

September 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes held at the Mahoning Township Building

Members of the Board present: Chairman Bill Lynn, Vice Chairman Larry Robertson, Supervisors, TS Scott, Molly Shultz, John Whelan, 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, Patricia Swanson, Nancy Whelan, Joe Diehl, Bob & Wanda Krum, Glen Cromley, Bryson Cromley, Linda Rea, Dave Martin, Young Lee, John & Barbara Clement, Gerri Gibbons from Press Enterprise and Joe Sylvester, Danville News.

ALL VOTING WILL BE CONSIDERED UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ken Houck gave the Financial Report for July 2019. A beginning balance of \$624,301.69, receipts of \$454,237.16 and expenses of \$304,117.09, with an ending balance of \$774,421.76.

The Water & Sewer Department beginning balance was \$1,463,417.05, receipts of \$4,142.87, expenses of \$465.87 with an ending balance of \$1,467,094.05. Supervisor Scott motioned to approve both financial reports. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Ken said these reports will be posted on our website, tomorrow.

Ken said (2) CD's will mature in October for almost \$485,000. Supervisor Whelan said we had our first budget meeting last Tuesday and said we will do an investigation on what offers the best interest right now. It might be best to wait until January of 2019 to make a clean break. The board will get together to discuss.

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

Dean said they are still dealing with a lot of property maintenance issues and said that anyone trimming trees, please do not put them on the creek banks.

Dean discussed the fill site at Joe Harveys. The amount of fill that is being hauled up is about 95% complete. They have the proper permits in place so they can dump there. In the next couple of weeks, they will dump dirt down and then will plant top soil. It looks like all they have right now is concrete blocks. If DEP issues a permit, they can haul either way.

Resident Dave Martin raised concerns about the closeness of the sand mound to his well, at the new house being built across the street from his home. Dean will look into this tomorrow and will also check with the SEO and soil conservation.

Resident Bryon Campbell asked if there is an update on Magnolia Court. Dean said they have not come to us about starting a full project yet.

Police Chief Fred Dyroff – Had no written report, but discussions were held on the following:

The Chief said they are still monitoring traffic on Bald Top road and said anyone caught removing the barricades and driving up the road will be cited.

Resident Linda Rea raised concerns about people parking near the stop sign to drop their kids off for the school bus. Chief Dyroff will follow up on this.

Engineer Drew Barton – Had no written report, but discussions were held on the following:

Drew said Bloom road and Academy Drive signal revisions permit was submitted to PennDOT and is under review. He is going to give PennDOT another week before he starts jiggling their chain.

Drew had a meeting with conservation district on growing greener grant, they would like to pursue the grant again, which will go towards the water mitigation plans near Soil Conservation District office. The deadline is sometime in December.

Dept. of Streets and Infrastructure (S&I Dept.) Lloyd Craig – Had no written report, but discussions were held on the following:

Lloyd said SUEZ is getting ready to do the water main installation from Poplar Ave across Bloom Road and hook up on Academy Ave. The work will be done at night, from approx. 7pm to 5am. The contractor will set the red light on Bloom Road to Flash Mode, so the light on Bloom Road will be blinking yellow and the red light on Academy Ave to blinking red, each night while the work is being done. Then they will take it off flash mode, when they are done each morning. The red light will be back to normal during the day. This should start in the next two weeks. They may need flag staff. Engineer Drew said we should get a copy of the HOP and said traffic control will be part of it. Noise may also be an issue since they are tearing up concrete. Lloyd will work with Dean and the contractor concerning starting and ending timeframe and then we will get the word out to everyone via text, newspaper to publish and website so people are aware of this ahead of time. Resident Bryon Campbell raised concerns about SUEZ's responsibility to inform residents of the installation.

Lloyd called Mike Kaharchik, the red-light contractor, to come in and mark the power that goes to each red-light stanchion and the traffic loops on South Academy because we have no way of marking them. It was taken care of. Lloyd will give the bill to Carolyn to send to SUEZ for reimbursement, since it is part of their lines, their overhead.

Lloyd said Concrete blocks were approved last meeting were taken up to Bald top and the Jersey barriers were taken back.

Lloyd said most of the settlements on Clinic Road were repaired but they still have some work to do.

Lloyd said they started paving today on Red Lane, but the plant broke down around 12:30. They will be back up and running tomorrow and if all goes as planned, they may complete paving tomorrow. The line painting is scheduled for the end of this week. They also plan to pave the police department lot tomorrow morning so the police can hopefully use the lot by tomorrow afternoon. They will then move to the main parking lot. They hope to be done with entire project by Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

Engineer Drew asked Lloyd when they will get to Bald Top to dig the test pits for the storm water project. Per Lloyd, hopefully Wednesday morning.

Lloyd said they looked at (3) wheel loaders, over the course of the last month. They didn't like the JCB and the turning radius was terrible. Price was \$83,375, which doesn't not include the upgraded warranty package and plow. They also looked at a John Deere and Caterpillar M. The Caterpillar M price is \$87,500, snow plow \$5,300, with a 5-year maintenance plan of \$6,578.00, which is 1 in-house servicing annually for 5 years. Entire cost of the CAT M is \$99,378. The John Deere is a little bigger and a little wider and the cost is \$100,600, snow plow \$5,000, with 3 in-house servicing over a 5-year period. Total cost is \$112,300. Per Lloyd, they are all costar pricing. Supervisor Scott motioned to authorize the purchase of the Caterpillar 906m, which includes the snow plow and 5-year in-house maintenance agreement, for a total cost of \$99,378. Supervisor Shultz seconded.

Lloyd said the delivery time for the wheel loader is around Thanksgiving, plus or minus 2 weeks and that the bid quote needs to be signed.

Chief Leslie Young –Gave her report

Chief Leslie said the average number per calls is usually 5, 6 or 7 because the automatic alarms usually hurt us. Most of the time, they are cancelled before anyone even gets to the station.

Chairman Lynn said there were no executive sessions held yet this month.

Unfinished Business:

Supervisor Robertson showed everyone the new project on the website. He and Supervisor Scott explained how to get into to each tab and how to use it. Scott also said rather than have too many tabs, they combined all of Bloom Road and Academy road projects into one-tab titled Traffic Reduction. Scott said they are also going to create something like the app called Waze, for people to use other roads to get to places.

Supervisor Robertson SEDA-COG is having a meeting a Transportation Study meeting, at Geisinger Justin Drive II office building on September 27th, at 10am. Robertson will attend and hopefully some other township officials.

Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve the August minutes. Supervisor Robertson seconded.

Supervisor Lynn said the next Yard Waste pick up date is Tuesday, September 17th, 2019.

Chairman Lynn and Supervisor Robertson said the start date for leaf pick up is Tuesday, October 29th, 2019.

Supervisor Shultz asked the township to donate to the Columbia Area of Aging for their upcoming BINGO night, held on September 19th, at the Bloomsburg Fire Hall. The building opens at noon and games start at 2:00pm. Supervisor Scott motioned to donate \$250 to Columbia Montour aging. Supervisor Robertson seconded.

Supervisor Shultz motioned to approve the agreement with JDOG, to pick up leaves starting Tuesday, October 29, 2019, ending December 19, 2019. They will pick up every Tuesday and Thursday, at a total cost of \$8,000. Supervisor Whelan seconded.

Resident Glen Cromley discussed concerns about the budget and feels we should add more money to next year's budget for the Fire Department. Supervisor Whelan explained that we just started working on the budget.

Supervisor Scott 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