

November 23, 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, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, Secretary Carolyn Dragano & Police Chief Fred Dyroff & Solicitor Jon DeWald

Also Present: Jim Barbarich Quail Hollow Development, Engineer Ken Estep and Danville News Rick Dandes

Present via Audio-Video: Fire Chief Leslie Young & Zoning Officer Jim Dragano

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

Police Chief Fred Dyroff gave his report and discussed:

- The interview for a detective candidate will take place tomorrow morning.
- Online training on Implicit Bias for the police dept.
- the completion of drone operation and mapping software training the Sgt. Gerst, Officer Pander and Zoning Officer Jim Dragano completed last week and said all three passed the certification process for operations of Unmanned Aerial Systems.
- Within a few weeks, the police dept. will be fully operational UAS Ready for deployment within Mahoning Township and neighboring jurisdictions. Persons needing fingerprinting for employment, please contact Identogo at 570-854-3743
- Fingerprinting services have been suspended due to the increasing COVID numbers and the LiveScan fingerprinting machine will be available for law enforcement agencies provided their officers conduct the scanning.
- Chief Dyroff said DSI Lead Lloyd Craig will make ground markers for the drones to use for coordinates for mapping.

Engineer Drew Barton gave his report and discussed:

Drew discussed approving final payment for Blizzard Run to RC Young for \$154,549. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to pay Robert C. Young for the final payment of the Blizzards Run Project, in the amount of \$154,549. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.**

Drew discussed approval of a change order in the amount of \$2,420 for RC Young on extra days of traffic control for the Bald Top Road project. The contract was for 147 days but they had to keep it an extra 10 days. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve the change order to RC Young for traffic control, in the amount of \$2,420. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.**

Drew said there is some odds and ends clean up stuff still to do on the Bald Top project and discussed the increased costs for the guiderails for \$5,700. that needed to be modified to meet PennDOT standards. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve the change order for Hawbaker for \$5,700 for the end treatment on the guiderail that was required to meet PennDOT's approval. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.**

Treasurer Ken Houck gave his report

Supervisor Shultz motioned to approve the treasurers report. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.

Solicitor Jon DeWald had nothing.

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn briefly discussed the Quail Hollow Sketch plan and Jim Barbarich and his engineer Ken Estep shared a large map photo of the re-design and it was defined on the length of the cul-de-sac and where it would be measured from. The length of the cul-de-sac will be measured from Red Lane East to the furthest point on the cul-de-sac, which will exceed the maximum length by approximately 176 Ft. A waiver will be required to exceed the excessive length. The developer and his engineer will prepare formal waivers and indicated that they will have a full land development plan ready in the near future.

Dean said in regards to a complaint regarding Magnolia Courts dumpster sites, there is nothing in the ordinance where we regulate dumpster sites, however, the developer is showing (5) dumpster sites and has explained the time and frequency of servicing by the hauler. No further action was necessary.

Dean discussed Metzger Ford hooking onto the sewer from Mahoning Township side vs. Cooper side and said this is between SUEZ and Metzger as to how to hook up.

DSI Lead Lloyd Craig gave his report and discussed:

Chairman Lynn said he talked with Lloyd and gave him permission to order reflectors for the guard rails. Lloyd said they put reflectors down the guiderails on Bald Top.

Lloyd said the backhoe was down for a couple of hours.

Supervisor Whelan discussed putting up a deer crossing sign on Bloom Road. Lloyd said they must go through the game commission, who will come do a survey before approving.

Fire Chief Leslie Young gave her report and discussed:

Chief Young said they can always use new members so if anyone is interested in becoming a firefighter, they'd love to have you.

Supervisor Scott said discussions were held during the budget meetings concerning the future acquisition of fire dept. vehicles. Scott said they also asked the fire dept to share their books and after The township treasurer reviewed the fire depts books and found everything in order, he recommended the board consider some financial mechanism to provide the fire dept with approx. \$20,000 per year for them to be able to fund future apparatus. One of the discussions was about raising taxes, but since we pledged not to increase taxes, Scott said they had the solicitor write up an MOU(Memorandum of Understanding) between Mahoning Township and East End Fire Company stating that Mahoning Township will place the sum of \$552,596.30 into a depository account owned by the township but earmarked for East End Fire Dept, so East End Fire Co will be able to replace capital equipment at any time, without the worry of use of the money, even after this regime is gone. Scott then read the MOU. **Supervisor Scott motioned to accept the MOU as he laid out. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Supervisor Whelan thanked Supervisor Scott for his recommendation of coming up with the dedication of this CD and the amount to the fire dept and said he did a good job of explaining what transpired during our budget negotiations.

Chief Young thanked the supervisors for investing funds on behalf of East End Fire Company.

Chairman Lynn said there were no executive sessions.

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

Resident Chuck Eyer thanked the supervisors for investing in the fire company and said it was a good move in the right direction.

Chairman Lynn said Marlin Bradford from Oak Street has agreed fill the auditor vacancy. Tristan Scott resigned this year because he no longer lives in the township. **Supervisor Robertson motioned to appoint Marlin Bradford from 104 Oak Street, to fill the vacancy for the Mahoning Township Board of Auditor's. Supervisor Scott seconded. Motion passed.**

Supervisor Shultz motioned to approve October Meeting minutes, which include special budget meetings. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Lynn reminded the residents of leaf pick up every Tuesday and Thursdays. December 17th will be the last day.

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