl, Leslie Young, Glen Wintersteen, Rose and Bill Pursel, Pam Stettler and Eamon Shoff.

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

Chairman Woodruff reviewed the procedures of selecting the final three candidates. The Township had 28 applicants, which was then reduced to 7 and to the final 3 upon interviews by a Board of Chief's Association Members. He reported they were very good applicants and all supervisors had a difficult time to hire one because all qualified. He then asked the other supervisors to review their notes and make recommendations. Vice Chairman Bill Lynn then made a motion to hire Sean McGinley as the Township Police Chief with a two-year contract; the first year being probationary; at a salary of \$82,000 a year with no health benefits. This offer of employment is contingent upon his successful completion of Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission Certification (MPOETC), including physical, psychological testing, Act 123, and a background investigation. Supervisor T. S. Scott seconded this motion. Chairman Woodruff then asked for question regarding the motion. Sue Kauwell asked what is the residence of the new Chief, to which Woodruff answered that he is from Elysburg, Sean is currently a Capitan of the Pennsylvania Police and the Director of Legislative Affairs in Harrisburg and he will be soon retiring. Another question from Joseph Diehl, is he required to move to the township and the Vice Chairman reported that he lives within the 10-mile limit which is the part of the current police contract. Chairman noted that he will attend the January 3rd Work-session to answer your questions. Eamon Shoff noted the new chief could get a waiver from the MPOETC. Supervisor Scott reported that he must have an honorable discharge from the Pennsylvania State Police and pass all the tests. Chairman Woodruff also reported that Sean has his own health benefits and this is a savings to the township and he probably will start somewhere between the 15th or the end of January. Supervisor Scott believes it will take about a month to complete the required tests.

When asked who, the other candidates were, Chairman Woodruff reported Leo Sokoloski of the Bloomsburg area and Anthony Fritz who lives within the township. He again stated along with the other supervisors that we had 3 good candidates and it was difficult to make the choice. Eamon Shoff then asked about the salary and Chairman Woodruff said the current contract for ranks in the police force and the supervisors decided to maintain a \$3,000 difference.

The vote was then taken and the choice of Sean McGinley as the new Mahoning Township Chief of Police was unanimously passed.

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

This meeting was recorded on tape.


Joe Oberdorf, Secretary