

August 10, 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, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, Engineer Drew Barton, DSI Lead Lloyd Craig & Police Chief Fred Dyroff

Present via Audio-Video –Fire Chief Leslie Young

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

Supervisor Whelan thanked the police dept., street dept. and fires dept. for their help during the storm last Friday.

Police Chief Dyroff discussed:

Police Chief Dyroff gave a brief discussion on the research that he and Zoning Officer Jim Dragano did on drones. The chief said they could purchase one large drone for \$28,000 that doesn't have thermal imaging, for nighttime use or they could purchasing 2 smaller drones for \$13,475, which together has everything both department need; one of the drones would have an infrared camera, which would be mainly used by the police and the other would have mapping capabilities needed for zoning. Plus, you can use both at the same time covering twice as much of an area. The cost does not include training. Dragano and two police officers will be trained and certified to use the drones. The fire dept. will have access to the drones through the police and zoning depts. **Supervisor Scott motioned to accept the proposal by the police dept and UCC Zoning as presented to buy the two drones at \$13,475. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Supervisor Whelan was the only Nay. Motion passed.** Supervisor Whelan said he wasn't opposed to buying the drones but wanted to wait and put it in next year's budget. Whelan also wanted to hear comments from the public. The Chief will update the police policy on drones. Chairman Lynn said the three operators will use the drones for everyone's needs - to help DSI, Fire, County, Danville, etc.

Resident Bryan Campbell raised concerns about mapping but said he thinks drones are a great idea.

Richard Spotts raised concerns about mapping and about the fire department usage of the drones.

Engineer Drew Barton –

Drew said he did the inspection on Hawkins Escrow and will provide a final approval letter to Dean.

Drew would like approval to pay the 2nd invoice from RC Young for the Bald Top project for \$22,268.75, which takes them through 80% of their contract. **Supervisor Robertson motioned to approve payment to RC Young for \$22,268.75. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Drew opened bids for the Bald Top Road Re-Construction project at 5pm and said there are (4) bids. He would like to evaluate each bid first and will give a breakdown of each bid as well as award the bid at the Special Meeting set up for Monday, August 17th at 5:00pm, here at Mahoning Township. The meeting will be advertised.

Drew said the Linden Lane survey is a couple of weeks out.

Drew said RC Young should start the Culvert Removal end of this week or beginning of next.

Resident Dave Betz expressed concerns on how long the Bald Top Road Re-construction seems to be going.

Resident Bryan Campbell expressed concerns about Cooper Sub-Division.

Resident Dave Betz raised concerns about the reconstruction of Bald Top start date.

Treasurer Ken Houck discussed:

Ken will give his report at the next meeting.

Ken would like to use Norris Mclaughlin law offices for help with COVID issues, questions, etc., concerning legislation that comes out daily. He doesn't want to miss out on grants and other funding opportunities that are out there. So much information that is out there needs to be clarified, which they can do. Ken will report monthly on how much he uses the law office. He will also provide their advice. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to authorize Ken to use Norris Mclaughlin for COVID related issues at a rate of \$200 per hour. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Supervisor Scott recused himself from the vote because has a relationship with the firm. Motion passed because the other (4) voted yes.**

Solicitor Jon DeWald – gave his report and discussed:

Solicitor Jon requested supervisors take action for Cooper Township ordinance that has been advertised for authorization so Mahoning Township Police can provide coverage when requested by Zoning Officer Jim Dragano, with the effective date being July 30th moving forward. **Supervisor Scott motioned to accept the Intergovernmental Cooperation Services Agreement Ordinance with Cooper Township between them and our police dept. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.**

Solicitor Jon said he completed the letter that needs to go out to Whisper Hills residents for the stormwater management issues. He will send the letters out as soon as Engineer Drew has a chance to review.

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn discussed:

Dean is going to send a letter to the owner of 786 Bloom Road concerning a tree that's down and is laying across the sidewalk that needs to be cleaned up.

Dean said Carriage Manor Builders contacted him concerning getting a permit required to haul approximately 30 triaxle truckloads of topsoil to a single-family dwelling at the corner of Woodhill and Bald Top.

Dean said he received a letter from the lawyer who represents the property owner at the corner of Academy and Bloom Road, requesting an extension of time. Dean said, according to the property maintenance code, they have 20 business days to appeal so an extension cannot be granted.

Lloyd – gave his report and discussed:

Lloyd said they should complete the job on Primrose Court by the end of the week.

Lloyd said he ordered (10) "Permit Required" signs, however they cannot be put on PennDOT's state right of way, so once received they attach them to any points of entry into the township that are on our roadways. Example: Bald Top Road, Red Lane, Railroad, etc.

Lloyd said all of the Weight limit signs on Bald Top are installed, with the exception of the 2 signs the Engineer Jesse wants installed at the bottom of Bald Top Hill near Route 11. They will be installed, once the reconstruction of Bald Top is complete.

Lloyd said the camera & timing at Bloom and Academy and the timing at Woodbine Lane might be done by this weekend/next week.

Lloyd will have quotes for Kingsley and Crestwood repairs at the next meeting.

Lloyd got 3 quotes for Yearly Line Painting for the entire township:

DE Gemmill \$7,176

DeAngelo \$8,260

Alpha Space Control - \$6,844

Supervisor Scott motioned to accept the bid from Alpha Space Control for \$6,844 for yearly line painting. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.

Resident Bryan Campbell express concerns about sealing the cracks and storm water catch basin on Cotswald Drive.

Fire Chief Leslie Young – will give her report at the next meeting.

Chairman Lynn said they had No Executive Sessions

Chairman Lynn asked for Public Comment on unfinished or new business:

Resident Bryan Campbell expressed concerns about the Mahoning's monetary help fixing the Whisper Hills Storm Water Issues.

Chairman Lynn said the next yard waste pick up will be Tuesday, August 18th. No large piles of brush accepted. 5 bags maximum.

Supervisor Robertson motioned to approve July Meeting Minutes. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Lynn asked for Public Comment: No comment.

Supervisor Shultz motioned to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Whelan 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