

April 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes- held at the Mahoning Township Building – the meeting was open to the public via Tele Conference - due to Social Distancing restrictions. Some of the Soil Nailing Bidders came to the meeting to give their bids and to give presentations.

Members of the Board present: Chairman Bill Lynn, Supervisors, TS Scott, Molly Shultz, John Whelan, **Also present were** – Geri Gibbons from Press Enterprise, Carlos Medine, Ryan Young, Joe Groff, Paul Hale, Patrick Mcalinder and Joe Sylvester from Danville News

Members attending via Tele Conference: Supervisor Larry Robertson, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Treasurer Ken Houck, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, Engineer Drew Barton and Police Chief Fred Dyroff

We only have the names of the public participants that spoke; all other participants have phone numbers. See back page for details.

ALL VOTING WILL BE CONSIDERED UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

The meeting started with the group saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Engineer Drew Barton opened the Soil Nailing Bids. There were (4) contactors that came in to represent their companies.

- Robert Young& Haywood - \$762,340
- GeoBuild - \$682,570
- Merco – \$519,210
- Mar Alen - \$597,699

Each bidder gave a 5-minute presentation about their companies:

Years of service

Company location

Equipment

When they can Start the project and when they will complete the project

Testing

Soil Nailing, solid and hollow bar, along with the advantages and disadvantages of each type of nail

Jobs they've done near the Danville Area

Permits

Manpower

Backlog

All the contractors can start the project as soon as we are ready and all plan to complete the job in 45 days, even if they need to work overtime.

Supervisor Scott explained that we are not going to just take the lowest bid. Many things will go into consideration on who the board chooses to hire.

Treasurer Ken Houck:

Ken gave the financial Report for March 2020. A beginning balance of \$289,040.54, receipts of \$67,957.55 and expenses of \$229,862.19, with an ending balance of \$127,135.90. **Supervisor Scott motioned to approve the financial report. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.** The report will be posted on the website tomorrow.

Solicitor Jon Dewald – No Report

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn discussed:

Dean said he has 2 action items to go over. He would like to remove Paul Matrishion from Planning Commission Alternate and appoint him as the Zoning Hearing Board Alternate. **Supervisor Scott motioned to remove Paul Matrishion (Alternate) from the Planning Commission. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Supervisor Scott motioned to appoint Paul Matrishion as the Alternate for the Zoning Hearing Board. Supervisor Whelan seconded.**

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn – had no report but discussed:

Dean said the Zoning Hearing Board meeting for Quail Hollow Development will be held on April 23, 2020 at 6:00pm, via virtual conference.

Dean said he has received a lot of inquiries concerning storm water for the Quail Hollow Development. He said this hearing on April 23rd is only for (3) dimensional variances. If the developer is granted the variances, he will then submit a full-blown land development plan along with a major storm water plan. Currently, the storm water traversing the property is unimpeded and free flowing. Once the land is developed, there will be less water coming off the property than there is now.

Police Chief Fred Dyroff will give his report at the next meeting

Engineer Drew Barton has no report but discussed:

Drew said we may need a waiver to do the Soil Nailing work, due to the Governor's mandate. He will check into this.

Department of Streets and Infrastructure Lloyd Craig and Fire Chief Leslie Young were unavailable tonight because they were at a fire.

Solicitor Jon DeWald briefly discussed the completed ARLE Grant Application and Authorization Resolution. The Resolution authorizes Treasurer Ken Houck to execute the Grant Agreement and all future grant related documents. **Supervisor Scott motioned to adopt the ARLE Grant Application and Authorization Resolution. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Public comment related to unfinished or new business.

Resident Dave Martin of Bald Top said he couldn't hear a few of the presentations so Supervisor Scott went over them again.

Supervisor Robertson said Brookside Nursery donated some plants to the township. They are already blooming.

Supervisor Scott recognized the police departments continued courageous work during this pandemic, to continue to ensure the residents are safe and protected. **To honor them, Supervisor Scott motioned that the board adopt a Quarantine Leave Policy, that would entitle Mahoning Township Law Enforcement Officers 14 days Quarantine Leave pay, with full salary, if exposed to a known COVID-19 subject or is quarantined due to a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 exposure. Scott said the township will also provide a hotel room, if they want to isolate themselves from other members of their family. After the 14 days, then sick time or comp time kicks in. Nothing about this policy is intended to preclude or prevent an officer from applying for Worker's Compensation benefits. The leave shall expire December 31, 2020 unless the supervisors renew this policy or act to terminate or amend, prior thereto. Supervisor Shultz seconded.**

Supervisor Scott briefly discussed the township joining MARC (Montour Area Recreation Commission). Join MARC. Scott motioned for the board approve joining MARC. If approved, then the current members of MARC will vote to accept them. The solicitor will do a resolution stating their intention to join MARC. This is the first of (3) steps. The principal representatives will be Supervisors Scott and Supervisor Robertson; however, all supervisors are welcome to attend the MARC meetings. Supervisor Shultz seconded.

Supervisor Whelan expressed concerns about the capital contributions language and would like to table the MARC vote, until we receive clarification. A lengthy discussion then took place concerning the years MARC has been around. Whelan felt we shouldn't act on this now without a better understanding of costs that the township may incur. Scott said we would not incur any costs unless we are doing something in our township and that MARC will even go out for grants to help the communities. Scott asked each of the board members to answer Yay or Nay. All answered Yay but Supervisor Whelan, who answered Nay. Motion passed.

Supervisor Scott briefly discussed Supervisors Shultz's strong leadership with the Safety Committee and said he would like to take on the role of Business Ambassador. Supervisor Whelan questioned whether these duties weren't already being handled by all the supervisors. Scott said she would be the point of contact. **Scott then motioned for the board to make her Business Ambassador. Scott said she has an extensive amount of business experience. As Business Ambassador, she would work with new businesses and acclimate them to the township. With her working with the new business, hopefully the new employees will want to live locally, like Danville or Mahoning. No pay will be involved. Supervisor Lynn seconded. Motion passed.**

Supervisor Scott briefly discussed Senator Regan's Intention to create Legislation to Amend the Heart & Lung Act to protect first responders in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Right now, emergency responders, including Law Enforcement Officials, are exempt. On April 1, 2020, Senator Regan issued a Memorandum to amend the Heart & Lung Act to provide crucial protection to first responders in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. **Scott motioned to adopt this Resolution to support Senator Regan's Memorandum to Amend the Heart & Lung Act in support of Pennsylvania's first responders in response to the COVID-10 Pandemic. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Supervisor Lynn said our cleaning company will be coming in Friday to disinfect the building. They will continue to do this weekly, until the normal Friday cleaning ladies come back.

Chairman Lynn reminded everyone that Dumpster day that was scheduled for April 25th has been postponed and depending on how things shake out, it could be canceled.

Chairman Lynn reminded everyone that the Yard Waste pick up from JDOG will start on Tuesday, April 21st, 2020 and end Tuesday, August 18th, 2020. The pick-up times are the 3rd Tuesday of every month, from 9am to 4pm. Bagged yard waste must be at curbside the day of pick-up. This service is for residents, not for Commercial Service Businesses. Residents should call 570-759-7715 or email JDOG at mahoningyards@gmail.com for pick up. Please give JDOG your name and street address. **The supervisors decided to put a limit on the bags per pick-up of 5 bags yard waste with small piles of brush tied together, if possible.**

Supervisor Shultz motioned to approve Special Meeting Minutes for March 17th, 18th and 31st and also the Supervisors Regularly Scheduled Meeting Minutes for March 23rd. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Lynn said they had 1 Executive Session this month, April 6th for Bald Top.

Chairman Lynn asked for public comment related to unfinished business: No comment.

Supervisor Whelan motioned to adjourn the meeting. 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