

April 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes- held at the Mahoning Township Building – the meeting was open to the public via Tele Conference and Audio-Video, due to Social Distancing restrictions.

Members of the Board present: Chairman Bill Lynn, Supervisors, TS Scott, Molly Shultz, John Whelan, Engineer Drew Barton, DSI Lead Lloyd Craig. **Also present were** – Geri Gibbons from Press Enterprise

Members attending via Tele Conference or Audio-Video: Supervisor Larry Robertson, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Treasurer Ken Houck, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, Fire Chief Leslie Young and Police Chief Fred Dyroff

We only have the names of the public participants that spoke.

ALL VOTING WILL BE CONSIDERED UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

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

Ken Houck – Treasurer – had no report

Solicitor Jon DeWald – had no report

Police Chief Fred Dyroff gave the March report and discussed:

Chief Dyroff reminded residents that persons needing to speak to a Police Officer for emergencies should call 911. For all other matters they are to call **570-275-5611** or after normal hours call **570-784-6300**. Officers will continue to respond to emergency and life-threatening calls. Fingerprinting services for all non-criminal justice purposes are still suspended at this time. Chief Dyroff said there were very few warnings for businesses violating the Governor's order pertaining to non-essential businesses operating when prohibited.

Engineer Drew Barton discussed the Soil Nailing re-bids that were opened on April 13th, 2020. There were (4) bids ranging from \$762,000 down to \$519,000. Drew recommended awarding the bid to Merco, from New Jersey, at \$519,210. They are only 2 hours away, can start as soon as we execute a contract and will complete in 45 days. If approved tonight, Merco will have 10 days to get their bonding and insurance in order. The plan is to start construction on May 18th. Drew said he confirmed with Merco that there are no restrictions on them leaving the state, with this Pandemic. Solicitor Jon said the board should motion to award the bid subject to enter into a contract, where the language would stipulate that Merco would adhere to COVID-19 Guidelines. They will vote on this later in the meeting after public comment.

Department of Streets and Infrastructure (DSI) Lloyd Craig gave his report and also discussed:

Lloyd said the street sweeping is still on the books but no firm date yet. He will add the dates to the website as soon as he has them.

Lloyd would like to add the Fog Seal, along with the chip seal project this year. This gets sprayed over top the chip seal and it adds 1 to 2 years to the life of the chip seal. It costs an extra .40 cents per yard on top of the \$3.00 for the chip seal. Total projected price is \$170,000, which will also include the townships half of the Oak Street project (\$23,000). **Supervisor Robertson motioned to advertise to do the Oak street work, chip work and include the fog seal for the bids to be open on May 26th and award the bid sometime after that. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.**

Lloyd said his department will be moving mulch again, like last year for the Danville Community Garden, at the Danville Child Development center. It should only take one day.

Fire Chief Leslie Young gave her report

Chairman Lynn said they had (1) Executive Session this month. It was on April 15th, with engineer Drew Barton.

Chairman Lynn asked for Public comment related to new business:

Resident Cindy Stamey, Oak Street, expressed concerns about ground hogs that are living at the unoccupied home on Maple Street. Supervisor Whelan is going to look into this issue.

Zoning Officer Jim Dragano said construction is opening back up on Monday, May 4th. We will still conduct business in the same manner, with phone calls and emails and will meet at the door to transfer documents.

Chairman Lynn asked for Public comment related to unfinished business:

Supervisor Whelan made the motion to award the contract for the Bald Top Road Soil Nailing to Merco Inc., of Lebanon New Jersey, with the lowest bid of \$519,210, subject to entering into a contract with Merco. Supervisor Scott seconded. Motion passed.

Supervisor Scott briefly discussed the Resolution to join MARC'S (Montour Area Recreation Commission's), Intergovernmental Agreement of Cooperation, to include Mahoning Township as a participant and to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Agreement as presented, discussed at the last meeting. **Scott motioned to adopt to join MARC. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.** Supervisor Whelan said there is no mandatory contribution by the township for operating support, however, he encouraged the residents to contribute to the committee. A lot of their funding is obtained through hotel tax and because of the COVID-19, they are going to see a severe reduction in their revenue this year. He also discussed the reduction of the townships fire department's revenue as well.

Chairman Lynn briefly discussed the Yard Waste pick up that started last Tuesday, April 21st and said the next pick up day will be Tuesday, May 19th.

Chairman Lynn asked for public comment not related to new or unfinished business: No comment.

Supervisor Whelan motioned to pay the bills and adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Robertson 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