

May 10, 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

Also present: Henry Eyer & Nancy Whelan **Via Audio-Video:** Solicitor Jon DeWald

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

Supervisor Whelan spoke on behalf of Police Chief Dyroff:

Supervisor Whelan said Chief Dyroff asked for the board to approve the college internship program, which is a pilot, one time program, totaling 280 hours. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to authorize the chief to proceed with the pilot program, after the intern passes the background check and the executions of the internship agreement, as drawn up by the solicitor. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.**

Engineer Drew Barton

Drew discussed the DA map plan of watershed enhancements and asked the board if they want to pursue more grant funding with the Soil conservation, or if we want to focus our studies in another area? After a lengthy discussion and in order to meet the PA state requirements for storm water control, the supervisors decided to go in two directions for grants. **Supervisor Scott motioned to empower Drew to apply for the grant under the construction aspect, with the same matching as last submission, for the orange area on the DA map. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed. Supervisor Scott made a second motion to empower Drew to go out and apply for grant for the study of the blue area on the DA map, with the same matching as the orange section. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn said he received a complaint from one of the homeowners asking who is responsible to fix the washed-out area, of the stream adjacent to the recreational area of the Mahoning Meadows Development, that is within a few feet of washing out their fence. Dean showed pictures of the washed-out area owned by the homeowner's association near Locust Lane. Solicitor Jon said we should first review (from the courthouse) the by-laws for the Homeowners Association that are typically recorded to see where the respective responsibilities lie.

Drew discussed the Act 537 plan for Danville Borough upgrades that the planning commission approved, for the dewatering of sludge, once treated from Danville. **Supervisor Scott motioned that based on the recommendation from the Planning Commission and Township Engineer, we accept the Danville Municipal act 537 Plan, as presented. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed. Supervisor Scott made another motion to supersede the last motion and made a new motion that based on the recommendation from the planning commission and township engineer, we authorize Solicitor Jon to prepare the resolution for the next meeting to take action on, for the Danville Municipal act 537 Plan. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.**

Treasurer Ken Houck gave his April report and discussed:

Ken said as discussed at the last meeting, he transferred \$3M from the JSSB to Service First, for the General funds account and also transferred \$473,928.37 from JSSB to Service First for the Fire Dept. This was done to get a higher interest rate until November 23rd. Ken also took out \$200,000 from JSSB for the fire dept. to use as a down payment on a new piece of equipment. **Supervisor Robertson motioned to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.** This report will be added to the website tomorrow.

Solicitor Jon DeWald had nothing to report

Zoning officers Dean VonBlohn had no report but discussed:

Dean briefly discussed a fill site permit issued by Montour County Soil Conservation, on Woodland Drive, to do the fill. 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 conservation issues a new permit and until the owner completes the super silt fencing requirement downslope. Dean said the homeowner down the hill is saying it's leaching down into his property, which Dean said there was no evidence of it leaching.

Dean said they are getting more solar power permits for homes and roofs and said we need an ordinance to cover this. Dean said Cooper has wide open spaces, but Mahoning does not. Jim will also take this to the Cooper township meeting. Dean would like to get this under control before it gets out of control. Zoning Officers and the Solicitor will work on creating the ordinance. **Supervisor Scott motioned for the Planning Commission to review the current solar panel status throughout the township and for the Solicitor and Zoning team to prepare an ordinance for both Mahoning and Cooper. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

DSI Lead Lloyd Craig gave his report and discussed:

Lloyd said their backhoe needs a transmission. He received two quotes to replace the transmission and said transportation costs are very high. Lloyd would like the board to approve Five Star, out of Williamsport because we will save money on location. Lloyd said they needed to rent an excavator to keep performing. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to authorize Lloyd to proceed with the transmission repairs from Five Star, out of Williamsport for \$19,811.00, plus transportation and to also rent a backhoe in the interim period. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.**

Lloyd discussed buying a new saw for street cutting from Best line for \$3001.74, with 14" to 18" blades and said we will still be under budget. **Supervisor Shultz motioned to approve the purchase of a new saw from Best Line, costars price for \$3001.74, plus warranty. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.**

Lloyd discussed the brush pile issue from last month. He said the resident was extremely cooperative and very kind in cleaning up the stone and dirt.

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

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.

Chairman Lynn said EMS week is from May 16th to May 22nd and asked that if anyone sees an EMS worker, to please thank them for their service.

Chairman Lynn said Henry (Chuck) Eyer from DSI, gave his retirement notice. Henry has been here 43 years and is a wealth of knowledge. He will be greatly missed. His last day will be June 25th. Bill said we need to make a motion to post the position. **Supervisor Scott motioned to replace Henry "Chuck" Eyer. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Supervisor Molly motioned to approve Supervisors April minutes. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.

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. No comment.

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