

January 18, 2016

The regular monthly 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:

Wayne Myers, Vice-Chairman

Bill Lynn, Supervisor

Also attending were:

Ryan Tira, Solicitor

Jack & Darlis Dyer

Graeme Woods

Joe Diehl

Sue Kauwell

Ronald Miller

Charles Gatski

Marlene Gunther

Henry Eyer

Ed Draugelis

Rose & Bill Pursel

Ken & Jackie Woodruff

Carol Kronenwetter

Rebecca Anderson

Rick Spotts, Assistant Fire Chief

Molly Shultz

Chris Krepich, PE

Sherry & Glen Wintersteen

Linda Weaver

Tom & Mary Ann Landi

Betsy Hack

Teresa Younkin

Carl Appleman

Gary Fritz

T S Scott

Jonathan Fellin

Eli Anderson

PUBLIC COMMENT

In the absence of the Chairman, who had an emergency, the Vice Chairman advised that the Board held executive sessions; January 5,6 for personnel, the 12th for a pre-audit conference, the 15th for labor contract negotiations and the 18th for a legal matter.

Ed Draugelis spoke of his time with the Municipal Authority, which is a voluntary position, whose members are governed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under the Municipal Authorities Act. He explained water and sewer rates, and advised that as a board member he finds it offensive that Attorney Dennehy, counsel for the Danville Borough continues to try the Township and Borough's Municipal Authorities court case at the township public meetings.

T S Scott presented the Board with packets of information regarding a resolution taking the three member Board of Supervisors to a Five member Board. The resolution would then place the question of this change on the ballot for the citizens to choose.

Bill Lynn made a motion to pass the resolution prepared by the solicitor to add the question to the ballot and Mr. Myers seconded. Motion Passed.

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT for December, as well as the January 4th reorganizational meeting, were approved by the Board with no alterations or corrections, motion Mr. Lynn, second Mr. Myers. Motion Passed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

SOLICITOR:

ZONING/UCC: Submitted January report at workshop this morning

POLICE DEPARTMENT: December report submitted. Vice-Chairman Myers asked the secretary to send a letter to Danville Borough Council asking if they are interested in pursuing steps to form a joint police department.

STREET DEPARTMENT: January report submitted.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Engineer's Report for January submitted at workshop and required no action by the Board.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Assistant Fire Chief Rick Spotts read the December fire report and Mr. Myers mentioned the 2015 Year End Report had been submitted by Chief Leslie Young.

OLD BUSINESS

SALT PURCHASE: Mr. Lynn motioned, Mr. Myers seconded approving the Salt Contract Participation Agreement thru Co-Stars for our 2016-2017 season for 250 ton. Motion Passed.

WATER & SEWER APPOINTMENT: By motion of Mr. Lynn, second Mr. Myers, the Board appointed Teresa Younkin of 5 Primrose Court to serve on the Municipal Authority Board replacing Ed Draugelis. Her term will end 2020. Motion Passed.

Sue Kauwell questioned the mileage reimbursement rate approved at the reorganization meeting, stating it is not the IRS rate. Mr. Lynn motioned in favor of adopting the IRS rate and Mr. Myers, seconded. Current rate is .54. Motion Passed.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 MATERIAL BIDS: The Board, by motion of Mr. Lynn, second Mr. Myers, instructed the secretary to advertise bid opening of stone and road materials for 2016 with the same quantities as last year. Bids must be received by Friday, February 5, 2016 to be opened at work shop on February 8, 2016 at 10 AM and to be accepted or rejected later at the regular meeting at 5:30 that evening, Monday, February 8, 2016. Motion Passed.

DELINQUENT COLLECTOR: Statewide Tax Recovery was named to collect the 2015 delinquent per capita taxes, Mr. Myers motioned in favor and Mr. Lynn seconded. Motion Passed.

ZONING INCREASE: The Board by motion of Mr. Lynn, second Mr. Myers agreed to a .75 per hours raise for the zoning officer, retroactive to January 1, his new rate is \$26.75. Motion Passed.

SUPERVISOR HEATH INSURANCE: Letters were submitted from Mr. Lynn and Mr. Barron to join the Benecon Group with the township for insurance.

Several residents made statements about the cost of the health care plan the township belongs to and requested the supervisors get the rates and copays under control. Sue Kauwell asked if Secretary DeLong was receiving the additional stipend for insurance and Mr. Myers advised that she was not.

NEXT MEETING: February meeting falls on a holiday and as has been done in previous years has been scheduled the second Monday of February, the 8th.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Lynn motioned in favor of paying the bills and payrolls for January and also to adjourn, Mr. Myers seconded. Motion Passed.

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