

October 28, 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, Solicitor Jonathan DeWald, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn, Engineer Drew Barton, Treasurer Ken Houck, Fire Chief Leslie Young, Police Chief Fred Dyroff and Dept of Streets and Infrastructure Lloyd Craig.

Also present were – Rose & Bill Pursel, Henry Eyer, Nancy Whelan, Linda Rea, Patricia Swanson, Dan Stamey, Bonnie Martin, Karen Robertson, Jim Barbarich, Lake Randall, John & Kathy Gold, Jerry & Charlotte Lane, Eileen & Matthew Musgrave, Tom Kane, Tom Kessler, Gerri Gibbons from Press Enterprise and Joe Sylvester, Danville News.

ALL VOTING WILL BE CONSIDERED UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Treasurer Ken Houck gave his report

Treasurer Ken Houck gave the financial Report for September 2019. A beginning balance of \$776,438.01, receipts of \$145,930.93 and expenses of \$409,377.68, with an ending balance of \$512,991.26. Supervisor Robertson motioned to approve the Treasurer's financial report. Supervisor Whelan seconded.

Ken also gave the Water & Sewer Department report for September 2019. A beginning balance of \$1,467,094.05, receipts of \$1,886.71 and NO expenses, with an ending balance of \$1,468,980.76. Supervisor Scott motioned to approve W&S report and Supervisor Shultz seconded. Ken said these reports will be posted on our website, tomorrow.

Ken said (2) CD's will mature on October 30th, for almost \$484,994. He searched for rates and found one for 2.75% from JSSB, which will be a savings account, not a CD, or we could put it in with our existing \$8 million CD at Service 1st, for 2.6%. Supervisor Scott motioned to move the 2 CD's at Jersey Shore State Bank to a savings account at JSSB, earning 2.75%, upon their maturity on October 30th, 2019. Supervisor Whelan seconded.

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

Dean said Carriage Manor Builders came in with a formal request to reduce the amount of their Open Letter of credit. They had a problem with the retention pond holding water and also had a problem with an area that wasn't seeded. Dean went up to check on these issues and said they repaired the bottom of the pond and seeded the ground. Dean also took pictures. Engineer Drew said the reduction amount would be \$147,720.78. Supervisor Scott motioned to reduce the amount of the open Letter of Credit for the Bald Top Road Subdivision Robin Hood West for Carriage Manor Builders by \$147,720.78. Supervisor Shultz seconded.

Dean recommended Quail Hollow developer apply for a variance on the reduction of the size of the lots because he doesn't think it qualifies for a cluster development. This is because of the open space requirement. It is a land development waiver. Dean said they would need to submit their plans to the planning commission. A question was asked from the Quail Hollow Engineer, Lake Randall, regarding a variance before submitting the plans for a land development, whether they should apply for a variance before a full submission of their land development plans. Dean said it's their choice. Dean said they should have a discussion with the planning commission, and they will share with Jim and Lake, what all they need to see to make a more informed recommendation. They would like to eliminate the conditional use and remove one step of the process.

Dean also said that heavy haul trucks will be running again with finished fill on Joe Harvey's property.

Police Chief Fred Dyroff - gave his report and discussed:

- The computer and digital fingerprint scanner that was recently upgraded with a new computer and software, and a CPIN (Commonwealth Photo Imaging Network) camera, which captures digital mugshots of arrested persons and stores them on the state system.
- The Chief thanked the Township Road Crew for removing existing shelving and hanging the photo back board for the CPIN camera.
- New parking tickets with our new address and options for online payment.
- Efforts to enforce the speed limit on Red Lane and Bloom Road.
- Sgt. Gerst's three-day class on supervision
- Officer Smith conducting child safety seat inspections here at the office.

Resident Tom Kane asked about radar. The Chief said it's up to the State Legislature.

Resident Dan Stamey expressed concerns about stop sign runners on Maple Street.

Resident Tom Kane expressed concerns about tailgaters near Geisinger and all-around Danville.

Chairman Lynn reminded everyone that Halloween Trick or treat is this Thursday, October 31st, from 6pm to 9pm.

Engineer Drew Barton gave his report and discussed:

Standards adopted by the township on how things are going to get built by the township and developers. Supervisor Scott motioned to adopt the township construction and materials specification resolution as presented by the township engineer. Supervisor Shultz seconded.

Supervisor Scott motioned to direct our engineer to apply for the multi-modal grant, with a 30% match. Supervisor Robertson seconded.

Drew said they are meeting with the railroad on Thursday, to discuss the re-direction of the water coming down Bald Top Road that will cross over to the railroad tracks.

Dept. of Streets and Infrastructure Lloyd Craig – gave his report and discussed:

- The purchase of detour signs for \$1,891.04, since it was costing them \$635.00 per month to rent and they will be up for more than 3 months.
- Paving repairs and crack sealing of roads that have been paved in the last 5 years.
- Paving Test Pits on Bald Top because they were starting to erode from the water.

Resident Rose Pursel raised concerns about sealing their dead-end road.

Fire Chief Leslie Young – Had no written report but wanted to make residents aware and asked the Press and Danville News to put in the papers, that Mahoning Township Fire Dept., East End Fire Company does not solicit funds by phone. They sent out a mailer in August, but nothing by phone. Supervisor Scott said we will also add this to the website.

Chairman Lynn said we had two Executive sessions. One on Tuesday the 22nd with DEP and one on Wednesday the 23rd with Suez.

New Business:

Solicitor Jon DeWald said there were 11 Ordinances that were advertised for public inspection that he proposed the board consider adopting. The first 9 ordinances for consideration, which are amendments to Chapters 223, Sections 8,10,11&12,13,30,32,34,35 & 37, are all clerical clean-up as a result from the county wide re-addressing project.

Solicitor Jon said the first subtenant ordinance is the amendment to section 207 (street openings). This would require any individual or entity seeking to open a street in the township, that they would be required to get a permit from the township. A fee would be established by resolution. The specifications adopted would apply to any work done as it relates to the roadways and what the expectation would be for restorative efforts. They will also be required to initiate the work within one month of receipt of the permit and complete the work within one month after opening the roadway. There would be a period of inspection to make sure it complies with the standards set forward and would also be posting a bond, which will be for 18 months to make sure they adhere to the restorative requirements. Supervisor Scott said this ordinance is all about our money and keeping the roads in the same condition or better, then before being opened. He said paving from curb to curb so the roads stay nice.

Solicitor Jon said the Curfew ordinance is entirely unrelated to the streets. This would eliminate unaccompanied minors (without parents or guardians), from traveling the township roadways from midnight to 6am during summer days, which is the last day of school for Danville to the first day of the new school year. During the school year would be Sunday through Thursday from 11pm to 6am and non-school days would be Friday to Sunday, from midnight to 6am. The police can cite the minor or parent. Police Chief Dyroff gave a brief discussion on the importance of having this ordinance and said many other townships already have a curfew ordinance in place. Supervisor Whelan noted that this is discretionary, based on the circumstances and said there will be exceptions. For example, if the juvenile is coming home from a church or school function, work or prom. Chief said it's like a speeding ticket. It could be a verbal warning or a citation. It all depends on the circumstance.

- 223-8 Maximum Speed Limits
- 223-10 to establish a traffic signal at the intersection of SR-0011 and Woodbine Lane
- 223-11, and 223-12 "Vehicles and Traffic "Article II, Traffic Regulations"
- 223-13 Stop Intersections established
- 223-30 Parking Prohibited at all times in Certain Locations
- 223-32 Parking of Trucks, Buses and certain other Vehicles Prohibited in Certain Locations
- 223-34 Parking Time Limited in Certain Locations, Certain Days and Certain Hours
- 223-35 Special Purpose Parking Zones Established; Disability Parking
- 223-37 Residential Permit Parking
- Chapter 207, "Streets and Sidewalks", Article III, "Street Excavations and Openings".
- Curfew Ordinance for Minors to Promote the Health, Safety, and Welfare of the Township and its Residents

Scott motioned to adopt the ordinances as presented by the Solicitor in total. Supervisor Whelan seconded.

Supervisor Shultz discussed donating to the Homeless Shelter for Veterans to help them out with buying personal items. There will also be a box in the lobby for anyone to put donations. Supervisor Shultz motioned to donate \$250.00 to the Veteran's Homeless Shelter at Orangeville Manor. Supervisor Robertson seconded.

Supervisor Scott said the “Hero’s Fund” Reserve Center has a holiday meal, along with gifts for the Reservists, which the township usually donates to. This year because the Reservists are deployed and won’t be here for the meal, they would like to send items overseas to the Reservists. There is green box out in the lobby, marked “Hero’s Fund”, with a list of items they are looking for. Please stop by and look at the list and when shopping, pick up a few items to drop off.

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, from 7am to 3pm, ending Thursday, December 19th. You must call/email, for pick-up and please be sure to give your name and address.

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn reported that the new Caselle Program for permits should be up and running soon.

Supervisor Whelan motioned to pay the bills. Supervisor Robertson seconded.

Resident Tom Kane expressed concerns about blocking intersections.

Resident John Gold expressed concerns about the “No Parking” on the North side of Palmer Drive. He and all the other residents on Palmer Drive signed a petition to change it back. Chairman Lynn said they were supposed to have no parking signs up in 2001 and said snow plowing and mowing is the reason we have no parking on the north side, as well as the ditch. Resident Gold said they would really like to park on the North Side on holidays and house parties. Chairman Lynn said the ordinance was passed and the parking stands the way it is. Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn said they already have an extra parking spot.

Supervisor Shultz 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