

April 26, 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, Solicitor Jon DeWald, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, Treasurer Ken Houck, DSI Lead Lloyd Craig, Fire Chief Leslie Young & Police Sgt. Matt Gerst.

Also present: Sarah Snow, Chris Brown, Henry Eyer, Henry Eyer Jr., Daniel Kline & Nancy Whelan

Via Audio-Video: Engineer Drew Barton, Press Enterprise and Danville News

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

Sgt. Matt Gerst gave the chiefs report and discussed:

Sgt. Gerst said Officer Ryan Pander attended a one-day training to bring him up to speed on the safety of the Sovereign Citizen Movement.

Sgt Gerst said they will be ordering (5) officers' vests; (4) that met their expiration date and one for the new Part-time police officer and said to save \$1,300, they will be using a new vendor, Pittsburgh Uniform Supply.

Sgt. Gerst said their police department achieved the gold level recognition for 2020 as part of the Lexipol Connect Customer Recognition Program, which recognizes police agencies for excellence in policy maintenance and training. The department has received a plaque to commemorate this achievement, which is the highest level of recognition currently offered by Lexipol.

Engineer Drew Barton

Drew presented an update on capital projects.

Drew said even though we were not awarded the Flood Mitigation Grant we applied for last year, we can apply again, during the next application period, which is open until the end of May. **Supervisor Scott motioned to direct the engineer to reapply for the FMPG grant again with he same matching as was in the initial submission. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.**

Drew said they were not successful on either of the multimodal grants we applied for, however, we can apply again for the CFA grant. **Supervisor Scott motioned to reapply for the CFA multimodal grant, with the same matching as was in the initial submission. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.**

Drew said he'd like to have another inhouse meeting in mid to late May, for the corridor study.

Drew said they had a kick-off meeting with PennDOT concerning the Arle grant for Bloom Road and Academy Drive. He said his team is working on utility relocations and will verify the cost estimates.

Resident Sarah Snow expressed concerns about not having pedestrian crossings with crosswalk symbols on Bloom Road, Academy Avenue and Railroad Street. DSI Lead Lloyd Craig said the grant will include a total design of all new red lights, crosswalks, and pedestrian crossings at that intersection., however this won't happen until the upgrade. Sgt Gerst said they will look into this as well.

Treasurer Ken Houck gave his report at the last meeting.

Solicitor Jon DeWald had one update.

Solicitor Jon said they are ready for action for the resolution for the fence that is going to be installed at Rosemary Yoder's property (1023 Railroad St.), that is part of the Culvert project. Ms. Yoder will assume maintenance expense moving forward, after the fence is installed and paid for by Mahoning Townships Culvert grant. **Supervisor Scott motioned to accept the use and maintenance agreement between Mahoning township and Ms. Rosemary Yoder (1023 Railroad Street). Supervisor Whelan seconded.**

Zoning officers Dean VonBlohn had no report but discussed:

Dean said they had no new building permits for the last three months on single dwelling housing, mostly property maintenance issues, fences, decks, and cul-de-sacs.

Dean briefly discussed a fill permit issued by Montour County Soil Conservation, on Woodland Drive. The owner exceeds the limits of the fill permit that was issued by the Soil Conservation. Dean said zoning put a stop on any future fill until the soil conversation issues a new permit and until the owner completes the silt fencing requirement downslope.

Dean said he is still working with SUEZ on the finishing of street cuts on Maple street.

Dean briefly discussed the Act 537 Resolution for the modification of the Danville sewer plant. He said anytime there is a modification to the Act 537, it has to go through the planning commission. This resolution is for the dewatering of sludge, once treated from Danville. It will be on the planning commission agenda for next Monday's meeting and Dean will report the findings and recommendations of the planning commission, at the next Supervisors meeting.

DSI Lead Lloyd Craig gave his report and discussed:

Lloyd said Municipal Services from PennDOT sent a revised project approval for our paving and said we don't need a change order because the changes did not exceed 25% of the project.

Lloyd said the Guide rail installation on Red Lane is tentatively scheduled for the week of May 10th.

Lloyd briefly discussed the brush pile issue at the shed site and reminded residents that we do not allow roots, dirt or stones. Chairman Lynn said all residents must sign in before taking the key and the loads will be inspected before they can drop off at the site. Police Secretary, Kim Wilt set up a new process for signing and issuing the key.

Fire Chief Leslie Young discussed:

Chief Young briefly discussed the new tanker the fire department would like to purchase. She said they will save 3-4%, if ordered now and depending on how much they put down, they could save even more. The price of the tanker is \$518,323. Chief Young said the tanker could be in service as soon as 13-14 months. She said they were quoted from two well-known co-star manufacturers, who met all the specifications, however, in the end, the determining factor was cost. Therefore, KME Fires Apparatus is their choice. Supervisor Scott said this is not a traditional type of thing they put out for bids. It is from costars, which has a limited number of manufacturers. Scott said the fire dept has done their due diligence in seeking to find competing bids. Supervisor Whelan said he reviewed the documentation and said they got great discounts. He also recommended they pay a significant amount down, for overall savings, but not too much where if something goes wrong, they have no leverage. **Supervisor Scott motioned to empower the East End Fire Company to move forward with the purchase of their tanker apparatus from KME, for \$518,323.00. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Chairman Lynn said they had no executive sessions since the last meeting.

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

Supervisor Robertson said at the last meeting, the board approved the March 22nd Minutes, however, Tax Collector, Marlene Gunther, who was present at the meeting, would like to clarify the reason she appeared, which was not on the original minutes. She appeared to ask the board for a resolution for a consulting fee. The minutes were revised and now need the board's approval. **Supervisor Shultz motioned to approve the revised March 22nd, for tax collector Marlene Gunther. Supervisor Scott seconded. Motion passed.**

Supervisor Whelan said they currently have a tentative date set for this year's Dumpster Day. He said they put it off until later, to hopefully have the COVID issues a little more under control. The date scheduled is August 14th, from 8am to 11am. It is also in a new location - Danville soccer fields behind the State Hospital. This is for Township residents only, who must bring ID. A complete list of accepted items will be on the website. Public will also be asked to help offload and there will be assistance for those that need help.

Chairman Lynn reminded residents that the next yard waste pick-up will be Tuesday, May 18th. Email JDOG at mahoningyards@gmail.com or call 570-759-7715.

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

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.

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Carolyn Dragano, Secretary