

February 10, 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, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, Dept. of Streets & Infrastructure Lloyd Craig, Fire Chief Leslie Young, Engineer Drew Barton, Police Chief Fred Dyroff.

Also present were – Henry Eyer, Linda Rea, Lori Anderson, Dan & Cindy Stamey, Patricia Swanson, Nancy Whelan, Jack Metzger, John & B. Clement, Dave & Bonnie Martin, Kyle Yebernetsky, Gerri Gibbons, from Press Enterprise and Joe Sylvester, from Danville News.

ALL VOTING WILL BE CONSIDERED UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn did not have a report

Chief Dyroff gave his report – and discussed:

Chief Dyroff reminded residents that it's against the law to pass when a school bus has the red lights on. Chief said they recently received a few complaints from school bus drivers regarding cars not stopping for the school bus red lights that are loading/unloading students. He also discussed the PA Vehicle code and the penalties associated, if found guilty and said they are going to be doing some enforcement on this to ensure the safety of the students.

Chief also briefly discussed the improvements made in the police department and provided photos of the improvements.

Engineer Drew Barton gave his report and discussed:

Drew discussed the final plans for the bidding of the Bald Top Road Project. He said Engineer Josh Krebs said that soil nailing is the best option for supporting the road and will help to stabilize the ground. This costs \$1,000, per nail and it takes 240 nails for the project. Drew would like approval to advertise for bids for soil nailing and while this is going on, he will also work on preparing the construction package so they can seek bids for that part of the project, while the nailing is going on. **Supervisor Scott motioned to authorize the Township Engineer to put out for bids and advertise. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.** After discussing at length, the supervisors will give the contractors (4) weeks to bid the project, which will be due on March 17th. The bid will be awarded for the work at the March 23rd regularly scheduled supervisors meeting. They would start nailing by no later than April 20th, completing by May 17th, 2020. Then starts the construction, which takes 5 weeks. Chairman Lynn said he has a call into Senator Gordner's office to discuss emergency no interest loans available.

Drew also discussed the bonding of Bald Top & Klein Roads to protect the roads from overuse of heavy hauls. **Supervisor Scott motioned that we authorize the Solicitor to advertise for the bonding ordinance for Bald Top and Klein Road. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.** Drew will complete the engineering study first and then Solicitor Jon will move forward with preparation and advertisement of the ordinance.

Supervisor Scott said the financial aspect of the bonding will be the Treasurer. The enforcement aspects will be the Police Dept. Chief Dyroff will research the purchase of a scale and any certifications required. Scott said permits will be handled by the Zoning Dept and signs will be handled by DSI.

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

Lloyd said they did some test digs on Bald Top for Engineer Drew. They are remodeling and painting. Township Items for sale will be on Municibid tomorrow. Still waiting for an updated line painting quote for Bloom and Academy. They removed the concrete barriers that were around the inclinometers on Bald Top, which is now cleared for emergency vehicles.

Lloyd would like to get an approval from the board to go out for bids for Aggregate (stone) and paving materials. **Supervisor Shultz motioned to allow Secretary, Carolyn Dragano, to advertise for stone and paving material. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Supervisor Scott briefly discussed the township remodeling work being done. When complete, he will show before and after pictures. The police dept would like to turn part of the attic area into a fitness center for the township employees. They plan to go out for grants/private contributions. **Supervisor Scott moved to authorize using part of the \$50,000 budget for renovations to the attic area to do necessary electrical, lighting, etc., and to authorize the Police Officers Association to utilize the empty attic space as a fitness facility, to be used by all of the township employees. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.**

Fire Chief Leslie Young - gave her report and discussed:

Chief Leslie gave her report on January calls and training sessions. She said their average firefighters are up to 8. Average last year was 6. She really hopes it stays that way.

Chairman Lynn said they've had no executive sessions so far this month.

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

Chairman Lynn said they are still looking for a replacement for an Auditor, since Tristan Scott's resignation. It will be one hour per year and the pay is \$10.00

A lengthy discussion was held by the supervisors regarding Dumpster day and whether/not to have it this year. This is due to abuse of the service in the past by some of the residents. Rather than punish all residents, the supervisors decided to make some changes this year and only have it for 3 hours, with changes: including reserving the right to refuse any item at any time and if not in line by 11am, you will be turned away. The entrance will be from Jade Avenue and the exit will be on Bloom Road.

Supervisor Whelan motioned to have Dumpster Day on Saturday, April 25th, 2020 (amended) from 8am to 11am. Must be in line by 11:00am or you will be turned away. Proof of residency required. One vehicle per household, NO trailers of any kind allowed. NO tires, paint cans, appliances with freon, air conditioners, computers, electronic equipment, TV sets, brush, limbs, stumps, grass, garbage, or contractors waste products allowed. We reserve the right to refuse any items at any time. Residents could face charges of theft of services, if caught bringing items that aren't from the township's residents. Supervisor Robertson seconded. (4) ayes and (1) nay. Motion passed.

Resident Dan Stamey asked if it was ok to use someone else's vehicle. The board explained that we check driver's licenses, not vehicles.

Resident Linda Rea expressed concerns about offloading her heavy items on Dumpster Day.

Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve the Humdinger Trail Race coming up on March 7th, 2020, at 10:00am. Supervisor Scott reviewed the insurance and said we are listed as the certificate holder, so we are covered. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.

Supervisor Robertson motioned to approve the 41st Annual Memorial T-Rail 5 Mile Run coming up Saturday, May 23, 2020, at 9:00am - pending PennDOT approval. Supervisor Scott reviewed the insurance and said we are listed as the certificate holder, so we are covered. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.

Resident Kyle Yebernetsky expressed concerns about the retention basin that's always full of water, on his property on Bald Top. Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn will contact Carriage Manor to have them meet and take a look at the property.

Supervisor Whelan motioned to adjourn. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.

This meeting was recorded. These minutes reflect the events and dialog during the meeting but are not transcribed verbatim.

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Carolyn Dragano
Secretary