

December 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, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, DSI Lead Lloyd Craig & Police Chief Fred Dyroff

Also Present: Danville News Rick Dandes, Press Enterprise Geri Gibbons & Jim Barbarich

Present via Audio-Video: Fire Chief Leslie Young & Solicitor Jon DeWald

ALL VOTING WILL BE CONSIDERED UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

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

Treasurer Ken Houck gave his report

Supervisor Shultz motioned to approve November's Treasurers report. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed. Ken said this will be posted on the website tomorrow.

Police Chief Fred Dyroff discussed:

Chief Dyroff said they've had two drone activation requests within the past two weeks from neighboring municipalities and said the word is out on what we can do to help.

Chief discussed the use of a less lethal device for the police officers called BolaWrap. This device is much safer for the subject, who many times is mentally disturbed, as well as the officer. It is a non-pain compliance device, meaning no pain when used on the subject. The device is about the size of a cell phone and shoots an 8-foot Kevlar rope over 513 feet per second and wraps around the subject's legs or arms, preventing him/her from running away or using their hands against the officer. The officer then quickly takes control of the subject and takes them into custody. Chief said he anticipates having most, if not all officers trained on this device on **12/21/2020**. BolaWrap is providing training (5 hours) to Officer Fenstermaker, who will then train our officers (takes only 1 hour). Supervisors are welcome to come to the training and the press reporters too. The chief said the cost is \$9,500 and it came out of existing budget.

Zoning officer Dean VonBlohn gave his report and discussed:

Dean said the planning commission recommendation to the supervisors is to approve waivers of the cul-de-sac length of 1775 ft. and to approve the waiver of the 50ft wetland setbacks, for the Quail Hollow Land Development. **Supervisor Scott motioned to accept the waiver of the cul-de-sac of 1775 ft, recommendation of the Planning Commission, conditioned upon the emergency access allowing access to the neighboring property as shown on the drawing. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Supervisor Scott then motioned that we accept the waiver of the 50ft wetland setback, recommendation of the Planning Commission. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.**

Fire Chief Leslie Young asked if there are plans for fire hydrants. Quail Hollow Developer Jim Barbarich said they will be added for final land development.

Dean said the Planning Commission recommended the approval of the modification to the act 537 module for the sanitary sewer conveyance line running from Cooper Township Line through private land and connect to the SUEZ sanitary sewer line on Montour Blvd. Supervisor Whelan asked who will own it and Engineer Drew said the 537 plan is just an exercise. This lives with the townships. Dean read a letter sent from SUEZ to Cooper Twp.'s John Houston, confirming that they (SUEZ) does not object to Cooper Twp. providing sewer service to Jack Metzger Ford. A lengthy discussion was held concerning who would be responsible for the metering and who will charge Metzger. Dean would like Solicitor Jon to review the documents and provide a resolution. Solicitor Jon said he has no problem doing this. Supervisor Scott asked Solicitor Jon to put together a resolution for the next meeting for the board to review and vote.

Dean mentioned property maintenance violators will be issued citations, if they don't bring their properties into compliance with the international property maintenance code, only when they are notified that they are in violation and don't bring it into compliance.

Engineer Drew Barton gave his report and discussed:

Drew discussed approval for final application for payment to Hawbaker for the Bald Top Road project. For \$302,667.80. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to send final payment to Hawbaker in the amount of \$302,667.80. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.**

DSI Lead Lloyd Craig gave his report and discussed:

Lloyd said he talked with Superior Energy Plus and said they are willing to extend our 2020 pricing for 2021 fuel service if the board is willing. No increase. Superior's price is fixed but the gallonage price changes. **Supervisor Whelan motioned that since Superior Energy Plus has extended the rate used in 2020 for 2021, that we go with them for their fuel service delivery for 2021. Supervisor Shultz seconded.**

Lloyd discussed purchasing a light for the top of their newest truck for better night vision, when trees are down, to reduce the hazards of nighttime work. The LED light costs \$529 plus shipping and is remote controlled. **Supervisor Scott motioned to authorize DSI to purchase the light. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

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

Chief Young requested that residents shovel out the fire hydrants near their homes and businesses to make them accessible to the fire dept. in case of a fire. DSI Lead Lloyd Craig, Police Chief Dyroff and Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn, our ordinance #207-35, states that fire hydrants on residents or businesses properties are the responsibility of the property owner, to make sure they are clear.

Chairman Lynn said there was one executive meeting this month. It was on December 9th, for renovations.

Chairman Lynn asked for public comment related to unfinished or new business: No comment.

Chairman Lynn discussed the Final adoption of the 2021 budget as well as the 2021 Tax Resolution. **Supervisor Scott motioned to adopt the 2021 budget. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.** A copy of the budget will be posted to the website.

Supervisor Scott motioned to adopt the Tax Resolution for 2021, with no with no tax increase and \$0.00 Fire Hydrant & Street Light Tax. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Lynn discussed the board approving the 2021 scheduled dates for the Regularly Scheduled Meetings and the Joint Planning Commission Meetings. **Supervisor Scott motioned to adopt the schedules and post to the website. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.** The schedules will be advertised in the Press Enterprise and the Danville News and will also be posted to the website.

Solicitor Jon DeWald discussed:

Solicitor Jon discussed amending the Quarantine Leave Policy for the police officers, that was put in place in March. This would entitle them to an additional 14 days of leave and a hotel stay, if they want to spare exposure to their families. The amended policy would extend to June 2021. **Supervisor Scott motioned to extend the Quarantine Leave Policy to June 2021. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Supervisor Robertson discussed adopting COVID-19 guidelines for Mahoning Township that were written by Attorney Melissa Kelso, Kelso Law. These are just guidelines for employees, and anyone entering the building and will be updated/revised as the state, CDC and DOH make updates/changes to their guidelines. **Supervisor Shultz motioned to approve the guidelines. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.** Each employee will receive a copy of the guidelines and anyone wanting to enter the building will need to answer the self-certification posted to the door, before entering.

Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve November Meeting minutes. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Lynn reminded the residents that the last day for leaf pick up is this Thursday, December 17th.

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

Supervisor Robertson motioned to 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.

All Reports are available at the Township Building

Carolyn Dragano
Secretary