

September 28, 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, Police Chief Fred Dyroff, Fire Chief Leslie Young & Assistant Fire Chief Rick Spotts.

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

Police Chief Dyroff gave the police report and discussed:

Chief Dyroff briefly discussed the officers receiving additional firearms training this fall and said this training has been added for this year and will be conducted annually in addition to mandatory qualifications which is conducted in the spring.

Chief said he anticipates the arrival of the body cameras to be in soon. The server upgrades have been completed by MePush. The police vehicles will need to have components installed by Kovatch, but that work will be completed here. As noted, when the cameras were proposed, our policies have been updated to include use of body cameras.

Chief said the drones that were ordered last month have arrived. The training for the drones is scheduled for the third week of November here in this meeting room. He hopes to have the drones fully operational in January – February 2021. The delay between training and deployment is the fact the operators must take a pass the FAA 107 test. In order to fly a drone under the FAA's Small UAS (Drone) Rule (Part 107), you must obtain a Remote Pilot Certificate from the FAA. This certificate demonstrates that you understand the regulations, operating requirements, and procedures for safely flying drones.

Chief said there have been 3 versions of the police office remodel, each version showing modifications and improvements to the prior rendition. It is anticipated that the process will be moving forward with Board input and approval in the coming weeks.

Engineer Drew Barton gave his report and discussed:

Drew briefly discussed the Bald Top Project. He said RC Young put the extra signs out that PennDOT required, for traffic control. Drew said Hawbaker is held up on putting in storm water, due to cement basins, however, they are still on schedule to complete before the end of October and said they will even work on Friday's, if needed, to make sure they complete on time.

Drew said the Traffic control parts are still two weeks out.

Drew said the Linden extension survey is done and that they are working on the design now. Drew will pursue the Multi-Modal grant for Linden & Bloom Road, if the supervisors want, which ends November 6th, with a 30% match. He will bring the drawing next week so the supervisors can take action.

Drew briefly discussed drafting a letter for the completion of the Culvert Removal. He and Dean will discuss trees that need to still be planted and a fence that needs to be put up, for safety reasons.

Treasurer Ken Houck read aloud, the (Minimum Municipal Obligation Letter), a township financial obligation, which he is required to give by the end of September, each year. This has to be mailed by no later than October 5th. It gets submitted now for police and street depts. These are calculations of 2021 and is a best estimate. These must be paid by December 31, 2021, under act 205. No action required, per Solicitor Jon, since it's going to be in the budget.

Ken briefly discussed the upcoming budget meeting, which will be held on October 27th, 28th and 29th. He said he will come up with an agenda before then and will also advertise in the paper.

Ken said he received UGI's portion of the money for the work done on the Oak Street paving project. Mahoning paid half and UGI paid half. It will be deposited in the Liquid Fuels account.

Solicitor Jon discussed the unfinished business of the dormant escrow account for the Danville Ambulance, that has had no activity for over 10 years. He wrote a Resolution to close the Danville Ambulance Escrow Account for \$1,041 and move it into the General Account for purposes of operations. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to close the dormant escrow account for \$1041. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.** If at any given time, Danville Ambulance shows proof that this money is theirs, we will turn over the funds to them.

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn – no written report but discussed:

Dean briefly discussed the ongoing property maintenance issues at the home of John Pickens, that he has been fighting for 8 years. John was just found not guilty at the last appeal, which Dean missed so he would like permission to appeal it. Solicitor Jon is going to get involved since this will now go to the Court of Common Pleas. Supervisor Scott recommended to authorize Dean to move forward. All supervisors agreed.

DSI Lloyd Craig – gave his report and discussed:

Lloyd said RC Young should start to fix the damaged wall at Kingsley and Crestwood soon. He also contacted the resident that lives right near the wall.

Fire Chief Leslie Young – gave her report and discussed:

Chief Leslie said they had no training sessions in August because they had other things going on.

Chairman Lynn said there were no executive sessions.

Chairman Lynn asked for public comment related to unfinished business: No Comment

DSI Lead Lloyd Craig discussed the Side Letter Agreement they'd like approved concerning vacation carryover for their group. Several of the guys had to cancel their trips due to COVID. This agreement is just like the agreement that was approved for the police department. It's a onetime deal of 40 hours for one year that ends December of 2021. **Supervisor Scott motioned to approve the Side Letter Vacation Carryover Agreement. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Supervisor Robertson discussed quotes received to hardwire the TV's in the assembly room. One from MEPUSH for \$4,034.60 and the other quote is from North Eastern for \$1,158.80. Both will work but just different approaches. **Supervisor Robertson motioned to approve North Eastern Automated Technologies for \$1,158.80. Supervisor Scott seconded. Motion passed. This will be done before the end of October.**

Chairman Lynn said Leaf Pick up will start Tuesday, October 27th, picking up every Tuesday and Thursday, ending Thursday, December 17th.

Chairman Lynn said the supervisors will not endorse Halloween Trick or Treat this year but said for those who want to participate, should go on October 31st from 6-9pm. Residents interested in receiving trick or treaters, turn on your porch lights.

Chairman Lynn asked for public comment not related to new business: No Comment

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