

January 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes held at the Mahoning Township Building

Members of the Board present: Chairman Bill Lynn, Supervisors, Larry Robertson, TS Scott, Molly Shultz, John Whelan, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Treasurer Ken Houck, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, Streets & Infrastructure Lloyd Craig, Engineer Drew Barton, Police Chief Fred Dyroff.

Also present were – Josh Krebs, Rose & Bill Pursel, Henry Eyer, Linda Rea, Jordan Frederick, Glen Cromley, Dan Stamey, Patricia Swanson, Nancy Whelan, Ryan Heimbach, Dan Klingerman, Mark Demshok, Dave Klingerman, Dave & Bonnie Martin, Katie & Mike Friscia, Gerri Gibbons, from Press Enterprise and Joe Sylvester, from Danville News.

ALL VOTING WILL BE CONSIDERED UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Treasurer Ken Houck gave his report – and discussed:

Ken then gave the financial Report for December 2019. A beginning balance of \$508,190.08, receipts of \$214,587.29 and expenses of \$593,757.74, with an ending balance of \$129,019.63.

Ken also gave the Water & Sewer Department report for December 2019. A beginning balance of \$1,467,834.42, interest of \$361.98, Uncleared Checks of \$209.62, with an ending balance of \$1,468,406.02. Ken reported this is the last report he will give for the Water & Sewer Dept., as the entire balance (\$1,468,406.02) was transferred over to the township side of the ledger. The only thing left on the water & sewer side is approx. \$14,000 in escrow money, which he will disperse as soon as he locates the owners.

Supervisor Scott motioned to approve the Treasurer's reports and post to the website. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Ken said these reports will be posted on our website, tomorrow. Motion passed.

Ken also discussed the Capital Purchase Plan regarding future funding for high ticket items for the Street and Police Departments. With help from Lloyd and Fred, they were able to come up with money that needs to be added to the budget each year so that the funds will be available, when the items need to be replaced. The board members briefly discussed the importance of having a depreciation schedule.

Solicitor Jon DeWald had nothing to report.

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn gave his report - and discussed:

Dean requested release from the remaining balance of the Escrow account set up for the repair of the sanitary sewer by Ross & Halle Ellison, in the amount of \$4,680.00. The structure has been demolished with the intention of relocating a new structure to a different location on the lot and will require an entirely new connection when a new structure is built, and the funds should be released to Ross and Halle Ellison through their attorney Brian C. Crane. **Supervisor Scott motioned to release the balance of the Escrow in the amount of \$4,680.00 to Ross & Halle Ellison, through their attorney, C. Brian Crane. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.**

Per Dean, at the last Planning Commission meeting held on January 7th, 2020, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended that the Supervisors take action to approve the Frosty Valley Country Club Cabins and Community Building Land Development Plans for the development of 20 Small Cabins (400± Sq. Ft.) and a 10,200 Sq. Ft. Community Building.

Residents Katie and Mike Friscia expressed concerns about the development plans at Frosty Valley Country Club, that were submitted for action by the Mahoning/Cooper Planning Commission.

Supervisor Scott made a motion that the board approve the Land Development Preliminary Final Plans for Danko Holdings, Frosty Valley Country Club Cabins and Community Building. The Occupancy of the cabins is to be limited to over night stays for persons taking part in or attending events at Frosty Valley such as golf tournaments, weddings, celebrations or other similar events and will not be offered to the general public per the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.

Dean also briefly discussed the removal of fill from Magnolia Court Housing Development on Bloom Road, where the fill is being used, excessive dirt and mud on Bloom Road and noise from the trucks using the Jake brakes.

Resident Bonnie Martin expressed concerns about the cracking condition on Klein Road. Dept. of Streets and Infrastructure, Lloyd Craig, Solicitor Jon and Engineer Drew will look into this issue.

Police Chief Dyroff gave his report - and discussed:

Chief Dyroff said the Officers will be conducting their "In Kind" hours during February for the Click or Ticket enforcement, which equates to 3 hours per officer.

Chief Dyroff said the Administrative Assistant's computer was replaced due to hard drive failure. He also said the limited improvements in the police department should be complete by mid-February. Sgt. Gerst and Officer Smith attended Human Trafficking Training at Penn State Hazleton.

Chief Dyroff presented to the board, the Ride Along Program he'd like the supervisors to accept. This program would allow students/residents over the age of 18, to ride with the officers of the Mahoning Township Police Dept., to experience what officers do.

Supervisor Scott motioned to adopt the Ride Along Program for the Police Department as presented by Chief Dyroff. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.

Engineer Drew Barton did not have a report, however had a lot to discuss:

Drew asked Josh Krebs, Soil Engineer for Kleinfelder (formally Advantage Engineers) to discuss the details of Bald Top road repair. Josh said that Soil Nailing will be the most effective means of stabilizing the roadway. He also described the planned process with photos. The information and photos will be put on the Bald Top Projects tab, tomorrow.

Supervisor Scott motioned to authorize Kleinfelder, to complete their design specifications and bid package and to submit it to the township engineer to be completed no later than the 10th of February 2020. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.

Drew discussed seeking a grant for a water mitigation project at Whisper Hills housing development. They want to reduce the amount of water coming across Bloom Road. They inspected these areas and found that many of the basins are no longer there. They need to be restored. Drew will seek a grant for \$350,000, necessary for the project. Once restored, every homeowner moving forward, will be responsible for the maintenance of the retention basins, on their property.

Supervisor Scott motioned to empower the township engineer to seek grants for \$350,000 to begin the Water intrusion mitigation effort concentrated at Whisper Hills. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.

Supervisor Scott made another motion to direct the Township Secretary to send out letters composed by the Solicitor, to all the residents impacted in this area so they are not only informed but can also contact the supervisors with any questions they may have. Supervisor Shultz seconded.

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

Lloyd discussed overtime worked, ditch cleaning from storm water, pothole maintenance, patching and building improvements.

Lloyd would like to put the 2015 truck, Jetter machine and forks from the backhoe on Municibid to sell. He would also like to order new forks for the new Wheel Loader. Lloyd will also go out for quotes for the new forks. **Supervisor Scott motioned to authorize Lloyd and Treasurer Ken Houck to advertise the various items on Municibid. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.**

Lloyd received an updated quote for the line painting for the intersection of Bloom Road and Academy Ave, which includes changing lanes at Geisinger. They are holding the original quote from last year with no price increase but there will be an additional charge for changing the turn arrows on Academy.

Lloyd said he ordered signs for Bloom and Academy and the Police Dept.

Lloyd briefly discussed streets that need paving and chipping for this year. Lloyd said he will get together with the Township Secretary to bid out paving and stone for the year.

Chairman Lynn said one Executive session was held this month. It was on January 22nd, for engineering.

Chairman Lynn asked for Public comments related to unfinished or new business. There was no public comment.

Resident Glen Cromley expressed concerns about continuous repeating of road paving and high crowning.

Engineer Drew discussed coming up with at 5-10-year plan for paving and working with SUEZ and gas companies on their plans.

Chairman Lynn reminded everyone that the Christmas tree pick-up ends this Friday, January 31, 2020.

New Business

Supervisor Lynn read the resignation letter from Tristan Scott, Auditor, who recently moved out of the township. Bill asked if anyone is interested in taking on the position.

Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve December's meeting minutes. Supervisor Robertson seconded.

Supervisor Whelan motioned to pay the bills and adjourn. Supervisor Shultz 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