

## **September 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes held at the Mahoning Township Building**

Members of the Board present: Chairman Bill Lynn, Supervisors, TS Scott, Molly Shultz, John Whelan, Solicitor Jonathan DeWald, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, 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 & Robin Kessler, Nancy Whelan, Joe Diehl, MaryAnn Landi, Dave Martin, Linda Rea, Bryan Campbell, Barb & Josh Sponenberg, Gerri Gibbons from Press Enterprise and Karen Blackledge, Danville News.

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Treasurer Ken Houck gave the retirement plan reports for the police and the street departments. This report is due by the end of September and is called Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO). The best expected (estimated) obligation for 2020 for the police department is \$171,096.00 and 2020 obligation for the street department is \$88,603.00. The total obligation for 2020 is \$259,699.00, which will be offset by state aid. Ken said we received \$93,000 in state aid this year, but he isn't sure what we will get next year.

**Solicitor Jon DeWald** said he is still on track for next month for approving updates on ordinances for street signs, stop signs and street openings.

### **Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn – Had no written report, but discussions were held on the following:**

- They have been working on property maintenance issues. Some letters have gone out to property owners concerning the issues.
- Dean said the heavy hauling of the demolition from Geisinger Nursing Center, for the clean fill at Joe Harvey's, is done. They are now hauling the next thing to top soil. They should have it seeded by winter.

### **Police Chief Fred Dyroff –Gave his report and also discussed below:**

- The recent car break-ins that occurred in July.
- Equipping the unmarked vehicle to make it "patrol ready".
- The purchase of new parking tickets, with the new address and instructions for online payment.
- The Chief reminded residents that school is back in session and said they are attempting to slow down traffic via enforcement of the speed limit.
- The purchase of a professional Nikon camera for crime scene and traffic crash photography and said Jason Bedisky, who is certified, will provide camera instruction to the other officers, will instruct the other officers.

### **Dept. of Streets and Infrastructure (S&I Dept.) Lloyd Craig –Gave his report and also discussed below:**

- Lloyd said the paving on Red Lane, Jade Avenue and parking lot is complete. Line painting is also complete. The subbase that backs up the paving was completed today. They still have some topsoil work to finish.
- Lloyd said they found an old metal storm water pipe on Clinic Road that was buried for years. At some point they will open this pipe to use it to its full extent.
- Lloyd said concrete blocks will be placed around the one inclinometer tomorrow, for protection.
- Lloyd said pedestrian signs were put up on Stearns Lane between Woodbine and Wesner that were not installed by their department or put up by PennDOT standards. He said we could be held liable, if someone hits the signs, if they aren't installed correctly. Lloyd will contact the state highway and Geisinger to resolve this issue.

- Lloyd discussed the need for some oil and chip work for next year on Toby Run, Woodhill, Clinic, the upper end of Bald Top and Klein Roads. He will discuss this with the budget committee.
- Lloyd & Zoning Officer Dean discussed concern of the growing need to get info out to the public to upgrade the addresses on their properties. Dean will post something on the website.
- Lloyd said no schedule has been set yet for the water line installation.
- Lloyd said they are working on speed lines.
- Lloyd said the truck may need a new transmission even though it's going up for sale soon because we will need it, if we get snow.

Dave Martin expressed concerns about how emergency services will get through the closed road during bad weather.

**Chief Leslie Young** – gave her report at the last meeting.

Chief Young asked residents to please get the old addresses off your house.

Chairman Lynn said there were three executive meetings this month. 9/11 and 9/17 for Litigation (personnel) and on 9/20 for Academy Ave.

**New Business:**

The board will wait until the next meeting to vote on the date for Trick or Treat night, once we know what night Danville is having theirs.

Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve the donation for the Halloween parade for \$100 to the Halloween parade and whatever printing needed. Supervisor Shultz seconded.

Chairman Lynn reminded everyone that the start date for leaf pick up is Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019. It will be every Tuesday and Thursday, ending Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Scott said it is for leaves only. Chairman Lynn said they are having problems with the brush pick up and don't want it for the leaves.

Bryon Campbell, 60 Cotswold, expressed concerns about the completion of the water study, swales and ditches.

Linda Rea, 1034 Bloom Road, asked if the board has considered raising the fire tax to help the fire department. Supervisor Scott & Supervisor Whelan said we are still working on the budget and had three 2 hour sessions so far.

Supervisor Molly motioned to pay the bills and adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Whelan 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