

## **November 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes held at the Mahoning Township Building**

Members of the Board present: Chairman Bill Lynn, Vice Chairman Larry Robertson, Supervisors, Molly Shultz, John Whelan, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, Treasurer Ken Houck, Police Chief Fred Dyroff.

Also present were – Rose & Bill Pursel, Henry Eyer, Linda Rea, Karen Robertson, Dave and Bonnie Martin, Byran Campbell, Gordy Evans, Dave Betz,, Patricia Swanson, 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**

Ken reported that he received (3) Workers Compensation Insurance quotes: AmTrust for \$49,295.00, Brown & Brown for \$47,434.00 and AIM for \$47,789.96. The difference between the lowest quote to the highest is \$1,861.00. Ken said that even though the cost is a bit higher, he would like to stay with AmTrust because he's never had a problem with them. AmTrust is also the only one who keeps the Township and the fire company under one policy. The other two carries split out the fire company into a state program called SWIF (State Workers Insurance Fund), which he said he knows little about other than SWIF can be a bit different with what they will cover and they have some restrictions on what a fire company can and can't do, especially as it relates to fund raising. Ken noted that we also get a 5% decrease for having the safety committee, with AmTrust. Supervisor Whelan motioned to stay with Amtrust. Supervisor Shultz seconded.

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

Dean discussed a follow up on the street opening ordinance. He said we work with the other departments to come up with a cost for the street opening permits. We currently use the fees established by the PA Dept. of Transportation for Highway Occupancy Permits, which doesn't always work for us.

Dean said that Resident Craig Hagenbuch, who has a property down by the hospital stopped by and is concerned about the pipe opening (concrete opening), between his property and the Yoder property, that has a bad wash out. He is concerned it will plug up and would really appreciate if DEP would issue permits.

Dean gave a brief discussion about open burning in Mahoning Township and wanted to remind everyone that NO open pit burning is allowed.

Resident Bryan Campbell expressed concerns about the Keyser's (T&S Realty) stock piling dirt behind the Mahoning Cooper School. Dean is going to check with the soil conservation to make sure they have silt socks around the area.

### **Police Chief Fred Dyroff - gave his report**

Chief Dyroff gave a brief discussion concerning the missing person search conducted in the area of Hess Fields, on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The body was recovered on November 7<sup>th</sup>. He also shared all the agencies that participated in the search.

Chief Dyroff would like to purchase a new vehicle for next year, a 2020 Ford SUV, but would like permission to order it now, so we get it earlier in 2020. The chief said otherwise, if we wait until January to order, it could take until June to get it. The purchase is \$46,366.17 but with the trade in of one of the old cars, the cost would be \$40,366.17. The vehicle will be funded from the invest account. Supervisor Robertson motioned to approve the purchase of the new police car at a net cost of \$40,366.17, from Kovatch Ford, which is Costars approved. Supervisor Whelan seconded.

Resident Bryan Campbell asked how long police cars typically last. Chief Dyroff said, about 4 or 5 years.

Chairman Lynn said they had one Executive session so far this month, on November 6<sup>th</sup>, for the budget.

**New Business:**

Supervisor Whelan discussed the preparation of the Budget for 2020. He said 9 sessions were held over the last two months. During that time, we brought in department heads, who also shared their wants and needs. **Tentative Budget for 2020:**

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| Revenue                  | \$3,510,043.00 |
| General Expenses         | \$1,740,669.00 |
| Police Expenses          | \$ 777,515.00  |
| Streets & Infrastructure | \$ 985,700.00  |

Supervisor Whelan said, if approved, the breakdown will be advertised in Wednesday's newspaper. Chairman Lynn said copies of the budget can also be picked up here at the Township Building tomorrow. Supervisor Whelan motioned to tentatively adopt the 2020 Budget, as outlined. Supervisor Shultz seconded.

Chairman Lynn said there will be no tax increase for 2020 and that we need to tentatively adopt the 2020 Tax Resolution, with NO tax increase. Supervisor Shultz motioned to tentatively approve the 2020 Tax Resolution, with NO tax increase. Supervisor Robertson seconded. This will be advertised in Wednesday's newspaper.

Chairman Lynn reminded everyone that leaf pick up by JDOG is every Tuesday & Thursday, from 7am to 3pm, ending Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. You must call/email, for pick-up and please be sure to give your name and address.

Resident Dave Betz expressed concerns about the reads of the inclinometers, water mitigation, the plans on going out for bids, for the repairs on Bald Top and also about the drive on Klein Road since Daylight Savings Time has ended.

Resident Dave Martin expressed concerns about the multiple dump trucks traveling on Klein Road as well as Klein road needing repairs.

Resident Gordy Evans expressed concerns about the NO Parking on Palmer Drive Ordinance that was passed in August 2019.

Supervisor Whelan motioned to pay the bills and adjourn. 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