

August 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

Also present were – Rose & Bill Pursel, Henry Eyer, Tom & Robin Kessler, Patricia Swanson, Nancy Whelan, Joe Diehl, Bonnie & Dave Martin, Scott Heim, Dave Betz, Marlene & Don Gunther, Kim Wilt, Mary Ann Landi, Glen Cromley, Brad Aurand, Matt Frick, Gerri Gibbons from Press Enterprise and Joe Sylvester, Danville News.

ALL VOTING WILL BE CONSIDERED UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Officer Cody Clossen was sworn in by District Magistrate, Marv Shrawder. His family was present for the award.

Supervisor Scott motioned to extend an offer of employment for a 1-year probationary period, at a salary of \$87,000, to Fred Dyroff, starting August 19th, 2019. Supervisor Whelan seconded.

Chief McGinley introduced the new Chief, Fred Dyroff. Chief McGinley gave brief discussion about Fred's background and had nothing but great things to say about him. Fred spoke and said he is looking forward to this opportunity. Fred also brought his wife and daughter to meet everyone.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ken Houck gave the Financial Report for July 2019. A beginning balance of \$811,437.27, receipts of \$63,455.94 and expenses of \$250,591.52, with an ending balance of \$624,301.69

The Water & Sewer Department beginning balance was \$1,458,678.80, receipts of \$12,235.97, expenses of \$7,497.72 with an ending balance of \$1,463,417.05.

Supervisor Shultz motioned to approve both financial reports. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Ken said these reports will be posted on our website, tomorrow.

Zoning Officer Dean talked briefly about the resignation of David Shope, from the Zoning Hearing Board, effective 8/9/19. Supervisor Scott motioned to accept the resignation of Dave Shope from the Zoning Hearing Board. Supervisor Whelan seconded.

Dean recommended Alternate Jeff Shultz to take Shope's place. Supervisor Scott motioned to appoint Jeff Shultz to the Zoning Hearing Board for the remainder of this year, 2019. Supervisor Robertson seconded.

Dean & Engineer Drew Barton discussed the Geisinger Valet Parking lot. Geisinger needs an approval for a waiver they are requesting. Dean said he needs to send the draft letter of credit he received from Geisinger to the Solicitor for review. Larry motioned to approve waiver for the land development plan as outlined by the township engineer, for the Valet Parking Lot. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Drew said a couple of things outstanding for the Conditional Land Development and Subdivision approval subject to those remaining items. Supervisor Scott motioned for the conditional land development and subdivision approval subject to those remaining items. Supervisor Whelan seconded.

Dean said he has nothing to report on Hawkins Chevrolet and said at this point, it's in the hands of the attorney. Supervisor Scott will discuss with Attorney Jonathan Dewald. Engineer Drew said he got a letter from the attorney and will forward it to Dean and the supervisors for authorization to send to Hawkins to get the work completed.

Police Chief is going to save his report for the next meeting.

Police Chief gave the Dept. of Streets and Infrastructure, Lloyd Craig and his team a plaque for the remodel of the male and female lockers.

Engineer Drew Barton gave his report -

Drew talked about the Maple Street Culvert replacement bids. The bids open on August 22nd. Construction will start in September of this year.

Drew said nothing new on Bald Top. He should have an analysis recommendation for the next meeting.

Drew said all the Water Shed plans that were given to them from Dean were inspected in the field. They are organizing the information as to what is supposed to be there and not supposed to be there. Drew said they have an area where they think they can make a significant impact. He will have more information to share, at a later meeting.

Drew said all Sediment maintenance permits were submitted. Chairman Lynn will call his contacts to inform them that the permits are on their desks, waiting for signatures.

Drew said the Bloom Road Multi-Modal grant (which they've submitted in previous years), they broke into half this time to conform more to what their typical awards are. The request was for almost a million dollars, which is almost half the project. Drew that it is submitted, and we'll wait to see how its evaluated going forward.

Drew & Jesse gave a detailed explanation about the traffic studies counts done on Bloom Road, Academy, Woodbine Lane and Route 11 and have come up with improvements that need to be made. Woodbine and Route 11 can be improved, just by re-timing's. Academy and Bloom Road can be improved by timing's as well as lane revisions. Drew and Jesse shared aerial pictures and design reports and Jesse explained the timing revisions in detail. To summarize, they are going to fix the timing of the lights and they are going to extend the turning lanes and further down the road, full modernization for pedestrian safety. They've worked with Lloyd who reached out to a vendor to secure a cost for the re-stripping.

Supervisor Scott discussed Academy Avenue and the flooding issues as well as the issue with the drainage pipe, which will be a longer task to fix. They've been working with Representative Masser and Senator Gordner, who have reached out to PennDOT in regard to the drainage line. Scott said they will sit down with PennDOT in the near future to come up with an action plan to fix it.

Supervisor Scott motioned to authorize Engineer Drew and Dept. of Streets and Infrastructure, to move forward with the timing on Woodbine Lane and State Route 11, as well as the timing and camera for Academy Ave. and Bloom Road, with the cost of the painting to be no more than \$6,000 and the cost of the camera to be no more than \$7,000. If the cost is in excess of either one of these amounts, they will need to come back to the board for authorization. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Lloyd said they will still need PennDOT's approval before they can proceed with the work. If approved with no changes, they hope to complete before the Bloomsburg Fair.

Resident Marlene Gunther asked if the changing of timings will affect the lights in Danville Borough. Lloyd said it would be almost impossible to sync and make it work.

Resident Dave Betz from Bald Top asked what the next step will be when we get the analysis back; will we have an idea of what to do or a plan of action at that point? Drew explained that it will be a statement of what the next steps are. Drew also said we will most likely have to bid it. Scott said we will get back the InSite into what is beneath the amosite. It was a buggy trail at one time and then they just kept adding amosite after amosite which only made the road top heavy. We may have to take it up and put base down. Drew said surface storm water and anchoring is also an issue. A drain will have to go on the right side of the road.

Dept. of Streets and Infrastructure - Lloyd Craig – Gave his report

Lloyd said the demo Wheel Loader (JCB) is coming on the 22nd or 23rd of this month. He will park it out front so everyone can see it at the next meeting.

Lloyd said he is done with the ordinances for the stop signs, speed limits and no parking stuff. They are ready to go to the attorney. Lloyd said we have 109 stop signs, 64 of them do not have ordinances. Supervisor Scott would like to meet next Wednesday at 3pm to discuss the new ordinances. He will contact Attorney Jon to make sure he can also attend. The plan is to have everything advertised and ready to approve at the last meeting in October.

Lloyd would like to return the Jersey Barriers are on Bald Top to save on monthly costs. The chief wants to hear more on the costs. Engineer Drew thinks we should follow the requirements for the closure. Lloyd will have a cost per month of the barriers, at the next meeting.

Resident Joe Diehl asked about PPL doing tree trimming. Dean said he looked at them and said PPL has to make the call. PPL will come back to Dean to tell him if they plan to take them down or not. Lloyd said they can call PPL, but they can't force them to cut the trees.

Fire Chief Leslie Young - Gave her report

Resident Rose Pursel asked Chief Leslie how you fight a fire with only one firefighter. Chief explained that they are usually false alarms. You can't fight a fire with only one firefighter.

Chairman Lynn said they had one Executive session today on the 911 Communications Radios. They missed one executive session that was held on July 22nd, which was a walk around the area with Senator Gordner and Representative Masser.

Supervisor Scott motioned to approve the July meeting minutes. Supervisor Whelan seconded.

Chairman Lynn reminded everyone that next Yard Waste pick up is next Tuesday, August 20th.

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.

All Reports are available at the Township Building

Carolyn Dragano Secretary