

June 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

Also present were – Rose & Bill Pursel, Henry Eyer, Tom Kessler, Linda Rea, Patricia Swanson, Nancy Whelan, David Betz, Jonathan Jones, Joe Diehl, Bonnie Martin, Jean Hagenbuch, Glen Leighow, Robert and Wanda Krum, Patricia Swanson, Pam Stettler, Kendra Boell, Marlene Gunther, Charles White, Jon Gabnelsen, Tom and Mary Ann Landi, Geri Gibbons, Press Enterprise and Joe Sylvester, Danville News.

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Supervisor Scott explained the reason the township invested the \$8 million dollars at Service 1st.

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn – gave Dean’s report.

Glen Leighow contacted Dean regarding the water run off at his property on H Eyer Road, he has started gathering the materials and supplies required to fix the water run off according to the plans that were originally designed by his engineer and approved by the Township engineer at that time.

Hawkins Chevrolet missed the deadline but informed Dean that the original engineer has been in contact with Turn-Key to install the 12-inch trench drain as originally approved, they will be finishing the project as designed.

Dean contacted Well Fargo regarding the continuing property maintenance at 766 Bloom Road, since the cleanup and cutting by a local contractor. One of the neighbors that has been complaining about the weeds informed him that they recently cut the grass on their own. Dean said we received the check from Wells Fargo today for the outstanding invoice submitted by the contractor we hired to bring the property into compliance. Wells Fargo also called and said they may have sold the property.

Dean said his office has been receiving an unusual amount storm water runoff calls with issues, obviously due to the amount of rain we have been experiencing. The owner of 27 Kaseville road contacted him this morning complaining about her uphill neighbor running his sump pump under or through the driveway support wall he constructed last year. She also suspects that the retaining wall is on her property. Dean informed her that property lines are a civil issue and suggested that she has her property surveyed. On the other side of Kaseville and further up the hill the owner of 92 Kaseville has again reported water runoff coming from Red Lane East and Frosty Hills Drive and said it is running behind his property causing a wet condition in his back yard. Dean feels the problem is in the way the customers landscaped and is not the townships problem but will discuss this further with our engineer, Drew Barton.

Dean said that Drew Barton presented his review dated June 3rd, 2019 concerning the 36 Valet Parking lot, down off Poplar Ave. There were 15 comments, several of which were discussed with the commission and the developer. Some of the comments were regarding the lighting, the consolidation of lots, toe of slope may require a waiver, and a downstream analysis to confirm the amount of runoff not being conveyed to the existing inlet. The project is proposed across 2 separate parcels with 2 different tax ID numbers and 2 separate owners. The parcels will have to be consolidated, and conditionally approved by the Supervisors. The planning commission recommended that the developer address the items on the report and present them to the Supervisors for approval at the June 24 Meeting. Dean thinks they should send it back to the planning commission for further review. Supervisor Robertson motioned to send it back to the Planning Commission for further review. Supervisor Scott seconded.

Dean said the weeds are horrible from all the rain and some of the people he approached don't want to cut them. He may have to take them to court.

Engineer Drew Barton gave his report –

Drew said they hired Advantage Engineering LLC for technical engineering group for analysis and design of Bald Top Road. He said this is going to be a long drawn out process. They would like to hire Eichelberger's to do the boring at \$15,600. This is an estimated price because it all depends on what they get into. They can start next Monday, June 18, 2019, at the cost of \$15,640 and will be there for a week. Drew would also like to use GEO Instruments to rent the inclinometers to measure the slope of the road and to also have them install them. Rental of the equipment is \$2,500/month and he would like to start with renting for two months but said it may take longer. Installation is between \$10,000 and \$12,000. He would also like to get approval for lab analysis for rock core testing, at an approx. cost of \$5,000. The lab analysis will be done by whoever Advantage Engineering LLC uses.

Supervisor Scott motioned to accept Eichelberger's bid presented by the township engineer for boring and rental of piezometer \$15,640. Supervisor Robertson seconded.

Supervisor Scott motioned to approved GEO Instruments for installation of the inclinometers based on the township engineer's recommendation, up to \$12,000, Supervisor Whelan seconded.

Supervisor Scott motioned to approve to rent inclinometers from Geo instruments, for a maximum of \$5,000, with the understanding that if Drew needs more, that he will come back and ask first. Drew said these inclinometers will monitor constantly. Supervisor Whelan seconded.

Supervisor Scott motioned to approve lab analysis costs up to \$5,000. Supervisor Shultz seconded.

Drew said we are 7 weeks out to a pre-design point and that the roadwork will most likely not be completed until the spring of 2020.

Several residents from Bald Top had questions concerning travel strains and the inconvenience of using the detour. It's an extra 10-15 minutes travel time and the hairpin turn on Klein road where there are no guardrails is dangerous. There were also questions about possibly using just one lane with a stop sign at either end, using the logging road behind Burger King or possibly allowing on-call Geisinger employees emergency staff to use the road like other emergency responders. Lead Lloyd Craig said it's too dangerous to use stop signs at either end, as cars could end up head to head and that the first responders coordinate with each other going up and down the road. Zoning Officer, Dean VonBlohn said the logging road is privately owned. Engineer Drew said we really can't do anything until the results of the tests are back. Engineer Drew said the road was closed due to recommendations by the geologist. Supervisor Scott said that although we could apply for state aide, it will take forever to get the grant and since we have the money, we are going to fix it. One of the issues is getting contractors, once we know the game plan because most good contractors are already booked for the year and to find a good one that can do the work, we may have to go outside the area. Supervisor Whelan said we will update the website the day after the meetings to keep everyone informed of the status. Chairman Lynn said that although, one way would alleviate half the problem, people are going to still try to go both ways. They are even driving through the barriers. Chief McGinley said state law prohibits anyone driving past or around a traffic control device and said they could be fined up to \$500.00 and should the person be in an accident, they would also be responsible for emergency response costs. He also said there is legislation that would grant emergency status to trauma surgeons and so forth and said to contact their state legislator. Supervisor Scott said it's going to be anywhere from Christmas to Easter of next year.

Drew said the multi-model grant is open again. CFA deadline is July 31, 2019 and the PennDOT typically announced in the fall. They've updated the requirements from a 30% match to NO match. Drew said we cannot use this money for Bald Top. Supervisor Robertson motioned to apply for the multi-model grants with the township providing a 25% match with a max of \$40,000. Supervisor Shultz seconded.

Drew also talked about the ARLE application grant for Bloom/Academy modernization, pre-application meeting is June 17, 2019 and ends July 1, 2019. Drew said no match is required. Drew said we typically don't see matches with these grants. Supervisor Robertson motioned to apply for the ARLE grant in the amount of \$470,000 with a 25% match. Supervisor Whelan seconded.

STREET DEPT. MEETING REPORT June 10, 2019 – Lloyd Craig gave report.

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

Overtime since 5/28/19. .75 manhours hauling paving through lunch, 6 manhours checking roadways after heavy rain, 15 manhours for multiple trees down, and 30.25 manhours for closure of Bald Top Rd.

River bridge lights. Scheduled for June 14th, however, they may do it the 15th or 17th, if bad weather.

The worst of the base repairs for paving are complete.

Roadside mowing. First round complete.

Pipe work and catch basins in front of Strawberry Fields development on Red Lane were started on June 7th.

Items that need Boards input/ approval.

Pipe Quotes-15" N-12 Chemung: \$10.72/ft, Bradco: \$9.18/ ft, and Frys: \$8.75/ ft. 6" N-12 perf.

Underdrain- Bradco: \$2.09/ft, Frys: \$2.36/ft, Chemung: did not quote

Supervisor Whelan motioned to accept the bid from Fry's for 15" N-12 pipe, at \$8.75/ft. and Bradco for the 6" N-12 perf underdrain pipe, at \$2.09/ft. Supervisor Shultz seconded.

Lloyd said he and Drew looked at the Maple Street 4' storm pipe. Drew has some plans on this but for now, has been focusing on the Bald Top issues.

Lloyd and Drew also looked at Mr. Krum's problem on Bald Top, which can be easily remedied but the bigger problem is up the street trying to stop the water from coming down. There is a blockage on Mr. Krum's property that he created years ago. Drew is going to work with Solicitor Ryan Tira to write an opinion letter for the next meeting.

Lloyd thinks the next logical move on Maple Street would be to calculate the flows on the pipe to see what size pipe we need. They may be able to drop the size with plastic pipe or reinforced concrete pipe. Lloyd doesn't think they will be able to do this job because it will take too long and that they may have to bid it out. Drew will put the figures together.

Lloyd talked about Line Painting Quotes - DeAngelo Brothers Inc.: \$7,670.00, D. E. Gemmill: \$8,142.00, and Alpha Space Control: \$8,380.00. Supervisor Shultz motioned go with DeAngelo to do all the line painting. Supervisor Robertson seconded.

Supervisor Scott motioned to appoint our Supervisor Molly Shultz as the EMA representative for the board. Supervisor Robertson seconded.

Chairman Lynn reminded everyone that yard waste pick- up for this month is June 18th, 2019. You must call JDog at 570-759-7715 or email JDog at mahoningyards@gmail.com. A reminder text will also be sent out tomorrow.

Chairman Lynn said the Susquehanna River Bridge will be closed this Friday, June 14, 2019 to traffic going from Danville to Riverside. Only emergency vehicles will be allowed to travel this route, if responding to an emergency. The road will be closed until Monday, June 18, 2019 at 5pm. They are putting in new railroad ties.

Chairman Lynn said they had Executive sessions on May 30th, June 3rd and June 7th, 2019.

Glen Leighow discussed the property at 776 Bloom Road, which he purchased at a Sheriff's sale. He was unaware that the previous owner had outstanding water & sewer bills. He paid these outstanding bills but would like the supervisors to consider reimbursing him for these charges. The reason he feels he should be reimbursed is because the Sheriff's dept. sent out a letter on February 8, 2017 requesting the township to provide any outstanding water & sewer fees owed on the Bloom Street property. The Sheriff never received anything from the township, therefore he doesn't feel he should be responsible to pay the previous owners bills. He spent a lot of money of legal fees as well. The supervisors will discuss this issue with Solicitor Ryan Tira and will have an answer for the next meeting.

Supervisor Scott 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