

August 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Members of the Board present: Chairman Bill Lynn, Vice Chairman T S Scott, Supervisors, Larry Robertson, Molly Shultz, John Whelan, Solicitor Ryan Tira, New Solicitor Jon DeWald, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, Engineer Andrew Barton, Fire Chief Leslie Young, Police Chief Fred Dyroff and Dept of Streets and Infrastructure Lloyd Craig.

Also present were – Rose & Bill Pursel, Henry Eyer, Tom Kessler, Nancy Whelan, Joe Diehl, Bonnie & Dave Martin, Dave Betz, Michael Komar, Tom & Patti Harrington, Brad Neiman, Linda Rea, Alvin Swartzentruber, Lisa Krum, Robert Krum, Pam Stetler, Neil Ellison, Michelle Walzak, Barbara Clement, Debbie & Bill Cochran, Max & Melissa Ramenoksy, Gerri Gibbons from Press Enterprise and Joe Sylvester, Danville News.

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Due to work and family, Vice Chairman Scott stated that he is resigning as Vice Chairman, as of conclusion of tonight's meeting, but will stay on as Supervisor. Supervisor Shultz motioned to make Supervisor Robertson Vice Chairman, Supervisor Scott seconded.

Solicitor Ryan Tira

Solicitor Ryan Tira said the Ordinance for no parking on the north side of Palmer Drive was advertised and is ready to be approved. Supervisor Scott motioned to accept the ordinance as advertised for no parking on the north side of Palmer Drive. Supervisor Whelan seconded.

Solicitor Tira said this will be his last meeting as Solicitor. He is leaving private practice as of this Thursday and occupying the bench early as the Court Common Pleas Judge in Lycoming County. Ryan introduced his replacement, Jonathan DeWald, as the new Solicitor. Ryan said Jon has been with the firm for the last 4+ years and is also his law partner. Solicitor DeWald then spoke and said he has big shoes to fill and looks forward to working with everyone. Supervisor Scott extended congrats to Ryan and welcomed Jonathan.

Zoning Officer – Dean VonBlohn – No Report

Dean said he is getting a lot of complaints regarding dead Ash Trees, killed from the ash worm and asked residents to please have a contractor come in and take them down, so the trees don't destroy their homes.

Police Chief Fred Dyroff – gave his report

Chief Dyroff said there were a bunch of vehicles broken into from July 1 to July 31 and that they are working with Danville Police Dept in a positive direction.

Chief Dyroff said Bald Top road signs are not to be moved and if you are doing it, please refrain as it's for your safety. EMS and fire fighters are the only ones permitted to go around the signs. Resident Bob Krum said motorcyclists have been traveling up and down the closed road. Chief Dyroff said they will be cited, if caught.

Engineer Drew Barton – gave his report. Drew –

Drew said the Taylor residence and Robin Hood West are under construction.

Drew said they opened bids today, for the Maple Street storm water improvements. They received (3) bids (Sikora at \$120,210.00) (Earthworks at \$126,078.58), with the lowest from Gutelius Excavating at \$99,885.00. Drew reviewed the bid and the bond, and everything looks good and asked to award the contract to them. Supervisor Whelan motioned to accept the bid from Dave Gutelius Excavating for \$99,885.00, which includes Mobilization, Maintenance and Protection of Traffic, Erosion and Sedimentation Pollution Control, 48" SLCPP, 2'x6' Inlet, 4'x6' Inlet, and Site Restoration (topsoil, seeding, mulching). Supervisor Robertson seconded.

Drew said traffic studies are done for Bloom Road and Academy Drive and Woodbine and Route 11 retiming. The signal reports were submitted to PennDot and are under review. Drew's goal is still to get it implemented before the Bloomsburg Fair.

Supervisor Scott said he received a response back from PennDot regarding the culvert on Bloom Road. A meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday Sept 20th, at 11:00am, here at the township building.

Dept. of Streets and Infrastructure (S&I Dept.) Lloyd Craig - gave his report

Lloyd said Clinic Road has some issues with settlement. Repairs are underway and should safeguard motorists for the immediate future. Engineer Drew was over to look at the problems and feels an underdrain should help the water under the roadway. They are looking into remedies, which will most likely be next spring or summer.

Lloyd said the Demo Wheel Loader is outside for anyone to see. More demos are set up for next week.

Lloyd would like to have a message board on Red Lane, a week prior to paving, to warn motorists. Red Lane will be closed from Kaseville Road to North Academy Ave. Lloyd hasn't heard back from Gutelius yet on when the paving will take place, but it should be soon. The cost for the board is \$675/week. Lloyd would like to put the sign on the front yard of the shed now owned by SUEZ. Supervisor Scott said the message board that was paid for with the drug and task force money was to be shared around the communities as needed. Chief Dyroff is going to ask Danville's chief, if we can use it for the time period Lloyd needs. If they say no, then we will authorize Lloyd to rent the other board. Supervisor Scott motioned to authorize Lloyd to spend the amounts necessary to rent the appropriate message board for the week prior to paving on Red Lane, after exhausting all other options, including examining the ability to utilize Danville's board. Supervisor Shultz seconded.

Lloyd said they are paying \$65.00 per month, per piece, to rent the plastic Jersey Barriers. Lloyd would like to take the Jersey Barriers down and purchase concrete blocks at \$20.00 or \$25.00/piece, which can be used again. They also won't need to use as many concrete blocks as Jersey Barriers. Engineer Drew, Fire Chief Leslie and Chief Dyroff are all ok with purchasing and using concrete. Lloyd said they may also have to purchase some chevrons for reflective material on them. Supervisor Scott said no motion is required because it is well under the budget. The entire board agreed.

Lloyd asked the board if they can dig up what fell off the side of the hill on Bald Top. He said PennDot put the lane shift sign on Route 11 but would like to remove it. Supervisor Scott would like Lloyd to wait because things are about to get worse, with construction.

Lloyd's team did some brush cutting and limb removal, at the intersection of Clinic and Toby Road. They also got permission from Danville Borough to cut down a big tree, which opened site distance around the corner. Lloyd thinks if they level the bank, fill it and keep it mowed, it will be as close to a permanent fix as they can make without putting up stop signs. Lloyd said this area is in the township but is Borough owned property, within the township. Supervisor Scott motioned to authorize the Dept. of Streets and Infrastructure to perform the work necessary to insure proper line of site of whatever is necessary on Borough owned property, given approval by the Borough, within the township limits. Supervisor Robertson seconded.

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn discussed 10 wheelers going up and down Klein Road to a fill site. He will call follow up tomorrow to make sure the site owner has not exceeded his limit.

Chief Leslie Young –No report - she gave report at the last meeting.

There were two executive sessions held this month. One on 8/21 for ordinances with our new Solicitor Jon DeWald and one today, 8/26 regarding Bald Top.

Unfinished Business:

Supervisor Scott said the Projects tab on the website will be up and running next Friday, September 6th, which will allow anyone to see all reports, including the engineer's reports, concerning Bald Top. The website will also have information concerning Magnolia Court and Academy Avenue.

Bald Top

Supervisor Scott discussed the engineering report regarding Bald Top. Per Scott, the road was improperly constructed. We do not have a proper base under the road, which means the road is going to have to be removed from Route 11 to Timberwood Drive. We will also have to do a water mitigation plan, which will keep the road stable. What we don't know yet, is if the entire hillside is moving. Over the next 3 months period, Drew, the township engineer is going to design, plan and execute the water mitigation plan. Also, on September 16th, there will be (2) inclinometers placed to read movement of the road. After 90 days, our vendor engineer, Josh, will take the readings from the inclinometers and begin to put together his plan. There are several ways to fix the road, one is called Matting, which is like a cloth material that you lay down to stabilize it, using various layers and it's cheap. The other is called Soil Nailing, which costs about \$250,000 and is like gorilla glue. It creates a void in the bedrock and fills it with concrete. Scott said they will also reach out to find a general contractor, while this is all going on. Earliest plan to start rebuilding the road will be next spring (April) 2020 and hopefully open the road in June or July 2020.

Several residents raised many concerns about Bald Top Road

1. Michelle Walzak raised concerns about the motion testing and why it's taking so many steps.
2. Dave Betz raised concerns about the delay of the installation of the inclinometers, since the drilling was done in June.
3. Michelle Walzak raised concerns about EMS plan for the people living on Bald Top, during the water mitigation fix.
4. Several residents (Alvin Swartzentruber and Jim Blankenship) raised concerns about no guard rails, the road washing out and having no painted lines, cars traveling too fast, no mirrors at the hair pin turn and tri-axles traveling on Klein Road. There were other residents who raised the same concerns, however, they left before the meeting was over, so we don't have their names.
5. Several residents raised concerns about driving on Klein Road in the winter months.

Supervisor Scott said Valley Township has been a wonderful partner through all of this and said we are thankful for the relationship we have with them. They were going to pave Klein Road this summer and put it off so we could use the road. Even the pipe they replaced was scheduled at a time when it would be the least impact on everyone. Supervisor Whelan said we've reached out to Valley Township and are working with them to stay ahead of things.

A Bald Top resident said trucks are stopped at the hairpin turn and asked if there is any way to put emergency no parking signs up. Supervisor Scott is going to talk with Valley Township Supervisor Walt Rupert, about putting up Emergency no parking signs at the hair pin turn on Klein Road.

Supervisor Scott motioned to authorize the township engineer to conduct his planned development and bring back to us his plan for execution including cost and time frame for the water mitigation portion of Bald Top Road. Supervisor Shultz seconded.

Supervisor Scott discussed sub leasing radios for the police and fire departments. He said sub lease is a lease between the township and Montour County. The lease will begin on September 1, 2020 and continue until September 1, 2029 for a total of 10 annual installment payments under the lease. First annual payment is due to the County on or before August 1 of each year of the 10-year term of the lease. Montour County will pay the Lessor, Motorola. The amounts of both police and fire are inclusive of the equipment, installation & coding. The amount per year for the police is \$6,891.20 and fire \$3,581.49. The number of equipment for the fire dept. is per FEMA & NFPA guidelines. Supervisor Scott motioned accept the equipment sub lease as discussed hereto. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Montour County will make the total payment.

Chairman Lynn reported that on yard waste pick up days, JDOG has had people call in with 25 bags of waste and brush that he could not haul on a trailer, so because of people taking advantage, we will now limit the yard waste pick per month to 5 bags and small piles of brush. JDOG would also appreciate emailing over calling them because their phone messages get filled up fast.

Supervisor Whelan reported he and Treasurer Ken Houck attended a PSATS training course on developing a township budget, last Friday and said it's that time of year to start working on the budget. He asked the departments to start getting numbers together for next year's expenses and to think about what they want in the budget next year. He also asked input from the supervisors.

Chairman Lynn said we have some vendors coming in to assess the two air conditioning units and heating systems.

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