

February 24, 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, Dept. of Streets & Infrastructure Lloyd Craig, Police Chief Fred Dyroff.

Also present were – Linda Rea, Glen Cromley, Dave Martin, Bryan Campbell, Nancy Whelan, 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

Ken gave the financial Report for January 2020. A beginning balance of \$129,019.63, receipts of \$136,335.05 and expenses of \$185,734.70, with an ending balance of \$79,619.98. **Supervisor Scott motioned to approve the financial report. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.** The report will be posted on the website tomorrow.

Solicitor Jon DeWald discussed:

Solicitor Jon discussed the draft Ordinance for weight restriction for Bald Top & Klein Roads. The engineering study proposed a 10-ton weight limit on these roads. Any individuals seeking access to these roads over this weight would have to get a permit and post a bond. Jon asked the board to move to advertise this Ordinance so it can be considered the next meeting. **Supervisor Scott motioned to advertise the weight restriction Ordinance. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Solicitor Jon also discussed the Special Events Application Form used in the Township that he, Dean, Lloyd and Chief Dyroff updated. The updated form was based off what PennDOT uses for highways. Applicants seeking to have an event or to close a township roadway, will complete and submit the updated application, which will then go before the Police Department, who will make a recommendation and then bring it before the supervisors for approval. Jon would like authorization to proceed with using the updated form moving forward. Supervisor Scott said he reviewed it and said it includes the insurance aspect and spells out specifically what insurance is required, which is paramount to the protection of the township. **Supervisor Scott motioned to adopt the new form as presented by the Solicitor to be enacted immediately. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.** The form will be uploaded to the website tomorrow so anyone can print it off.

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn discussed:

Dean discussed the Street Opening Ordinance that was adopted on October 28th, 2019 and how we still need to come up with an agreement as to what type of form we are going to use, what kind of material spec and what the cost would be. Dean said we need to pass a resolution according to §207-11 A. He recommended we charge as follows:

Private ownership & residential application fee will be \$40.00, plus the surface opening fee of \$30.00 for openings under 35 Square feet. Over 35 Square feet will be an additional charge calculated at \$1.00 per square foot of the opening.

Utilities and commercial application fee will be \$50.00, plus the surface opening fee of \$40.00 for openings under 35 Square feet. Over 35 square feet will be an additional charge calculated at \$2.00 per square foot of the opening.

Street Opening Resolution Continued:

The permit applicant will be responsible to notify the Mahoning Township Engineer prior to backfilling and restoration, all work will be completed according to the Construction Material Specification published by LIVIC, October 28, 2019 and will be inspected by the township engineer in accordance with his approved schedule of fees. **Supervisor Scott motioned to adopt the Mahoning township application for street openings excavation carrying with it the recommendations made by Dean VonBlohn, including the application fees, permit fees and inspection fees and all inspections will be done by the engineer or an individual assigned by the engineer and paid by the permittee based on the fee schedule established with the engineering firm. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.**

Dean discussed new homes in the works & Spring property cleanup.

Dean said he met with the contractor that installed the Storm Water Detention system at Kyle Yebernetsky's property, on Bald Top and said he does have an issue with the foundation drains around his home. The contractor thinks it's a maintenance issue. This is between the homeowner and the developer, not the township.

Resident Dave Martin said that lot #4 is being built on Bald Top, Robinwood. Dave also expressed concerns about the 10-ton limit on the Overlook heavy haul project.

Resident Bryan Campbell expressed concerns about the 10-ton weight limit resolution.

Zoning Officer Jim Dragano discussed upcoming development on Route 11, near Midway Bowling Lanes.

Chief Dyroff gave his report – and discussed:

Chief Dyroff gave incident report, the Police Dept. Ride Along Program for anyone 18 years of age or older, attic cleanup & police lobby renovations.

Chief Dyroff said Police Administrative Assistant, Kim Wilt, just celebrated her 25th year of work Anniversary and said she does a great job.

Chief also discussed his team's assistance in the missing juvenile case and said they were able to locate the boy.

Engineer Drew Barton:

Supervisor Robertson spoke on behalf of Engineer Drew Barton. Supervisor Robertson said the Soil Nailing project has been advertised and said they have gotten some requests for copies of the bid package. Drew's team also sent out bid packages to contractors that specialize in this kind of work. The bids will be received here at the township, until 5:00pm, March 17th, 2020, at which time we will have a Special Meeting for the bids to be open and read. Contractors will be given 15 minutes for short presentations. The public is welcome. The bid will be awarded at the next regularly scheduled meeting held on March 23, 2020, at 5:30pm.

Resident Bryan Campbell asked if Supervisor Scott still plans to take Drone shots. Scott said yes.

Supervisor Robertson said Drew is working with PennDOT to close one lane on Route 11, like they did last year, during construction because there is a potential for there to be falling rocks.

Chairman Lynn said he took photos of the pipe along the railroad bed by Bald Top.

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

Lloyd gave overtime report, discussed the renovation work being done and said all items are on Municibid and have at least one bid on them. The auction ends Friday, March 6th, with a plan to vote on who is awarded the bids at the next meeting, held on March 9th. Lloyd said he is still waiting on the line painting quote on Bloom and Academy.

Lloyd said a vehicle ran into the guiderail at the intersection of Clinic and Toby Run. We can't go back to anyone for repairs because there was no police report. Lloyd would like to buy the parts and repair the rail, however, if this ends up being something that requires a contractor, Lloyd will come back with prices at the next meeting on March 9th. No claim will be filed because the parts aren't that expensive so it's too minor to file a claim.

Lloyd said he would also like any salvageable guiderails that are removed from Bald Top, to use for repairs. Supervisor Scott said to coordinate with the contractor to remove the guiderails and posts before they start construction.

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.

Supervisor Shultz motioned to approve January minutes. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.

Supervisor Whelan motioned to pay the bills and 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.

All Reports are available at the Township Building

Carolyn Dragano
Secretary