

January 3, 2017

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

Members of the Board present:

Ken Woodruff, Chairperson

Bill Lynn, Vice Chairman

T. S. Scott, Supervisor

Township Engineer John Mazich, Uni-Tech

Police Department Sean McGinley

Treasurer, Ken Houck

Secretary Joe Oberdorf

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn

Lloyd Craig, Street Department

Fire Department Leslie Young Chief

Also attending were Joe Sylvester, Danville News, and Chris Krepich, Press Enterprise

Jean Hagenbuch, Emma Jean Jordan, Marlene Gunther, Sue Kauwell, Linda Weaver, Joe Diehl, Henry Eyer, Glen Wintersteen, Mary Ann Landi, Tom Landi, Ryan Campbell, Molly Shultz, Tom and Robin Kessler, Richard Spotts, Jackie Woodruff, John Sheibley, Kathy Mordan, Pam Stettler and Henry Eyer.

ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Dean VonBlohn presented a list of permits written and processed for the year of 2016 showing 74 Zoning permits issued, 32 Building Permits, 9 Street excavations, 16 Driveway permits, 46 I & I inspections and 6 new Single Family Dwellings. Also noted were numerous property maintenance complaints resulting in 35 inspections that required follow up letters, photographs and notice of violations issued and 1 required legal action. The township also has 3 openings for the Code Appeals Board.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Engineer John Mazich presented his report and he has a review for the Graham Storm Water Plan that will be presented to the Planning Commission on January 9, 2016 at 4:30 PM. He reported the township will be getting a letter from the PA DEP for the MS 4 Storm Water Management which will start in March and the township has 180 to comply. (about mid-September). Supervisor Scott asked John to reach out to people like Greg Molter of Montour County and see if they are taking the lead on this matter.

Chairman Woodruff then introduced the new Chief of Police Sean McGinley. Chief McGinley then thanked the Supervisors for the opportunity to serve the community and historically the Mahoning Township have been the "Cream of the Crop". He also told those present that he would rely on his 25 years of service with the Pennsylvania State Police and he has served in the Stonington, Selinsgove and Harrisburg Barracks. He currently has served as the Liaison officer to the Pennsylvania Legislature and he will be glad to talk to anyone present. He hopes to assume the position by late January or early February after completing his commitments.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT Lloyd Craig Lloyd reported the various items worked on during the past month were Annual service to our fleet, Christmas tree collection, electronic shifter was replaced in the backhoe which may be under warranty and he will check with Ken Houck on this, road shoulder cutting and the overtime for the street department showed from December 12 to January 3 calls in for snow with a total of 69 man-hours and 2 call-ins for water breaks for 44.25 man-hours. Items that need Boards input/approval were 1. Handicapped parking space on Bloom Road, 2. Paving for 2017 schedule with Chairman's input, 3 approval to gather specs for new pick-up truck and 4 the period on hiring replacement for retired John Baylor. Chairman Woodruff reported that Solicitor Tira will have something for the handicapped parking at the next regular meeting, he also approved the gathering of specifications for the pick-up truck and the hiring for a replace should happen soon.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT Leslie Young, Fire Chief reported the Fire Company had 182 calls and she will have a report for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Woodruff noted that the supervisors will authorize Solicitor Ryan Tira to be the contact between Cooper Township and Mahoning Township Solicitor Bob Buehner and this was approved.

A request for service regarding the pedestrian cross on Red Lane behind Geisinger will be researched with Chairman Woodruff contacting GMC. Lloyd believes that putting flashing lights there may cause more problems because of 4 crossings in that area. Chairman Woodruff noted it may be better to have GMC Security maintain a presence in the area with their vehicle flashing lights.

Marlene Gunther then asked if there were any salary increases? Chairman Woodruff and Supervisor Scott reported that all rates will be the same except those under union contracts. See also asked if Joe is going to be our permanent secretary or is there going to be hiring a new secretary?

A question was asked about the position of Vacancy Board. Supervisor Scott reported that Ryan Troup had been appointed to the position and he will continue to serve in this position.

Pam Stettler wanted an update with the Water and Sewer Authority. Solicitor Tira reported the moving forward with the engineer firm that was hired and the proper paperwork to be sent to PA DEP and there will be a court date of the 6th of February at 1 P.M.

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

This meeting was recorded on tape.

Acting Secretary Joe Oberdorf