

March 21, 2016

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

Members of the Board present:

Dave Barron, Chairperson  
Wayne Myers, Vice-Chairman  
Bill Lynn, Supervisor  
Christine DeLong, Secretary/Treasurer

Also attending were:

Leslie Young, Fire Chief	Charles Dietterick, MTPD
Tammy Smith, MTPD	Lloyd Craig, MTSD
Joe Sylvester, Daily Item	Chris Krepich, Press Enterprise
Sue Kauwell	Linda Weaver
Emma Jean Jordan	Vanessa Reed
Sarah Bench	Ryan Troup
Marlene Gunther	Tom & Mary Ann Landi
Jean Hagenbuch	Mike Benjamin
Janice Williams	Tom & Robin Kessler
Betsy Hack	Molly Shultz
Ken Woodruff	Jackie Woodruff
Glen & Sharon Wintersteen	Henry Eyer
Gary Fritz	T S Scott
Cheryl Davis	Tom Mertz
Pam Stetler	Jonathan Fellin
Mike & Candace Duffy	Jack Metzer
Ed Draugelis	

Chairman Barron read into the record that executive sessions were held February 22, 2016 to discuss consolidation of the Danville Borough and Mahoning Township Police Departments, and on February 24, 2016 for a legal matter. The Board met for an exit interview on the audit and a personnel matter March 7, 2016 and following workshop today for legal and personnel matters.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sue Kauwell questioned holding an executive session to review the audit, stating there are laws limiting executive sessions and the reasons for them. She also asked if the audit would be discussed tonight. Solicitor advised that there are many reasons to hold information sessions, which is really what this could be considered. Mr. Barron advised that further down the agenda the audit was up for approval.

Mrs. Kauwell questioned again why the recycling account had not been rolled over into another account as there is no more recycling program, and she was advised that this would also be handled tonight.

Mrs. Kauwell also advised that no action was recorded in the minutes of January 18, 2016 and that this mistake needs to be corrected. The Chairman advised that the minutes will be revisited and ratified at the next meeting.

TS Scott inquired as to how many interns work for the township, as he was told there were two, but in fact there are three. He would like to know why this action was never voted on by the Board.

He further submitted an article from the newspaper from November of 2012 and questioned why taxes were raised one mil to cover an increase in insurance costs and set aside funding to make repairs to Bald Top Road, yet, the Board let a motion die at the last meeting rather than agree to place inclinometers on Bald Top Road to see if those repairs are necessary.

After some discussion Chairman Barron advised that just this morning at our work session our engineer explained that he feels that the slippage has not moved and also agreed that the portion of roadway scheduled to be paved will remain on the paving list. He thanked Mr. Scott for his comments.

**MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT:** Minutes of the previous meeting of February 8, 2016 were approved; motion was made by Mr. Myers, second Mr. Lynn to accept. Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2016 was accepted by motion of Mr. Myers, second Mr. Lynn. All were in favor of both motions.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**SOLICITOR:** N/A

**ZONING/UCC:** Mr. VonBlohn's report was presented at workshop.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** February monthly report submitted.

**POLICE CAR CAMERAS:** Officer Dietterick requests car cameras. Bids are:  
WatchGuard \$15,600      Digital Alley \$18,785      Kustom Signals \$18,885

A motion was made by Mr. Myers, with a second from Mr. Lynn, however, the motion was tabled after Mrs. Kauwell advised that she felt the Board should look for grant funding for this purchase. Motion to table made by Mr. Lynn, second Mr. Myers and all were in favor.

**SWAT UNIFORM:** Officer Dietterick requested an additional SWAT uniform to be used during training be purchased from the department's budget, as it will become township property and the officer will need a spare at a week-long training session and there are no facilities to clean the uniform. The cost is \$119, and by motion of Mr. Myers, second Mr. Lynn approval was granted. All were in favor.

**STREET DEPARTMENT:** Report was submitted at workshop this morning. Items requiring action were:

**STREET SWEEPING:** Lloyd advised receiving two quotes. Robert Young, \$166 per hour and Don Bower, \$156 per hour. Mr. Myers motioned to accept the quote from Don Bower, Inc. at \$156 per hour, Mr. Lynn seconded. All were in favor and sweeping should begin by Monday, March 28, 2016. Overall cost to sweep, around \$5,000.

**WOODS OF WELSH ROAD REPAIRS:** Three quotes were received:

Earthworks	\$1,602.00
Don Bower, Inc.	\$3,115.00
Robert Young	\$2,076.00

Mr. Lynn motioned in favor, Mr. Myers seconded to accept the low quote from Earthworks in the amount of \$1,602.00. Unanimous.

**SPRING PAVING BIDS:** Bid opening was held at workshop this morning, to be considered for award this evening at meeting. They are as follows:

**PAVING:**

HRI, Inc., Williamsport	\$259,140.00
Meckley's, Herndon	\$267,053.00
Dave Gutelius Excavating	\$243,423.92
New Enterprise, Winfield	\$289,122.50
Hawbaker, Montoursville	\$312,303.50
Barletta Materials, Tamaqua	\$304,549.60

Mr. Myers motioned in favor, Mr. Lynn seconded to accept the low bid from Dave Gutelius Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$243,423.92. All were in favor.

**ENGINEER:** March report submitted, no action was required by the Board.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Leslie read February's report, and said that on May 21, 2016 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM the Fire Company will sponsor a FireFighter for a Day Event for those fourteen years of age and up. The event will be held in Valley Township (across from McDonald's) and will give participants an opportunity to experience structure fire, a vehicle fire and an extrication of a person from a vehicle. Interested parties can sign up by contacting Leslie directly or they will find forms on the fire company website.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**DUMPSTER DAY:** Set for Saturday, April 9, 2016 7AM until noon, two load limit. Identification will be required, charges for tires are \$3 and \$5 and any item containing freon will cost \$25 to dispose. This year only authorized personnel will be working and nothing will be taken from the premises. Everything must go in the dumpsters. No paint or chemicals will be accepted. Also, everyone must enter the parking lot from Bloom Road.

**TRUCK PURCHASE:** Under the Co-Stars program the Board agreed to purchase a new dump truck. Motion made by Mr. Lynn, second Mr. Myers to purchase the truck chassis a 2017 Mack GU432 from Susquehanna Motor Company for \$90,960.90. Unanimous. Motion then made by Mr. Myers, second Mr. Lynn with all in favor for the purchase of body and snow equipment through Bradco Supply in the amount of \$72,186.14.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**SPECIAL EVENTS PERMITS:** The following events were approved by the Board, with two conditions: that no permanent markings be placed on the roads for any of the events, and that the township cannot promise police service for route control, as in doing so we would be in an overtime situation.

Motion in favor, Mr. Myers, second Mr. Lynn, all in favor:

Rivertown Marathon	MARC	May 7, 2016
Miracle 5 K	GMC	April 30, 2016
Memorial T-Rail	Bob Welby	May 28, 2016

**2015 AUDIT:** Mr. Myers motioned in favor of approving the 2015 audit, Mr. Lynn seconded. Unanimous. Copies can be found on DCED website, at prothonotary's office, and secretary's office. The cost to perform the audit was \$6,500.

**INVEST RECYCLING FUND:** By motion of Mr. Lynn, second Mr. Myers, the Board approved closing the Invest Recycling Account and moving the funds to the General Fund. All were in favor.

Mrs. Gunther asked the Board what the per capita money is used for and was advised the money is deposited to the General Fund and is used for general purposes.

Rose Pursel suggested that the recycling money be used to purchase a microphone for the meeting room so the board could be heard and the suggestion was taken under advisement.

Mary Ann Landi wants the board to allow Mrs. Gunther access to the township website to collect taxes. Betsy Hack said that she heard that the Township Municipal Authority will be accepting payments for water & sewer on the website. Linda Weaver asked when the township would be disbanding the authority. She has also heard that the authority has hired a PR firm to represent themselves. She wanted members of the Authority board to answer if this is true, but was advised by our solicitor that this was the supervisor's meeting, not the municipal authority.

Ed Draugelis read into the record statements regarding the municipal authority and their contributions to the township over the years.

Mr. Myers motioned in favor of authorizing and approving the payrolls and bills for March, 2016 and also to adjourn, Mr. Lynn seconded. Unanimous.

