

October 17, 2016

The regular 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

Township Solicitor Ryan Tira

Township Engineer John Mazich, Uni-Tech

Charles Dietterick, Police Department

Treasurer, Ken Houck

Secretary Joe Oberdorf

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn

Leslie Young, East End Fire Chief

Also attending were Joe Sylvester, Danville News

Chris Krepich, Press Enterprise

Marlene Gunther

Mary Ann Landi

Tom Landi

Rose & Bill Pursel

Sue Kauwell

Linda Weaver

Ryan and Vanessa Troup

Linda Rea

Linda Forney

T. McSurdy

Glen & Sharon Wintersteen

Susan Buckley

Kevin Young

Marlene & Don Gunther

Pam Stettler

Jacqueline Fox

The meeting was opened by Chairman Ken Woodruff leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Woodruff reported the Board of Supervisors had an Executive Session on October 11, 2016 to discuss personnel matters regarding the former secretary.

Treasurer Ken Houck gave the September treasurer's report which showed a General Fund Ending Balance to be \$225,735.34444 and the Invest accounts are listed. He also stated the report is also posted on the township's web site.

Treasurer Houck also reported the 2017 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) is the required funds to be placed in the two pension plans (Uniform -Police and Non-Uniform-Street & Others) as per format provided by the Pennsylvania Retirement Municipal System. The costs for 2017 is \$161,906 for the Police Pension Plan and \$87,810 for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan. Supervisor Scott moved to make the payment which was seconded by Vice Chairman Lynn. Motions passed.

Treasurer Ken Houck would like permission from the supervisors to file electronic the PA DOT forms rather than type up the form and then mail them to Montoursville or Harrisburg. Vice Chairman Lynn made a motion to approve the electronic filing which was seconded by Supervisor Scott. Motions passed.

Marlene Gunther asked again regarding the \$2.00 recycling checking account which should be transferred to the General Fund. Chairman Woodruff wanted to leave the account open until the end of the year. Woodruff again asked the people to cash the checks.

Chairman Woodruff reported that the Tax Collector found that the Township had a Safe Deposit Box which only had an "old" Rescue Fire Company Bi-laws Booklet. The box account was closed.

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn reported the 351 Klein Road where a property had been torn down and there is trash on the property and a letter will be sent to the owner.

VonBlohn also reported he had reviewed the side-walks maintenance on Bloom Road between the 700 and 800 Block. VonBlohn noted the north side was ok but the south side of Bloom Road sidewalks needed some attention because of the trees but they are in the PA DOT right of way. He will contact PA DOT regarding the issued.

VonBlohn reported the "Bed and Breakfast" issue is a "Hotel" in our ordinances and a corrected notice of violation will be sent to the owner. At present the ordinance does not allow the operation of a hotel in the High Density Residential Area. He also contracted Montour County regarding the hotel tax imposed by the County.

VonBlohn also noted the American Legion will honor the veterans with a free dinner on Friday, November 11, 2016 at Post Legion #40 in Danville.

VonBlohn also reported a letter of request form TS Realty for the reduction of improvement guarantee for the completed work on Hidden Hollow Township Project. Per Section 211-39 of the Subdivision Land Development the Township should arrange for progress inspection to verify if the work complies with the required improvement. The Supervisors shall authorize the Township Engineer to inspect and certify, in writing, the improvements to be covered by the funds have been completed satisfactorily. Upon certification, the Supervisors shall authorize release, by the bonding company or lending institution of the amount estimated by the Township Engineer John Mazich. This will be coordinated with Engineer Mazich.

Engineer Mazich had contacted the Woods of Welsh representatives but they had not contacted him. He is waiting for their schedule.

East End Fire Chief Leslie Young first asked permission to hold a turkey shoot to be held on the Friday before Thanksgiving. Her report also shows 15 calls in Mahoning Township, 5 Mutual Aid Calls as follows: 3 Cooper Township, 1 Point Township and 1 Liberty Township.

Supervisor Scott made a motion the Street Department install a sign "Watch Children" on Palmer Drive. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Lynn. Motions passed.

Solicitor Tira gave a report regarding the placing of a "Handicap Parking" sign on Bloom Road. He presented two alternates of options (1) Specific Spots or (2) Update the Ordinance every time you want to place a sign.

November 19<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Scott made a motion to allow GMC to have the event and Scott also reported that he reviewed the Certificate of Liability Insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Lynn. Motions passed.

Montour Counties had a concern about the lines on Woodbine Lane and their entrance to the County facility located to the west of Woodbine Lane. Chairman Woodruff noted the entrance to the County facility is a private drive and PA DOT does not recognize private driveways and breaking points. The Chairman will try to get more information from the Commissioners and table the matter until next month.

Zoning Officer VonBlohn reported a request by Robert and Lorraine Birth with a property located 1700 feet from the nearest water main and the cost of such hook up to the public water system would be about \$64,000.00 (letter dated September 27, 2016). The Subdivision Ordinance under section 211-29 (copy attached) the property owner where a water system is within 3,000 feet should hook up, however the ordinance reads if the connection to the system is feasible. To connect to the water main several properties and driveway would have to be crossed and/or cut. Solicitor Tira will review the case and request for the next meeting.

Supervisor Scott made a motion to allow Treasurer Houck make the quarterly payment of \$20,409.40 for Workers Compensation. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Lynn. Motions passed.

Chairman Woodruff reported that "Trick or Treat" will be October 31, from 6:30 PM until 9 PM.

Supervisor Scott wanted to thank Brookside Nursery for the donation of 21 different plants which are now placed in the front of the building.

Susan Buckley of Valley Township would like to present a petition opposing PA DOT "Round About" solution regarding the intersection of Routes 54 and 642, which would be presented Senator Gordner and PA DOT. She thought the "Round About" behind the Bogart Farm to intersect with Route 54. She believes "Round Abouts" have been taken out in other states where they were placed. She feels a "Jug Handle" is the proper way to go. This would allow traffic coming from Danville and heading to Milton or Lewisburg to take a right turn onto the "Hammer Head" and wait for a traffic light to cross Route 54 to Route 642 West.

Marlene Gunter wanted to know whether the amount paid to Chad Thomas came from General Funds. Supervisor Scott reported in this case insurance could not pay this unique situation and it is listed in the Treasurer's report. Right now, we have taken care of two but until Mahoning Township takes over the Municipal Water and Sewer Authority only then we will know how many cases they have pending. Scott also noted that when insurance is used a cost ratio is affected and when your losses go up, so does the cost ratio which then increases your premiums.

Sue Kauwell asked about the 2017 Budget. Supervisor Scott reported the Treasurer and Vice Treasurer are working many hours on the future budget and we hope to have this ready by November. Chairman Woodruff reported a clear budget that everyone can read and understand.

Mrs. Pursel asked wanted to know if a sign "No Outlet" could be lowered on the "dead end". South Glenbrook Street as vehicles have to turn around quite often. Vice Chairman Lynn will pass that on to the Street Department.

Pam Stettler asked a question regarding a townhouse project with 150 unit cluster development, if there will be a public meeting on the project. VonBlohn reported that formal documents have not been placed on his desk and they are revamping their plans and there would be a public meeting.

Chairman Woodruff when asked about the appointment of the new Chief of Police. He stated the resumes should be reviewed by the end of the month.

Vice Chairman moved to pay the bills and then adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Supervisors Scott.

This meeting was recorded on tape.

Joe Oberdorf, Secretary.