

May 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes- held at the Mahoning Township Building

Members of the Board present: Chairman Bill Lynn, Supervisors, TS Scott, Molly Shultz, John Whelan, Engineer Drew Barton, Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, DSI Lead Lloyd Craig & Police Chief Fred Dyroff.

Also present were – Geri Gibbons from Press Enterprise, Joe Sylvester from Danville News, Matt Frick from Larson Design & Ron Leshner from Geisinger.

Members attending via Audio-Video or Tele Conference: Supervisor Larry Robertson, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Treasurer Ken Houck, Zoning Officer Jim Dragano.

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.

Tax Collector - Marlene Gunther – spoke via Teleconference

Marlene spoke on behalf of Congressman Meuser and invited all our Heroes to enjoy a free meal this Saturday, May 16th, 2020 from 1-3pm, at LT Evans. This meal includes those that are homebound. Marlene is asking Townships & Boroughs to partner in sponsoring this event. A flyer has been circulated to the surrounding areas and she is asking everyone to share the information via phone, Facebook, websites, etc., to get the word out. Congressmen Meuser will pay whatever money isn't sponsored out of his own pocket. **Supervisor Scott motioned to contribute \$1000 to the takeout meals, which occurs on May 16th. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.** Check needs to be made out to LT Evans by Thursday or Friday. Treasurer Ken Houck will take care of this.

Solicitor Jon DeWald had no formal report

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn gave his report and also discussed:

Dean briefly discussed the Joint Planning Commission meeting from May 4th. A recommendation was made for the supervisors to approve the Geisinger Hospital Parking Garage Land Development Plan conditioned upon meeting the outstanding items on Drew Barton's Engineers report.

Dean said the continuation of the Quail Hallow variance hearing has been scheduled for May 19th, 2020 at 5:00 PM. The original hearing, along with Public testimony was held on April 23 at 6:00pm. That hearing was closed after hearing no further testimony at 7:00 PM. It was announced that the Zoning Hearing Board would convene at a later date to deliberate and reach a decision. Since the April hearing was closed to further testimony, no further testimony will be considered at this meeting. Information to join the meeting will be on the website. Dean also noted that the meeting has been advertised.

Dean said he and Zoning Officer Jim Dragano have opened the 2020 Spring Property Clean up and property maintenance campaign. They will pay close attention to grass and weeds, open burning sites, receptacles location and coverings, accumulation of trash, litter and debris, accumulation of cuttings, abandoned vehicles and general property maintenance of buildings.

Treasurer Ken Houck:

Ken gave the financial Report for April 2020. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve the financial report. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.** The report will be posted on the website tomorrow.

Police Chief Fred Dyroff had nothing to report.

Engineer Drew Barton has no report but discussed:

Drew said Gum Realty submitted plans on Friday. They will be reviewed at the June Planning Commission meeting.

Drew said Matt Frick, from Larson Design submitted the plans for the Geisinger Parking Garage Land Development and that there is only a hand full of comments outstanding. The goal is to start construction sometime in July. Ron Leshar from Geisinger spoke briefly on the project. **Supervisor Scott motioned to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the recommendation of the engineer, contingent upon those outstanding issues identified by the township engineer being completed, we accept the plans as presented. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Drew briefly discussed an old project from Hawkins Chevrolet that is still hanging out there. Solicitor Jon said they sent them one prior letter but said he will follow up with Hawkins attorney, tomorrow.

Drew asked Dean to track citations issued for the 2020 Spring Property Clean up so he can list them in the Admin section of the MS4 report.

Drew said they received the signed contract back for the Bald Top Road Soil Nailing Project. They also checked out their bonding and insurance Capital projects. The contract just needs to be signed by the board. The Contractor would like to have a Preconstruction meeting the week of May 18th with the plan to start the project the week of Memorial Day. He said he knows we are sacrificing a week, but it makes sense with the holiday and also because we won't be able to set up the traffic pattern with PennDOT until after the holiday. Drew will organize the meeting, as soon as he hears back from the board.

Drew provided the board with a COVID 19 Construction letter that he recommends we provide to contractors, which spells out their obligations to meet the department of health requirements. This is based on a template provided by PennDOT and should be required before we issue the notice to proceed with construction. We will ask the contractors for their state mandated COVID 19 preparedness plan.

Drew only received one bid for the Bald Top Traffic Control project, which he opened last Monday. The bid was from RC Young for \$89,075.00. This is for installing and maintaining traffic control devices for workspace in the single-lane approach along SR-11, for 147 days. This price includes setting up and tearing down of the devices. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to award the contract for Lane restrictions to Robert C. Young for \$89,075.00. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.**

Drew said they will also have a Preconstruction meeting with PennDOT. He will organize the meeting and will let the board know the date.

Drew needs to confirm with the railroad that they are going to sign the M947 to receive the water we will be putting over there. There was concern on the first design because we will be putting this all out one pipe instead of allowing it to spill over the roadway. They wanted the township to replace the pipe over the rail. He called the railroad today and they will get back with Drew.

Drew briefly discussed the Danville Area Transportation Study concerning future projects. Drew will have final review later this month.

Supervisor Whelan said a resident was concerned with erosion and grass that never grew, on the drainage pipe that was put in between Maple and Oak Streets last year. Drew will reach out to the contractor and said their bond should be 18 months so they will correct it.

DSI Lead Lloyd Craig – gave his report and discussed:

Lloyd said they had overtime due to a tree down, shoulder cutting, routine maintenance, red and green light bulbs burned out on Woodbine and Route 11. One bulb was already replaced and the other will be replaced next week. Lloyd also said the Street sweeping is done.

Lloyd discussed contractors removing the barrier blocks and the guiderails on Bald Top. As discussed before, he would like 1/3 of them and also wants the posts. Drew said the contractors will take them down and that he will reach out to come up with a game plan.

Drew and Lloyd briefly discussed getting final approval from PennDOT, regarding Lane changes. Drew said the traffic control plan is under review with PennDOT. The permit has not yet been issued.

Lloyd received quotes for signs, which includes all the weight limit signs for Bald Top, some stop signs and miscellaneous signs for stock:

- Newmans Signs Inc. \$1,228.96
- Bradco Supply Co. \$1,273.40
- Chemung Supply Co. \$1,239.81

Chairman Lynn motioned to buy the signs from Newmans Signs for \$1,228.96. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.

Lloyd also received the pipe quotes to include projects on Ridge Drive, Red Lane and Primrose:

- Chemung Supple Co. \$4,185.46
- Bradco Supply Co. \$4,432.54
- Fry's Plastic \$3,932.92

Supervisor Whelan motioned to buy the pipe from Fry's Plastic for the pipe projects for \$3,932.92. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.

Lloyd discussed putting up No Trespassing signs during construction on Bald Top. Solicitor Jon said it would be wise, for liability purposes and said it takes the responsibly off the township. The board agreed to have the signs posted. Lloyd will get them from Coles. Supervisor Scott said Dean, Jim, Chief, Lloyd and Leslie are included in the invite for the kickoff meeting with the contractor.

Fire Chief Leslie Young– gave her report – and also discussed:

Chief Leslie said their average has stayed at 8, which is up from last year. She said the pagers that were ordered by the county, have arrived and said they will give to the fire fighters this week. She is still waiting on the radios.

Public comment related to unfinished or new business:

Supervisor Whelan briefly discussed the letter that the township supervisors put on the website and wanted residents to know that he did not want his name on it. He felt we could have all done a better job. We could have met with the fire chief and come up with a reasonable solution. We are tasked with problem resolution. He commended the firefighters also apologized and said he hopes this taught all of us to start working together.

Chairman Lynn said they had 1 Executive Session this month, April 29th, for a legal matter.

Unfinished Business:

Treasurer Ken Houck and Supervisor Robertson reminded the residents to complete the 2020 Census. Supervisor Robertson said the Census workers started doing door to door today and said it's important that everyone completes this because it affects our state and federal funding.

Supervisor Scott motioned to adopt the Property Tax Resolution, which extends the face amount to September 30th. This is for the 2020 calendar year. Not past years. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.

The board briefly discussed the possibility of having Dumpster Day. Supervisor Scott said that if we do it, we should do it under the same strategy as before but change the place to the Danville Soccer Fields, which Danville Borough uses. We'd have more room to spread out. If we do have it, those capable can unload their own items. We would only help the less capable. The board decided to table this for now until they have time to do some research.

Supervisor Shultz motioned to approve April Meeting Minutes. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Lynn reminded the residents that the next yard waste pickup will be next Tuesday, May 19th.

Public comment not related to new business:

Resident Glen Cromley thanked Supervisor Whelan for his words concerning the fire department issues. wanted to remind everyone that we all need to be good stewards and that we need to work together.

Supervisor Whelan motioned to 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.

All Reports are available at the Township Building

Carolyn Dragano
Secretary