

## **March 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes- held at the Mahoning Township Building**

**Members of the Board present:** Chairman Bill Lynn, Supervisors, TS Scott, Molly Shultz, John Whelan, Solicitor Jonathan DeWald, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, DSI Lead Lloyd Craig & Police Chief Fred Dyroff. **Also present:** Press Enterprise Geri Gibbons, Tax Collector Marlene Gunther.

**Present via Audio-Video:** Supervisor Larry Robertson, Fire Chief Leslie Young, Engineer Drew Barton & Gary Phillips from New Enterprise Stone & Lime.

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

### **Police Chief Fred Dyroff gave his report and discussed:**

Chief Dyroff said Sgt. Gerst and Officer Pander recently participated in a two-day drone training at Montour Preserve as members of the Montour County EMA Drone Team. This drone is much larger and has more capabilities than ours and is available to Montour and neighboring counties. Detective Bedisky participated in a three-day class on video enhancement.

Chief also discussed the station improvements and said further improvements will start December 2021 through March 2022.

### **Engineer Drew Barton had no report**

### **Treasurer Ken Houck wasn't available**

### **Solicitor Jon DeWald had no report**

### **Zoning officers Dean VonBlohn discussed:**

Dean said there is going to be a major street cut at 46 Maple St. for a sewer lateral replacement. This is a dual project with SUEZ and the property owner. Engineer Drew will work with Dean on issuing the permit.

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

Lloyd discussed the paving material bids that were tabled at the last meeting. He said HRI and New Enterprise were the lowest, however, after going over all the figures and even though New Enterprise was the lowest, with the extra to and from travel time, he would like to take the more convenient bid from HRI. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to award the contract for the paving material to HRI for plus or minus 700 tons of asphalt. Supervisor Shultz seconded.** Lloyd recommended that New Enterprise be the backup bidder. **Supervisor Scott motioned to make New Enterprise the backup bidder. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.**

Gary Phillips from New Enterprise commended Lloyd for his presentation and for doing the calculations to justify why he did not choose the lowest bidder.

Lloyd discussed the stone bids that were tabled at the last meeting. He said he is leaning more towards having the stone delivered. Hanson delivery prices are a lot cheaper than New Enterprise and Meckley's, so he would like Hanson to be the preferred bidder and New Enterprise as second. **Supervisor Scott motioned to accept Hanson as the stone provider. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Supervisor Scott motioned to accept New Enterprise the backup bidder. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Lloyd received two street sweeping quotes. R. C. Young \$178.00 per hour, and Don E Bower \$159.00 per hour. Don E Bower is the lowest bidder and can start on Wednesday this week. **Supervisor Scott motioned to accept street sweeping from Don E Bower at \$159/hour. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.**

Lloyd said there is going to be a major powerline construction project going from Powder Mill Rd. through the township across Montour Ridge and ending in Northumberland. The access points for the construction will affect several roadways in Mahoning Township including Eyer Rd, Bald Top Rd, Timberwood Dr, S. Overlook Dr, Trillium Ln, and Woodhill Dr. Red Lane may also be used to access Powder Mill Rd. Lloyd said Solicitor Jon said we could cite them if they cause harm to the property. If they claim exemption, we should take videos to show how the roads looked beforehand, so we have backup. Solicitor Jon said if they ask about bond requirement that we can tell them they have to post bond. Engineer Drew said they asked for the bonding requirements, so he sent them an application.

Lloyd said we had another accident on Red Lane near the Strawberry Fields development. In the last 10 years, we've had at least 10 accidents. Lloyd got 3 quotes for installation of guide rail to protect that corner of Red Lane. These are to install approx. 200' of new rail. Green Acres: \$10,910.00, Pennline: \$9,525.00, and Chemung Supply: \$6,490.00. Supervisor Scott would table this until the next meeting and have Lloyd check with Geisinger, since it's their property, to see if they share to cost to get this done.

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

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

Tax Collector Marlene Gunther appeared before the board to ask if the township could do anything to help persuade the Danville Area School Board to adjust the compensation paid to the local tax collectors. The compensation hasn't changed since 2007. Following a lengthy discussion Solicitor Jon advised that there was no action that the board could take since this matter was solely between the school board and the tax collectors.

**Chairman Lynn opened the Paving Bids:**

Robert C. Young Inc. - \$265,979.98

HRI - \$196,224.95

Glenn Hawbaker - \$217,776.65

Dave Gutelius - \$188,165.85

New Enterprise - \$198,120.00

M& J Excavating - \$210,324.00

Sikora Brothers - \$265,222.00

umbriac - \$194,695.75

Big Rock - \$192,928.40

**Supervisor Scott motioned to approve Dave Gutelius for the paving contract, contingent on all required documents being correct, for 188,165.85. Supervisor Whelan seconded.**

**Supervisor Scott motioned to approve JDOG to pick up 2021 Yard Waste starting Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, ending September 21, 2021, for \$4,800. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.**

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

**Supervisor Shultz 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.

All Reports are available at the Township Building

Carolyn Dragano, Secretary