

## **September 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes- held at the Mahoning Township Building**

**Members of the Board present:** Chairman Bill Lynn, Supervisors, TS Scott, Molly Shultz, John Whelan, Larry Robertson, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Treasurer Ken Houck, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, Engineer Drew Barton, DSI Lead Lloyd Craig & Sergeant Matt Gerst

**Present via Audio-Video** –Fire Chief Leslie Young

ALL VOTING WILL BE CONSIDERED UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

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

### **Police Sergeant Gerst gave the police report and discussed:**

Sgt. Gerst discussed recent training that Officer's Bedisky and Clossen received and said the other officers will receive the same training by years end.

Sgt. Gerst would like the board to consider purchasing an additional camera video intercom system for the front door, with a fixed camera installed to monitor the front door 24/7. Sgt. Gerst said it's a safety risk, a COVID risk and a physical safety risk for the secretaries to unlock the door before they can determine the persons intentions. This camera will be integrated with the video/security system currently in place.

**Supervisor Scott motioned to empower the chief to move forward executing on the additional cameras and speakers added to the front of the building as he proposes in his report. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.**

Sgt. Gerst said they were approached by Kovatch dealership to see if they were willing to trade in the SUV now and use the trade in amount towards the purchase of a 2021 SUV. The township would receive \$9,300 for the trade-in. Purchase of the new SUV, minus the trade-in value of \$9,300 would be \$45,407.60. Sgt. Gerst said they are seeking approval to move forward with the trade-in and new purchase and said this would be paid out of the 2021 budget. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to authorize the chief to trade-in the 2015 Ford SUV to Kovatch for \$9,300 to be applied to a 2021 Ford police vehicle that was reserved for the 2021 budget anyway. Supervisor Scott seconded. Motion passed.**

Sgt. Gerst said the radios installed in the patrol cars and are working fine and said the body worn cameras should be here soon.

### **Engineer Drew Barton gave his report and discussed:**

Drew said they started the Blizzard Run Culvert removal project last week and should complete the work by Friday. Drew said Young has an application payment in for \$94,100, minus the 10% retainage that we hold. Drew would like the supervisors to approve payment for \$84,690. **Supervisor Scott motioned to make the payment of \$84,690 at the end of this week, pending completion of the final items the engineer addressed. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.**

*Drew asked for approval to pay RC Young for the Traffic control on Bald Top for \$16,924.25. Supervisor Scott motioned to pay RC Young \$16,924.25. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.*

Drew said PennDOT let us get away without eradicating a bunch of lines for the Bald Top Road Project. Someone complained so they are now requesting that we install 4 more channelizers, change order price, which is an additional \$2,370. **Supervisor Scott motioned to accept change order for eradicating the lines, at direction of PennDOT for \$2,370. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.**

Drew briefly discussed the Bald Top Road Reconstruction project. Hawbaker plans to start moving the guide rails tomorrow. Their plan is to complete by October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Drew briefly discussed Bloom Academy Signal plans and said timings were implemented but two of the cameras were bad. They will fix as soon as the pieces arrive. Stop bars were also moved back to try to accommodate buses and big trucks.

Drew briefly discussed the survey on Linden Street extension and will meet with Lloyd to discuss some issues with the route of the extension.

**Treasurer Ken Houck gave his report and discussed:**

Ken gave the August treasurer's report. **Supervisor Shultz motioned to approve the August treasurer's report. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.**

Ken discussed issues with an old escrow from the Danville Ambulance that's been around since before he came. The problem with the escrow is determining who it belongs to so that we can disperse the funds to the rightful owner. And since we have no records back that far, we reached out to Solicitor Jon who recommends we could re-appropriate the funds back to the general account, by resolution and if anyone comes forward with proof that the escrow is theirs, we can then pay them right out of the general account. This will be tabled until next meeting because we are still doing research.

**Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn had no report but discussed:**

Dean said the homeowners of the two trees on Bloom Road that were damaged during the storm, are working together to have trees cut down and said both parties were very cooperative.

Dean said he gave Shawn Groner from Bloom Road until tomorrow to clean up the trailer full of garbage or he will start action with the magistrate.

Zoning Officer Jim Dragano said the drones are in, however, they won't activate them until after training, which isn't for a few months.

**DSI Lead Lloyd Craig gave his report and discussed:**

Lloyd received contractor prices to fix the damaged end wall at Kingsley and North Crestwood.

Glenn Hawbaker - \$62,000

Don E. Bower - \$13,300

RC Young - \$11,698

**Supervisor Scott motioned to accept the bid from RC Young for \$11,698, to fix the end wall at Kingsley and North Crestwood. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Lloyd received updated fee schedules from the red-light contractor for red light work, inspections and emergency work, which Lloyd said we usually receive every three to four years.

Lloyd discussed issues with the red light on Bloom Road and Academy. Bloom Road flashes yellow and Academy flashes red and it's causing confusion. Some people stop at yellow and go on red. Lloyd said that Officer Ryan Pander witnessed the confused drivers and agreed there is a problem. Lloyd thinks the flashing lights should all be red. He also has a video. **Supervisor Scott motioned to authorize our Solicitor Jon to approach PennDOT with the request and to provide the video support as well as reach out to Officer Pander, if necessary. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.**

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

Chairman Lynn asked Chief Leslie about their plans for Halloween. Chief Leslie said they usually drive the engine truck around the neighborhood but said it will all depend on if we have a trick or treat night this year.

Chairman Lynn said they had an executive session meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup> to go over police station plans.

**Chairman Lynn asked for public comment on unfinished or new business:**

Resident Dave Martin expressed concerns about the Bald Top Road construction being pushed back a week and is concerned the contractors won't complete on time. Supervisor Scott said everything is on schedule to complete early, by October 21<sup>st</sup>. Supervisor Scott said emergency vehicles will not be able to use the road, once they start tearing it up.

Resident Dave Martin asked the supervisors to extend the yard waste pick up through September next year, 2021.

Supervisor Shultz would like the supervisors to make a donation to the Columbia Montour County Area on Aging. The supervisors approved a donation for 2019 but it was never sent. **Supervisor Scott motioned to approve \$250 for 2020 and to write another check for \$250 that was voted on and passed for 2019. 2019 was for \$200 but we will approve \$250. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.**

Chairman Lynn briefly discussed Halloween this year. Supervisor Scott said with the COVID and the safety aspect, we will not endorse Halloween this year. Supervisors also decided to pick Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 6pm to 9pm, for those that want to participate and asked that everyone please follow the CDC guidelines like; social distance, masks, small crowds, hand sanitizers. If you want to received trick or treaters, turn on your porch light.

**Supervisor Robertson motioned to approve August meeting minutes, which includes Special meeting August 17<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Chairman Lynn said Leaf Collection starts on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. JDog will pick up every Tuesday and Thursday. Last pick-up date will be Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Scott said he received a quote from MePUSH concerning hardwiring the screens in the assembly room that keeps freezing up. Total cost in and out the door is \$4,034.60. They decided to table this until the next meeting.

Chairman Lynn asked the treasurer to explore the possibility of applying for supplemental grant money for additional COVID-19 related expenses.

Supervisor Scott said that Skype will be going away as of January 2021. He said we will migrate to Teams hopefully by the end of October.

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

*Resident Bryan Campbell is relieved that they will address and correct the sound issues.*

***Supervisor Whelan motioned to adjourn. Supervisor Shultz 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