

## **May 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Members of the Board present: Chairman Bill Lynn, Vice Chairman T S Scott, Supervisors, Larry Robertson, Molly Shultz, John Whelan, Ken Houck, Treasurer, Street Dept., Lloyd Craig, Secretary Joe Oberdorf, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn and Jim Dragano, Engineer Andrew Barton, Police Chief Sean McGinley, and Fire Chief Leslie Young.

Present for the public were – Tom Kessler, Linda Rea, Henry Eyer, Nancy Whelan, Patricia Swanson, Ted Oman, Rose & Bill Pursel, Bryan Campbell, Todd and Stephen Keyser, Brad Smith and Christopher Sassaman of the Press Enterprise.

### ALL VOTING WILL BE CONSIDERED UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Treasurer Ken Houck gave the Financial Report for April 2019. A beginning balance of \$165,648.44, receipts of \$246,450.10 and expenses of \$228,626.75 with an ending balance of \$183,471.79.

The Water and Sewer Department beginning balance was \$1,230,690.68, receipts of \$37,025.95, expenses of \$326,630.76 with an ending balance of \$941,085.87. These will be posted on our website. Supervisor Scott motioned to approve the financial reports and Supervisor Whelan seconded.

### **Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn**

The only business at hand was the final review of the outstanding Engineers comments for Magnolia Court land development, it was reported by Dean VonBlohn that the 4 waivers requested by the developer were approved by the Supervisors at the April 22<sup>nd</sup>; the remaining items on the Engineers report were discussed and conditionally approved based on the following items:

1. A waiver is requested from the developer for requirements of installing a safety fence around the above ground stormwater management facilities, § 202-19.B.16.

Supervisor Scott motioned to follow the recommendation of planning commission to approve the waiver of installing a safety fence around above ground stormwater management facilities 202-19.B.16. Supervisor Shultz seconded.

2. Approval of the PennDOT HOP, § 202-19.B.16 .
3. Approval of the maintenance of common areas or facilities intended for public use, §211-15.B.5.
4. Review of improvement agreement prepared in accordance with the requirements of § 211-37.
5. Updated landscaping plans to be reviewed and approved by Drew

Supervisor Scott also motioned to conditionally approve the Magnolia Court Subdivision Land Development Plan based on the above listed conditions. A letter was received from the developer's attorney on what was intended for public use. Engineer Drew Barton will give final approval. Engineer Drew Barton has not seen the Landscape architectural updated sidewalk plans. Seconded by Supervisor Robertson.

T. & S. Realty also submitted a Preliminary/Final Incorporation Plan for the land on which the Magnolia Court Land Development will occupy. The plan represents the individual lots that make up the 10.138 Acres and will be filed as a separate deed. Supervisor Scott motioned to approve the Preliminary/Final Incorporation plans as recommended by the planning commission. Supervisor Shultz seconded.

Dean said that SUEZ is not taking over the sewer mains for Magnolia Court. Dean would like permission to go ahead with exemption form. Supervisor Scott motioned to empower Dean VonBlohn to complete the Component 3, planning module from DEP as necessary and present to Chairman Lynn for signature. Supervisor Whelan seconded.

**Police Chief Sean McGinley gave April Report –**

**MONTHLY POLICE REPORT – STATS from APRIL 2019**

INCIDENTS:	359
ACTIVITIES:	
Crash Investigations	10
Motorist Assists	14
Alarms	9
Traffic enforcement (parking)	53
Traffic enforcement (moving violations)	51
Reported Criminal Offenses	22

The Chief noted that moving violations have doubled since last month and they will continue this until they stop receiving complaints with speeding and some of the other traffic violations. He also thanked the street dept for painting the white lines on Bloom road that were erased from paving. More line painting is planned for the future, like putting additional lines on Red lane and a few other carefully selected places. They must be a certain distance apart and are put where accidents and violations occur most.

**Engineer Drew Barton gave his report –**

Drew talked about the watershed map investigation of the basins that are already installed. Since it was years ago, they will see if they need to modify the basins to make them function better and more efficient. Drew stated that this can be added to the MS4 requirement. Since these are very old, we will have to see who the owners are, so we know who will be responsible for the modifications. Basin inspections can be completed right away but the whole thing will take a few months to complete. This project is from Academy Ave to Kaseville Road. The application for the culvert behind the Mexican restaurant is due by May 31, 2019. Drew needs to get the formal cost estimate done first before he can apply.

Drew noted that the CFA Multi-Modal funding is open again until July 31, 2019 and said he is applying for it. PennDOT Multi-Modal funding will open again this fall. TA Set-aside will not be funded this year. He is going out for both grants that are open this year.

TS motioned to empower the township engineer to move forward at an est. cost of \$7000 for the retiming of the traffic lights at Bloom Road and Academy Ave, in the township. Supervisor Shultz seconded.

TS motioned to empower the township engineer, with as needed assistance the street dept. lead, Lloyd Craig, to coordinate with Geisinger for the retiming of the lights at Woodbine Lane and Route 11 with an estimated cost of \$6000, to be paid for under the maintenance agreement with Geisinger, through Geisinger funds. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Drew will put cameras on poles.

Drew is going to check into the traffic analysis Seda-Cog may be doing from Danville to Bloomsburg and will report on this at the next meeting.

**Street Dept. – Lloyd Craig – May 13, 2019 Report:**

**Items worked on over the past month, Pending Items that were completed.**

1. Overtime since 4/22/19, 2.25 manhours working through lunch, and 30 manhours for dumpster day.
2. Phone call this morning from Jared Seidel. The bulbs for the lights on the river bridge should be in this week. Trying to schedule installation for the week of May 20<sup>th</sup>. Will work out the details between street and police departments and coordinate with Riverside.
3. Items being auctioned on Municibid seem to be going well. At least one bid on every item.
4. Working on Base repairs on Jade Ave and the municipal lots.
5. Painting of speed enforcement lines at various locations throughout the township. More to follow.
6. Need to repair 2 more settlements on Bald Top Rd just below Timberwood Dr. They are monitoring how far they are breaking up and said they will be repaired.
7. Started to clean up old ductile water pipe left in our stockyard. One more load should finish. \$200+ received from a truck load of scrap metal.

**Items that need Boards input/ approval.**

1. Any info on water across Eyer Rd. at Leighow Oil Co.

There was a brief discussion concerning the excess water spilling out across the parking lot of H. Eyer Road at Leighow Oil Co. and how we as a township can force the owners to stop running water across the roads. Lloyd would like to complete this by mid-fall. Dean stated that he has an approved plan from Former Engineer, John Mazich but that the owner put in a drainage system that doesn't work. Lloyd thinks the plans were only approved, not signed. Since Dean will be away at the next meeting, Supervisor Scott asked Dean to send Mazich's information to Solicitor Ryan Tira to confirm if Mazich's final plans were signed off and let us know what the next level option is. Dean will research the current file and will get with Ryan Tira.

Lloyd will have quotes on line painting and storm water pipe for next meeting. He noted that Red lane will need to have the double yellow centerline painted within a day or two after paving.

**Fire Chief Leslie Young gave the April Report - The East End Fire Company shows the company had 13 responses for the month, 2 Grass/woods, 1 MVA, 3 Structure fires, 2 false alarms, 1 Investigation, 1 CO Response, 2 RIT, 1 Public Service, and 6 others. 9 calls in Mahoning Township and 10 Mutual Aid Calls, 1, Danville Borough, 1 Rush Township, 2 Hemlock Township, 1 Mt. Pleasant, 2 Valley Township, 1 Ralpho Township and 2 Cooper Township. There was also a total of 17 1/2 hours INHOUSE Training of NIMS 7 ½ and 10 hours Fire Fighter Pro Board Certification.**

## **New Business**

A discussion was held concerning where to invest the 8 Million dollars from the Water & sewer sale. Supervisor Whelan noted that all investment firms compliant with act 72. Supervisor Whelan motioned to award JSSB the bid at 2.85% for 30 months. Supervisor Robertson seconded. This motion became null and void because the other 3 supervisors were Nay's. Supervisor Scott noted that while other institutions are meeting the requirements, they are not as responsive as Service 1st. Service 1<sup>st</sup> uses federal/mortgage bonds, which are more secure and are community involved. The branch we do service with is right next door and the cooperate headquarters is in Cooper Township. Money is invested right back in to this community. A lot more to be considered than the interest rate. Supervisor Scott motioned to invest the 8 Million with Service 1<sup>st</sup> at 2.6% for 30 months. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Supervisor Whelan and Supervisor Robertson were Nay's. Supervisor Whelan said we already have 5 CD's with JSSB and that we also have 1.5 million that we just invested with JSSB and they were very accommodating. He also stated that when we knew we were coming into this money, they appointed a committee. They even looked at independent investment firms. They gave Service 1<sup>st</sup> a second crack but they couldn't match JSSB. He cannot understand going with a lower interest rate, which will cost taxpayers \$50,000. It's a lot of money to walk away from and he can't understand why we wouldn't want to go with the institution that will give a higher return. Supervisor Scott explained that when Ken Woodruff was a supervisor, that JSSB never responded to their needs, once they had our money and said that perhaps if it were a different vendor, we would have changed our minds. Supervisor Robertson said that JSSB meets all 3 criteria for municipalities to put the investment. Resident Bryan Campbell asked about going back to Service 1<sup>st</sup> to see if they will match JSSB. Supervisor Scott explained that they cannot do any better because they are a credit union, not a bank. Bryan thinks we should go with the higher interest rate. This is a split decision coming out of the committee.

Chairman noted No dumpster day bill yet.

Chairman Lynn noted that voting will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 2019. There are two locations in Mahoning Township.

Chairman Lynn noted that bidding for Mahoning Township MUNICIBID's ends May 20, 2019.

Ken Houck discussed Electric Rate Renewal. Supervisor Robertson motioned to change our electricity supplier to Constellation, who came in with the lowest rates. This will be for 24 months. Supervisor Whelan seconded.

Resident Rose Pursel said the street sweeper people missed South Glenbrook Ave. Street Dept. Lloyd Craig said they will take care of it this week.

Chairman Lynn reminded everyone that the next pick up for yard waste is next Tuesday, May 21, 2019. Bagged yard waste must be at the curbside in the morning of the day of pickup. THE RESIDENTS ARE TO CALL JDOG AT 570 759 7715 FOR PICK-UP OR EMAIL THEM AT [mahoningyards@gmail.com](mailto:mahoningyards@gmail.com).

Supervisor Shultz motioned to pay the bills and adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Robertson seconded.

This meeting was recorded. These minutes reflect the events and dialog during the meeting but are not transcribed verbatim.

Carolyn Dragano Secretary and Joe Oberdorf, Secretary