

July 13, 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, Treasurer Ken Houck, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, DSI Lead Lloyd Craig & Police Chief Fred Dyroff

Also present were – Geri Gibbons from Press Enterprise

Present via Audio-Video – Solicitor Jon DeWald, Fire Chief Leslie Young, Engineer Drew Barton

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

Engineer Drew Barton –

Drew discussed realigning the Whisper Hills Run Retention Pond Storm Water System. He said a large percentage of the storm water basins don't even exist or are undersized. The supervisors agreed to have Drew & Solicitor Jon to put together a letter that can be sent to the homeowners to inform them of the plan.

Drew said he will advertise for bidding the Culvert removal for Blizzards Run, on Tuesday, July 14th and Friday, July 17th, to hopefully award the bid at the next meeting.

Drew said everything is going well with the Bald Top project. He also said the Bald Top road reconstruction advertisement will be advertised next week for the road repair, with the bid opening/award to be on August. 10th. Drew said the plastic mesh at the site is the erosion control blanket until the vegetation takes.

Police Chief – no report tonight.

Treasurer Ken Houck:

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

Solicitor Jonathan DeWald – No report

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn had no report but discussed:

Dean said he received an application for a permit for Fireworks display for August 8th from 9pm to 10pm, at the Frosty Valley Country Club and is seeking approval. He said that the permit was sent in with a sketch of where they start /landing site, registration form, cert of insurance. They will be shooting out near the pond. The gentleman seeking the permit is setting up a meeting with Dean and Tom from Country Club, on July 28th or 29th, for a site investigation, which is part of the permitting process.

Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve the August 8th fireworks display permit, from 9pm to 10pm at the Frosty Valley Country Club. Supervisor seconded. Motion passed.

Dean said they hope to have more information by the next meeting, regarding the drone they'd like use between Zoning and the police dept.

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

Chief Young said they are going to tour the apartments at Magnolia Court and take their apparatus to make sure they can get around the building before they are occupied.

Chief Young said people still have not updated their addresses in Cooper Township, which makes things very confusing. Zoning Officer Dean said this is a requirement in the property maintenance code and Zoning Officer Jim said he will talk to Cooper Township at the next meeting.

Chairman Lynn said they had one executive session so far this month, July 1st, for an engineering update.

Chairman Lynn asked for public comment related to unfinished or new business:

Resident Diane Perdoe from 796 Bloom Road expressed concerns about the lack of parking signs near Subway, with so many people walking and jogging. Zoning team and supervisors will look into this.

DSI Lead Lloyd Craig – had no formal report and also discussed:

Lloyd said the weight limit signs are still on order for Bald Top.

Lloyd said they ran into a major problem on Ridge Road. They broke a saw trying to cut 14 inches of amosite on this road. Robert Young came down and used their road saw to cut the remainder. They will need to put it in the budget for next year for a bigger diameter road saw.

Lloyd said their hand-held rotary saw also died. It was 8 years old, so he ordered it from Blooms Repair and received a new saw. Cost was approximately \$1260.

Lloyd discussed “Permit Required” signs to go under the small “Mahoning Township” signs at the township line. **Supervisor Scott motioned for Lloyd to purchase the signs, pending PennDOT approval. Supervisor Whelan seconded.**

Lloyd said the pipe for Primrose is on the list for this summer.

Supervisor Robertson said they’ve been researching the 50ft private road on Linden lane that Mahoning hasn’t maintained. Robertson asked if the board would like to pursue rights-of-way so that if an extension is needed, we can go ahead and do it. Solicitor Jon said relevant individuals to acquire the right-of-way are Karen Dyer, Travis & Kaylee Tayler, Randolph & Betty Blodgett and Mark Fry. Fire Chief Young said it would be an asset to the fire dept. because right now they have to go all the way through Kaseville Road to get to Red Lane and said we could always control access to only use as an emergency route. Drew will survey these properties to determine the exact requirements for the right-of-way.

A lengthy discussion was held about approving the Police Station Drawings. Supervisor Scott said MEPS drawings were required by Zoning, in order to get the permit, which made the costs higher than expected and that this will come out of the \$50,000 approved renovations resolution, that we started last year. Supervisor Whelan & resident Glen Cromley expressed concerns about spending the money right now. Supervisor Whelan would like to table it until we have a better handle on the COVID virus. He said we don’t know the effect of the earned income tax and fuel tax and said the fire dept. lost \$20,000. DSI Lead Lloyd Craig expressed concerns about the winter weather. Supervisor Scott said the plans from Larson should be done in 90 days and has no idea on the overall costs yet but should have that with the completion of the plans.

Police Chief Dyroff said they are trying to mitigate the number of people coming through the front lobby for safety purposes and said there is no bathroom for anyone in custody, other than the main lobby. Chief Dyroff said we are continuing to improve and make this safer & more professional and that we want to be accredited, which we would not pass right now. **Supervisor Scott motioned to accept the bid for \$17,300, to create the drawings necessary for the permitting for the police dept remodel. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Supervisor Whelan was the only supervisor to vote Nay. Motion passed.**

Supervisor Robertson motioned to approve June meeting minutes. Supervisor Whelan seconded.

Supervisor Robertson briefly discussed his concerns on the upcoming Dumpster day and discussed the possibility of postponing Dumpster Day until fall, due to the continued spread of COVID. Supervisor Whelan said the soccer field is not available then so postponing it till then won't work. He said he plans to make everyone wear a mask and will be able to socially distance because they are outside and have a big space. **Supervisor Robertson motioned to approve Dumpster Day for Saturday, July 25th, 2020. Masks are required. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.** Treasurer Ken Houck will complete the insurance paperwork required by Danville Borough.

Chairman Lynn asked for public comment not related to new business:

Resident Glen Cromley expressed concerns about why we haven't opened the meeting to the public. Supervisor Robertson said we can't refuse anyone who comes to the meeting; however, we don't have a lot of room here to maintain social distancing.

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