

## **July 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Members of the Board present: Chairman Bill Lynn, Vice Chairman T S Scott, Supervisors, Molly Shultz, John Whelan, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, Police Chief Sean McGinley, and Fire Chief Leslie Young.

Also present were – Rose & Bill Pursel, Henry Eyer, Tom & Robin Kessler, Linda Rea, Patricia Swanson, Nancy Whelan, David Betz, Joe Diehl, Bonnie Martin, Bryan Campbell, Young Lee, Mary Ann Landi and Joe Sylvester, Danville News.

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

Supervisor Scott presented Joe Oberdorf with a plaque for all his hard work during the past 3 years. Scott said Joe not only helped to rebuild the secretaries' office but also the treasurer and the water & sewer departments. He is indispensable.

Supervisor Scott motioned to designate Joe Oberdorf as Secretary Emeritus for the Township, to help train the new secretary, to come back at any point to fill in for the township's secretary and treasurer and to help with a major project or an issue that comes up that we need additional help with. Supervisor Shultz seconded.

Supervisor Scott motioned to hire Carolyn Dragano as the Township Secretary, part-time, no benefits and with the same rate of pay. Supervisor Whelan seconded.

### **Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn – gave his report.**

Danville Gardens contacted Dean about clearing the southside of the property. They have contracted with a landscaper to cut the weeds and brush out the area running up to the edge of the stream and to remove any loose overgrowth. Danville Gardens will be starting the work as soon as they can mobilize the needed equipment, possibly by next week.

Dean stated that since the property maintenance notices were sent out, we've had some success with getting several of the overgrown properties cleaned up. Dean said they will be dealing with others at the Magistrates office.

Dean stated that the Wells Fargo property located at 766 Bloom Road continues to be a problem. By the time they get one thing cleaned up and into compliance several of the old issues are out of compliance. Dean is going to call Wells Fargo tomorrow to get this resolved.

Dean said he and Lloyd have been dealing with Suez on several water line replacement projects. The first one will be sometime late summer/early fall and is down on Poplar Street, which is a complete replacement of asbestos water lines. This will continue across the southside of Bloom Road and go East to Academy, ending at Academy. A Street opening permit will not be necessary on the southside of Bloom Road. They intend to remove the existing sidewalks, replace the water line and install new sidewalks after they are done.

Dean discussed an old water & sewer ordinance that requires that all new construction have pressure reducing valves and check valves installed no matter what the PSI is. The valves also had to be inspected, which was done by our operator, Bret LeVan. Dean asked if Mahoning Township should remove this part of the ordinance, now that SUEZ owns the water & sewer lines and since we no longer have operator, Bret LeVan. The International Plumbing Code reads that it's the developer's responsibility to make sure this is done when the PSI is 80 or above. It is also in BIU's building code. This is up to the developer/ contractor to have these installed. The PRV valve protects the home owner and the check valve protects the water company. SUEZ installs new check valves to protect their own water system, however, they don't install pressure reducing valves, which is part of our ordinance. Dean will further discuss with our Solicitor, Ryan Tira and Matt from BIU and will come back with answers at the next meeting.

**Police Chief Sean McGinley gave no Report –**

**STREET DEPT - Lloyd Craig** – wasn't available to give his report.

**Fire Chief Leslie Young gave May Report –**

Chief Leslie asked everyone to keep Chief Don Traugh's family in their prayers. He passed away unexpectedly. He was the Catawissa Fire Chief.

The East End Fire Company shows the company had 23 responses for the month, 2 MVA, 1 Auto Fire, 2 Structure fires, 4 false alarms, 2 CO responses, 4 RIT, 1 public service and 7 others. 13 calls in Mahoning Township and 10 Mutual Aid Calls, 3 Danville Borough, 1 Hemlock, 1 Madison, 2 Montour, 1 Rush, 1 Valley, 1 Cooper Township, There was also a total of 41 hours INHOUSE Training, 16 EVOC Certified Training, and 1-hour fire prevention on June 18<sup>th</sup> mass evacuation drill at Maria Joseph. Drill went very well and was well attended.

Chairman Lynn said they had no Executive sessions.

Chairman Lynn reminded everyone that the next yard waste pick-up is next Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. You must call JDOG at 570-759-7715 or email at mahoningyards@gmail.com.

Bryan Campbell asked if there is anything new on Magnolia Court. Dean explained that they are working on funding right now.

Chairman Lynn said there are no updates on Bald Top and that the results still may not be available until after the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Dean & Jim will look at a fallen tree near Rose Pursel's house and another one near Joe Diehl's.

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

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

Carolyn Dragano Secretary