

## **April 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes- held at the Mahoning Township Building**

**Members of the Board present:** Chairman Bill Lynn, Supervisors, Larry Robertson, TS Scott, Molly Shultz, John Whelan, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, Treasurer Ken Houck, DSI Lead Lloyd Craig, Fire Chief Leslie Young, Engineer Drew Barton & Police Chief Fred Dyroff.

**Present via Audio-Video:** Solicitor Jonathan DeWald

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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 asked the board to approve hiring George Geise as the part-time police officer, working 2 to 3 days per week. **Supervisor Scott motioned for the board to authorize Chief Dyroff to hire George Geise as the part-time police officer, with Mahoning Township Police Dept., contingent on completing all remaining certifications, testing requirements & protocols. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.**

### **Engineer Drew Barton**

Drew said Magnolia Court is requesting a bond reduction in the amount of \$2,049,853.44, since they've completed 60% of the on-site work. **Supervisor Robertson motioned to approve the security bond release in the amount of \$2,049,853.44. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn said one of Magnolia's neighbors would like the developer to do the landscaping now. Dean said he explained that they will complete the landscaping when the final grade is done.

Drew said they have a few erosion issues to clear up on Robinhood Development, Carriage Manor project.

Drew said the Street cut on Clinic Road has not been started.

Drew said there is meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00pm, at Bloom & Academy intersection, for PennDOT to review the layout of the modernization project.

Drew checked out the bunker project that was completed last fall and said everything looks good. Solicitor Jon said he heard back from Mrs. Yoder who said she is interested in the fence. He will get the agreement drawn up to get things finalized.

Drew discussed the Walk Works grant opportunity he can apply for if the board is interested. After a brief discussion, Supervisor's Scott & Robertson would like Drew to attend the next MARC meeting, to see where this grant might fit in the county.

### **Treasurer Ken Houck gave his March treasurer's report and discussed:**

Ken gave his March report – **Supervisor Scott motioned to approve the March treasurer's report. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.**

Ken discussed the CD that is going to expire on 4/26/21, also discussed at the last meeting. This CD has \$3,476,293.94 of General Savings plus \$673,928.37 of East End Fire Company's savings. Ken would like to take \$3,000,000.00 of the general savings, plus \$473,928.37 of East End's savings from the CD at JSSB and put it in the existing CD at Service First, earning 2.6%. Fire Chief Young said the remaining \$200,000 of East Ends savings will be used to as a pre-payment to replace their current tanker. They will save \$20,000, if they make a partial pre-payment by July 2021 and will owe the remainder at then end of the year. Service first will earmark this money, separating the fire depts interest.

**Supervisor Whelan motioned to remove 3,000,000 from JSSB general savings, plus \$473,928.37 from the East End Fire Company Account, and place them into the CD at Service First, at 2.6% interest. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Supervisor Scott abstained from the vote. Motion passed.**

**Solicitor Jon DeWald had no report**

**Zoning officers Dean VonBlohn had no report but discussed:**

Dean said they are seeing a lot of activity for permits on private fences, driveways and storage buildings.

Zoning Officer Jim Dragano said there is a young man doing an Eagle Scout project on the Volleyball Court at Trinity Lutheran Church, so if you see activity, you'll know what is going on.

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

Lloyd said Don E. Bower did a great job with the street sweeping. Lloyd said they are going to clean out (8) catch basins on Bald Top that are full, and they are inspecting storm water pipes that need to be replaced for the roads that will be paved this summer.

Lloyd said since UGI is going to do a gas main replacement on Eyer Road, he would like to remove Eyer Road from this year's paving list and since Danville Borough is paving their part of Railroad Street, he'd like to use 300 tons +/- to pave Mahoning's portion of Railroad Street and then take the remaining 400 tons plus add an additional 175 tons to use on the last leg of Bald Top Road. This would be from Ken Snyder's to just above Klein Road. He said the contractor is ok with this and that even with the extra tonnage and extra milling, we will still be under budget. Lloyd will go back to their Liquid Fuels Rep to complete, a change order for the work. **Supervisor Robertson motioned to make a change order to our paving contractor, Dave Gutelius Excavating, that due to UGI work on Eyer Road that will not be done this year, that we move the 300 ton of paving to Railroad Street, from the Danville Borough line to approximately Bloom Road and the remaining 400 ton plus an additional 175 ton, to complete the Bald Top Road job, which will still be under budget, even with the changes and that the change order should go to PennDOT for liquid fuel funds. Supervisor Scott seconded. Motion passed.**

Lloyd received a verbal commitment from a public-private partnership to cover half the installation of the guide rail project on Red Lane that was discussed and tabled at the last meeting. Quotes are: Green Acres: \$10,910.00, Pennline: \$9,525.00, and Chemung Supply: \$6,490.00. **Supervisor Scott motioned to accept the Chemung Supply bid of \$6490, contingent upon a written commitment for \$3245, from the private entity for the public private partnership for the execution of the installation of the guiderails along Red Lane. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed. Lloyd said the private entity would not like a written agreement, there verbal should be good enough. Supervisor Scott then made another motion to accept the Chemung Supply bid of \$6490, contingent upon a firm verbal commitment as opposed to a written commitment for \$3245, from the private entity for the public private partnership for the execution in the installation of the guiderails along red lane. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

**Fire Chief Leslie Young- gave her 2020 year-end report and her March fire report**

Fire Chief Young gave her 2020 year-end report, which included the financial summary and operating expenses. She said training was decreased due to the global pandemic. Chief Young said it's been difficult to find volunteers that are willing to give up their time and said many of the junior volunteers end up leaving for college, military or the workforce. She also thanked the volunteers who give up their time to support the fire department as well as their families for being so supportive. Chief Young said the COVID-19 pandemic delayed the formation of the new Tanker Committee until the end of 2020. As a result, they now hope to have a new tanker delivered in mid-2022. She said they will continue to prioritize new firefighter training and recruitment/retention. Chief Young also gave her March report.

Chairman Lynn said they had one executive session, today, for personnel.

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

**Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve March Minutes. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.**

Chairman Lynn reminded residents that JDOG will start Yard Waste pick-up next Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and will end Tuesday, September 21, 2021. Email [mahoningyards@gmail.com](mailto:mahoningyards@gmail.com) or call 570-759-7715

Chairman Lynn said we are now open to the public for meetings and said everyone is welcome but asked residents to please stay home, if they are sick, and attend via audio video or teleconference instead. He said we are also following CDC guidelines by staying 6 feet apart.

**Chairman Lynn asked for public comment not related to new business.**

Supervisor Whelan said he should have a firm date for Dumpster Day by the next meeting. He also wanted to remind residents that Mahoning Township and Danville Borough are two different places. So please don't confuse Danville Boroughs dumpster day or their recycling with Mahoning Townships. Mahoning is not part of Danville Borough.

**Supervisor Whelan motioned to 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.

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Carolyn Dragano, Secretary