

Mahoning Township Supervisors

September 12, 2016

WORKSHOP

The September Work Session was held beginning at 5 PM.

Present were: Chairman Ken Woodruff, Vice Chairman Bill Lynn, Supervisor T. S. Scott, Henry Eyer, Dean VonBlohn, Officers Charles Dietterick and Matt Gerst. Also in attendance were Montour County Commissioners Trevor Finn, Ken Holdren, Dan Hartman and Tim Murphy the Columbia County geographic information systems director, Henry Eyer and Mary Ann Landi.

Dean VonBlohn gave the Zoning Report where he brought before the supervisors seven items as follows:

1. The representative from the Woods of Welsh project has contracted a local landscaper/excavator to cut the grass and weeds along the road frontage and brush out the heavy overgrowth in the 2 detention ponds. VonBlohn reported the work has been done and appears to be acceptable and manageable.
2. VonBlohn was contacted by a Richard Phillipkoskie of 102 Oak Street to serve as an alternated on the Zoning Hearing Board.
3. The Trinity United Methodist Church would like approval to hold a Treats to Trunks event on the church property and a horse and cart hay rides on Lombard Avenue to Locust Lane Street and back to the church on the October 30, 2016. Woodruff and VonBlohn noted this is done every year.
4. The Public Hearing is to be held September 15th for the purpose of receiving public comment on the request from the Holy Redeemer Church to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow places of worship as a permitted use in the C-H (Commercial Highway.)
5. Several property owners at the Edgewood Project has expressed their concern regarding the trees and bushes at the entrance. VonBlohn did note there is a "line of sight" problem and he recommended the area be cut back and not clear cut. Supervisor Scott also agreed with the cut back procedure. VonBlohn has set up a meeting for next week with the owner.
6. The street department reported a problem with some raw sewage showing up in a dig on Bald Top Road. The department while during berm work found there was an area located above the Myers property extending to the Snyder and Hulsizer area. The SEO Gene Powlus will be contacted to see if there is a problem with the on-site sewage systems on the properties in question.
7. VonBlohn noted there still is a question regarding the requirement to connect to a public water supply a new single family residential structure within 3000 feet if feasible.

Officer in Charge Dieterick gave the Police Report for August which is attached to the minutes. He reported two patrol vehicles (2009 and 2010 Dodge Chargers) will reach and/or exceed 100,000 miles next year. He recommends purchasing another SUV patrol vehicle in the later part of this year and then purchasing another sedan patrol vehicle in the late summer of next year.

Dean VonBlohn reported for the Planning Commission recommendation that the supervisors give a Conditional Approval for the Final Land Development Plan (Geisinger/Woodbine Project) based on the townships engineer's report dated September 9, 2016.

The Montour County Commissioner reportedly will be attempting to make sure addresses are correct in the entire county, because of the future merging of Montour County 911 Center to the Columbia County 911 center. The commissioners are meeting with municipal officials in the county and asking them to sign resolutions for Montour County to handle any address changes due to the merger. Tim Murphy, Columbia County geographic information systems director plans to conduct a pilot study of addresses in Mayberry Township and in Danville's Fourth Ward. Commissioner Holdren reported there will be changes but he is unsure just how many will be needed. He also believes the changes in rural areas could exceed 95% and address changes in towns are expected to be much lower. He believes when the work is done every street should have the same distance between house numbers. Murphy said he would ask that any new street name proposed by a municipality be reviewed with him to make sure there aren't duplicates names. According to the commissioners there will be no cost for this to municipalities or to the county since the readdressing is part of the nearly \$900,000 state grant. He hopes the address studies and changes can be finished by the end of April 2017. Vice Chairman Lynn asked about the dispatchers' positions. Commissioner Holdren said full-time dispatchers have been offered jobs at the new center to be located in Bloomsburg and he further stated the new center will be governed by an authority, made up of commissioners from both counties. Commissioner Holdren also reported the county will work with the post office to provide it with the people's old and new addresses. Supervisor Scott was major concern about the numbering of homes with no gaps as there could be future subdivisions were the was currently vacant land and the changes which would affect the businesses having to change their stationery and possibly yellow page advertising. There was also a concern with GPS in the future. More questions were asked which will probably happen at the regular meeting but the commissioners again stated there would not be a charge to Mahoning Township.

In another matter, Chairman Ken Woodruff reported the supervisors may take action next week on advertising for a new police chief. Chairman Woodruff stated he has receive a proposal from the nonprofit Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association which would handle the advertising and the matter will be explain in more detail the proposal at the regular meeting.

Joe Oberdorf, Secretary