

October 14, 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 Officer Dean VonBlohn, Fire Chief Leslie Young, Police Chief Fred Dyroff and Dept of Streets and Infrastructure Lloyd Craig. Also present were – Rose & Bill Pursel, Henry Eyer, Bob & Wanda Krum, Nancy Whelan, Linda Rea, Bryan Campbell, Patricia Swanson, Bonnie Martin, Mike Gensemer, Gerri Gibbons from Press Enterprise and Joe Sylvester, Danville News.

ALL VOTING WILL BE CONSIDERED UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Chief Dyroff presented the Commendation Ribbon Award to Officer Jason Bedisky for responding to a call on September 26, 2019, for an armed suicidal individual. Officer Bedisky caused him to remain calm and compliant, which directly resulted in his surrender without causing any harm to anyone.

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn said he will have something to report next meeting.

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

Chief Dyroff reported that Officer Tammy Smith took a week-long training for Child Safety Seat Inspections so that she can do the inspections here at the Township building. This will also be done in a controlled environment. Please contact the Police Department and schedule an appointment (see our website for details).

Drew – gave his report and also discussed below:

Drew said Maple street storm water project is almost done. Seeding today but will still need to put straw down. Drew and Lloyd will work together to do a final inspection of Maple Street.

Drew said they are still working on the green light go permit submittal for Bloom and Academy.

Drew said they met with PennDOT and had discussions on the overall traffic impacts and plans for the future. PennDOT agree that they are responsible for the culvert under Bloom Road. This is a huge hurdle as in the past PennDOT denied that there has even been an issue so knowing they will take responsibility is great. Supervisor Scott said we can now move forward with developing plans and PennDOT can move forward with making plans to impact the culvert, which is part of the water mitigation project.

Drew said we were successful in getting the Flood Mitigation Grant to remove what we call “The Bunker”. They started working with DEP on permitting that. This could take up to 6 months to get the permits. They only signed the first part of the permit and now they get 90 days to review the second part of the permit. Supervisor Scott said there is no reason in the world why this should be a 6 months process. We got the money courtesy of the State Senator and the State Representative. They got us the money so it could be fixed this year before the Spring rains come down and flood the whole thing again.

Supervisor Scott said Blizzards Run, is the creek that runs down Danville Gardens (formally RF Rentals) that floods across the intersection. We’ve been trying to impact this for years. This was to remove some of the silt build up. We sat down with Chip Gross from DEP and showed him our plans. We also apologized for the way the old regime treated them. We talked about long term and short term. DEP wanted a long-term Master Mitigation plan but at the same time, work that can be done concurrently while the long-term plan is being developed.

Dean also talked with the new owners and asked them to brush hog some of the areas. Why can't we get DEP to move? Why do they get 93 more business days to review what they have already reviewed? Scott said he even sent an email to DEP, to ask them to recalibrate so we can get the work done this year, before it snows. Finally said they are available November 1st to meet to discuss why it's going to take 93 business days to review. He even asked if we could come to them. This was last Tuesday, and he hasn't received a response yet. He will try again tomorrow. It should take about a month to do the Bunker and only a days' worth of work to do the silt removal. Chairman Lynn said two people are selling their homes because of these issues; One on Glenbrook and one right across the street from Danville Gardens.

Drew discussed Bald Top. He said there are a couple of inlets, one that discharges along the side of the hill and the other one that comes down to Rt 11. We still need to do more tests. We can use the system that's in there, which is better than boring under the railroad. They will send it to the railroad to make sure they are clear. His plan is to bid this next month. Will probably be a rebuild in the road.

We have preliminary info on the inclinometers. WE have movement of 3/100ths of an inch cumulative so far. The depth of the movement extends more than 20 ft. in some cases 28ft, which is farther than the engineers expected movement to be. All of this means nothing. Way too early to draw any conclusion especially with no change of weather or seasons. If after 2 months, we still see no movement, we may need to extend to the 3rd month. Shortest time frame is 2 months. \$6400/month investment.

Bob Krum expressed concern about putting a weight restriction on the road/hill, once it's fixed.

Drew said they are still waiting on PennDOT to come back with comments concerning the retiming on Route 11. He hopes to have something for the next meeting.

Drew asked the board to think about the Pedestrian Multi-Modal Grant coming up in November. Do we want to go after it and if so, what match level? They will discuss this at the next meeting.

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

- Pedestrian signs on Stearns lane were removed, due to liability reasons.
- New truck should be ready around Thanksgiving.
- The water line that SUEZ is having installed on Poplar Ave, is done. The contractor will come across Bloom Road on the 20th of October and Academy Ave on the 21st. All work will be done at night. Will know more on Monday, how many hours this will take to complete.

Chief Leslie Young – gave her report and also discussed below:

Chief Leslie asked about having the annual Turkey Shoot on November. Supervisor Scott motioned to have the Fire Chief have the annual Turkey Shoot on 11/22. Supervisor Whelan seconded.

Chairman Lynn said there were no executive meetings so far this month.

New Business:

Supervisor Shultz motioned to approve the Halloween Trick or Treat night on Thursday, October 31st from 6pm-9pm. Supervisor Robertson seconded.

Supervisor Scott motioned to approve advertisements for the 8 vehicle & traffic ordinances and one for the curfew ordinance, for action to be taken at the next public Supervisors meeting this month. Supervisor Shultz seconded.

Supervisor Scott had a lengthy discussion about the ordinances (under vehicles and traffic) related to the streets, concerning excavating of the roads and repaving. He wanted to make sure that it was agreeable to the board, that when talking about the streets, that we are not putting an age on the streets. Regardless the age of the streets, if a percentage of the street is dug up by the utility company, then the whole thing has to be replaced from berm to berm, which means the entire paved portion of the roadway, at the responsibility of the vendor and will also incorporate the drainage. Engineer Drew will call our solicitor tomorrow, to discuss.

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

Magnolia court needs to have a resolution amended tonight, for the sewage enforcement act. Supervisor Scott motioned to adopt Resolution #2019-10 to adopt and submit to DEP for approval as a revision to the official sewage facilities plan of the municipality for sewage planning module, which is attached here to for T&S Realty LLC, the development of Magnolia Court, to provide sewage services. Supervisor Shultz seconded.

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

Resident Bryan Campbell asked what the Curfew Ordinance is all about. Supervisor Scott said the problem they are trying to resolve has nothing to do with Mahoning Township kids. Individuals are hanging out at Sheetz, which sells alcohol and concerned for their safety. Scott said it is just under discussion right now. Will make the final decision on the 28th.

Resident Patricia Swanson thanked the police dept. for coming to her rescue for the racoon issue.

Mike Gensemer from Building Inspections Underwriters stopped by and to make sure we were happy with their service and said to let them know if there is anything they need to do to improve.

Resident Bob Krum thanks Lloyd and his team for fixing the issue with his driveway.

Supervisor Whelan motioned to 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