

May 24, 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, Police Chief Fred Dyroff & Officer Cody Clossen.

Also present: Henry Eyer, Officer George Geise and family & Marlene Gunther

Via Audio-Video: Engineer Drew Barton & Solicitor Jon DeWald

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

Police Chief Dyroff gave his report and discussed:

Chief Dyroff introduced new hire Officer George Geise and his family. Everyone welcomed him to the township.

Chief Dyroff discussed training courses that Officer Fenstermaker and Officer Clossen took this month.

Chief Dyroff said the body warn cameras are now up and running and said they all like using them.

Chief Dyroff briefly discussed the benefits of the MTPD Drones we purchased last year.

Resident Carl Appleman expressed concerns about speeding vehicles on Bloom Road. Chief Dyroff will follow-up.

Treasurer Ken Houck discussed:

Ken said he is studying the American Rescue plan for federal funding grants and said It seems complicated but as more information comes out and clarity takes shape, he will know more on what we can and cannot use the funds for.

Engineer Drew Barton had no formal report other than he & DSI lead Lloyd Craig discussed replacement/repairs of the culvert pipe problem on Clinic Road. Drew thinks spray lining the pipe is the best course of action but will have a contractor come look at the area and should have more information at the next meeting.

Solicitor Jon DeWald had nothing formal to report

Zoning officers Dean VonBlohn had no report but discussed:

Dean said he and Jim are gathering information about solar power. Once complete, they will get with Engineer Drew, the Planning Commission, and the supervisors, to finalize the ordinance to govern solar power.

DSI Lead Lloyd Craig gave his report and discussed:

Lloyd said the backhoe repairs are done and said it needed a transmission. We should have it back sometime this week.

Lloyd said all five employees were re-certified in the flagger training last Wednesday and said they won't need training for another 3 years.

Lloyd showed photos of the pipe on Clinic Road, that Drew discussed earlier. He said it's been in rough shape for years and needs to be opened up. After a lengthy discussion, Lloyd said they are going to get some of the debris out of the pipe. If this turns into a major project, they will put it in the budget for next year.

Fire Chief Leslie Young gave her report April report:

Chief Young said they were very busy last month and are again this month.

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.

Zoning Officer Dean asked when we will approve the Act 537 plan that was approved by the planning commission. Solicitor Jon said the 30-day comment period on the Act 537 Resolution will be up in early June so we can take action to approve, at the next meeting.

Supervisor Shultz asked the board to approve the township crew painting parking lines at the parking lot at East End. Fire Chief Young said they have a committee to see if they can afford to repave the parking lot so there is no sense in painting lines now. Chairman Lynn said to table this until they decide.

Marlene Gunther tax collector addressed the issue of new businesses "popping up" in the Township. She said business owners seem to be unaware of our zoning ordinances for new businesses and withholding/reporting of Local Services Taxes. Supervisor Scott recommended a separate page on the Township website with helpful links that would guide potential business owners through the start-up process. Supervisor Jon said Cooper Township has an ordinance for transient vendors & food truck businesses relative to spacing requirements, that requires them to be registered first and to get a permit. An Ordinance could require a way to shoehorn those businesses to Marlene. Solicitor Jon will draw up a draft ordinance for both townships to review, which will be ready for the next meeting.

Supervisor Scott said that since we received so many resumes for the DSI position, we should have an executive session to determine which individuals we want to interview and come up with a date to do the interviews. He would like to schedule each interview for an hour, with a 15-minute break in between each interview.

Chairman Lynn reminded residents that the next yard waste pick-up will be Tuesday, June 15^h. Email JDOG at mahoningyards@gmail.com or call 570-759-7715. Chairman Lynn asked residents to please NOT throw grass clippings in the creek or on the bank, it causes problems. Please bag them and call JDOG for pick-up.

Chairman Lynn reminded residents of the upcoming Dumpster day, scheduled for August 14th, from 8am to 11am and said to visit our website for details.

Supervisor Scott briefly discussed the Disaster Emergency Declaration we adopted last March. Supervisor Scott said it will stay in place for now just in case a financial opportunity comes our way that may require the declaration to be in place.

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

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.

All Reports are available at the Township Building

Carolyn Dragano, Secretary