

March 13, 2017

The regular work shop and (a special meeting advertised by the Township Solicitor) 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

Solicitor Ryan Tira

Police Department Sean McGinley

Treasurer, Ken Houck

Secretary Joe Oberdorf

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn

Lloyd Craig, Street Department

Brett Levan, Water and Sewer Department

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

Signed in were Molly Shultz, Thomas Conlin, Bryan Campbell, Tom McSurdy, Henry Eyer, John and Nancy Whelan, Ed and Judy Lannon, Betty Eckel, Kadn Camplese, Marlene Gunther, Cindy and Dan Stamey, John Shaibley, and Joe Diehl.

Chairman Woodruff noted there was an Executive Session on March 8 concerning the Water and Sewer Department.

ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Dean VonBlohn reported the following: 1. Request by T&S Realty to rezone a single lot located at the read of 1605 Bloom Road, from C-O to H-R. The Planning Commission's recommendation is to Deny the request to rezone the lot to H-R and recommends to rezone it to M-R which would make it contiguous to the surrounding neighborhood. If the Supervisors agree with the recommendation a public hearing will be scheduled for April 10th at 5:30 PM and that hearing will be on hold just prior to the workshop. #2 Request to allow a Cluster Development as a conditional use on vacant land located on the North side of Bloom Road near the Laura Drive Apartment complex. The Planning Commissions' recommendation to the Supervisors is to reject the plans as submitted due to inadequate information provided on the plan. Action is required to accept or not to accept the Recommendations of the Planning Commission on both projects.

Supervisor Scott made a motions (a) to have a public hearing to be held on April 10th at 5:30 pm to discuss the Planning Commission's recommendations to rezone a single lot to M-R (Medium Density) and (b) to reject the plans for a Cluster Development on the North side of Bloom Road near the Laura Drive apartment complex because of inadequate information. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Lynn. Motions passed.

Notice have gone out to numerous property owners and owners of vehicles regarding property maintenance and abandon vehicles.

Dean also reported that he provided Solicitor Tira with the complete file for his review on the Valley View Terrace project, it is his understanding that a request for dedication of the roads has been submitted.

He also has been contracted by a paving contractor regarding a request from Kissinger (Woods of Welsh Whisper Hills) to pave the road network in that project, and he would like to meet with the Supervisors about what is required.

Mr. Conlin had some questions regarding the plowing of roads. VonBlohn reported the Township can't plow any street not dedicated.

Engineer John Mazich presented his report regarding the Valley View Terrace Subdivision regarding the deeding of the streets to the Township because there was never a field evaluation of the streets and stormwater management facilities to determine their condition. He recommended have an evaluation be done. The second item was the Zoning Change Plan Prepared for T&S realty had insufficient information to conduct a formal review.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT Lloyd Craig Lloyd reported (1) that PPL has hired a firm to cut down some of the trees marked by his department (about 1/4th) but not all and many of these trees are Ash. (b) the Street Department during the warm weather did some shoulder cutting, also pothole repair and the Handicapped Parking Sign on Bloom Road was installed. Some work to be done includes the police garage repairs, truck specifications and the need to walk Oak Street and Meadow Avenue for the paving list. Lloyd noted the department is getting the trucks ready for the predicted snow event to happen on Tuesday.

Supervisor Scott noted the Township does not plow Bloom Road, Kaseville Road, and Schoolhouse Road as these are PA. DOT Roads.

Supervisor Scott reminded everyone about the dedicated hours the secretary would be here are Tuesday from 10 am to 1 pm, Wednesday 7am to 10 am and Thursday 10 am to 1 pm but she would still be available during regular work hours for any questions. Scott also noted the Sewer and Water invoices are still to be paid at the 1st Keystone Bank located on Bloom Road.

Supervisor Scott reported the Stipulation Agreement for the new owners of 3 Wesner Lane, requesting signatures from the adjoining property owners and Mahoning Township was not to make zoning changes. The building will be retrofitted to accommodate a pediatric special care service. Supervisor Scott made a motion to approve the Stipulation as presented for the Chairman's signature. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Lynn. Motions passed.

Dean VonBlohn reported that he will forward documents regarding the Rineheimer Group and the question regarding the Deed of Dedication and the history going back to 1977. He is going to forward all documents from the past to Solicitor Ryan Tira for the legal review. Lloyd Craig did mention there is an intersection that has no stop signs. Mr. Conlin had some questions regarding the plowing of roads. VonBlohn reported the Township can't plow any street not dedicated. He suggested the owners contact the owner for plowing roads. Chairman Woodruff noted the Township will look into this matter.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief of Police Sean McGinley will present his report on the 20th of March.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Thomas Conlin Jr. presented a report on the Dog bite which occurred on Wednesday the 22 of February and events. See attached document. He reported the dog first bit him and then attacked his wife. His concerns on how this happened and he reported the incident to Police Officer Fenstermaker and the officer reported this dog had also bitten Mrs. Whelan in the past. Mr. Conlin believes the PA LAW is very archaic and he called the John Graham and he never investigated the incident. He believes the dog should be declared the "Dangerous Dog" under PA Law. He is worried the Township has no restrictions on this and the Game Warden makes excuses that he is too busy. Chief McGinley reported the case is going before the District Justice and once he is found guilty, the owner will be fined, plus the dog is to quarantined for 30 days. Chief McGinley reported that he will produce a written policy on the proper handling of this matter so it would be clear to all officers. He further believes the "ball was dropped because of no prior formal written procedures. Mr. Colin believes the event has left his wife with emotional scars. Supervisor Scott also noted this should not happen and that people should be allowed to walk the streets at day or evening and many kids walk there. This was echoed by Vice Chairman Lynn. Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn did report this event to the police department. Supervisor Scott did say the supervisors were very sorry this happened to you.

Vice Chairman Lynn would like to have Mahoning Township develop a Seal or Crest by using two Danville High School Students and perhaps give two \$250 scholarship grant. Marlene Gunther thought it was a great idea. Chairman Woodruff expresses concerns of the cost and was not in the budget. Marlene Gunther then reported she will contribute towards the cost. Supervisor Lynn reported the donations will be great. Supervisor Scott then spoke on the need to update the Website and he had contacted Penn Tech. for help. A search feature should be improved for the current website. Woodruff again expressed concerns the budget.

Chairman Woodruff reminded the people that Dumpster Day will be April 29th and the charge per tire is \$5 and \$25 for any equipment containing Freon gas.

Chairman Woodruff brought before the supervisors the request from MARC's request for River Towns Half-Marathon to be held on Saturday May 6, 2017. A map of the route was provided and Oberdorf reported that all the paper work regarding a certificate of insurance has been provided. Supervisor Scott moved to approve the request and this was seconded by Vice Chairman Lynn.

Another request for a March of Dimes for Babies was received but there was no certificate of insurance and the secretary is to contact the coordinator for the insurance.

Adjournment

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

This meeting was recorded on tape.

Secretary Joe Oberdorf