

## **October 26, 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

**Also Present:** Danville News Rick Dandes.

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

#### **Policed chief Dyroff gave his report and discussed:**

Chief said the body worn cameras are on back order for a few months because everyone wants them.

Chief Dyroff briefly discussed Officer Ryan Pander's injury this month, when responding to a wires-down call. His arm came in contact with high voltage wire. He was admitted overnight for observation and then took a few days off but is doing fine.

Chief Dyroff said Officer Fenstermaker had a minor patrol car accident. The car is at Swartz's Body shop. They are waiting on approval from the insurance company. Swartz's will work on it as soon as possible because they are aware that we are down a car.

Chief Dyroff briefly discussed hiring a full-time Detective. He would select the detective from the current department staff and would like to have the position up and running by January 2<sup>nd</sup>. He would like to post the position tomorrow, with 15 days to respond and advise the person they want to hire, in mid-December. This will be a lateral position, with no increase in pay, however, they will be able to set their own schedule. **Supervisor Scott motioned to authorize the chief to move forward with the detective position, to direct him to work with labor council to rewrite the organization table for the police dept., to incorporate the position of detective, to move forward with the posting, interviewing, testing and hiring the detective. Supervisor Shultz seconded. The motion was then amended by Supervisor Scott to agree to the Side Letter Agreement with the collective bargaining unit for the period commencing January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2022, signed this day by the board of supervisors and Mathew Gerst, President of Mahoning Township Police Officers Association. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motions passed.**

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

Drew gave a brief discussion on the Bald Top Road reconstruction. All preparation is complete and they will start paving tomorrow. Guide rails will go in after and then painting of lines. We will send an alert text about trucks and slow traffic during this time.

#### **Treasurer Ken Houck** discussed:

*Ken discussed the conclusion of another old escrow account for Valley View, which now belongs to Bob Welby, for \$398.45. Per Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn, this project is over, and the balance of the funds can be returned. Bob also emailed a letter requesting return of the balance. **Supervisor Shultz motioned return the full balance of the escrow to Bob Welby. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.***

*Ken discussed a resolution to authorize the conversion of streetlights with PPL. Converting will put these 2 streetlights in line with the rest of the streetlights. PPL will need a copy of the resolution. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to authorize the conversion of streetlights and entering into a contract with PPL to perform the work. Supervisor Shultz seconded.** Ken said a copy of the minutes, along with the resolution will need to be sent to PPL.*

*Supervisor Scott briefly discussed the Budget conference that starts tomorrow and ends Thursday. We've never done this before. We will show how we go about doing the budget.*

**Solicitor Jon DeWald** had nothing.

**Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn and Jim Dragano had no written report**

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

Chairman Lynn thanked and congratulated DSI team for their involvement with the Flood Test done in Danville. He said Bruce Earlston, the head of Danville's Street Dept., said they did a great job.

Lloyd said the wing wall at the corner of Kingsley and Crestwood is complete with rip rap installed, to stop erosion.

Lloyd said they got 100 feet of pipe and a catch basin installed on Reedy street, from Schoolhouse Road back 100 ft. He said this should take care of the springs and ice issues.

Lloyd briefly discussed salt storage needs and said he will discuss further at the budget meeting.

Lloyd would like approval to get prices on replacing the 350 truck. He will discuss this at the budget meeting. He would like to order it in January or February. The board approved for Lloyd to go out for pricing. Solicitor Jon said no motion is required.

**Fire Chief Leslie Young – gave her report at the last meeting.**

Chairman Lynn said there was one executive session, on October 20<sup>th</sup>, for a legal matter.

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

Supervisor Robertson briefly discussed the townships new way to join meetings, Microsoft Teams.

Chairman Lynn briefly discussed the upcoming budget meetings, which will be held on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. from 9am to 3pm.

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

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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Whelan motioned to pay the bills and adjourn. 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