

October 25, 2021, Meeting Minutes- held at the Mahoning Township Building, 849 Bloom Road, Danville, PA

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

Present via Audio Video:

Also present: Glen Cromley, Nancy Whelan, Henry Eyer, Linda Rea

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

Chairman Lynn asked for any public comment related to the agenda items – No comment.

Police Chief Dyroff gave his report and discussed:

Officer Dyroff briefly discussed the rescue that took place on October 8, 2021, thanks to the 911 call received by a good Samaritan. He said the operation showed great cooperation between police, fire, and EMS, as well as neighboring fire companies

Chief reminded residents of our pet waste ordinance and said he's had several complaints. Please clean up after your animal.

Chief said MTPD conducted several speed enforcement details on Kaseville Road near Ivy Manor and Frosty Hills Road and said they will continue to do sporadic enforcement on Kaseville and throughout the township.

Chief said Detective Bedisky completed a 5-day certification course in wiretapping and electric surveillance.

Chief reminded residents that "Trick or Treat" will be this Saturday, October 30th from 6 – 9 pm. He said officers will be participating in the annual Danville Halloween Parade this Thursday, as well as "Light Up the Night" at Trinity Church Saturday from 5:30 – 8:30. Motorists are to be on the lookout for children trick or treating.

Treasurer Ken Houck

Ken briefly discussed switching from Amtrust Workman's Compensation to Kmit of equal or superior coverage, which will save about \$8,000. He said there are two resolutions to accept the proposal. One is to join the trust and the second resolution requires future hires in the police dept, which would require newly hired police officers to take a pre-employment hepatitis test. Ken said he talked with Lawyer Melissa Kelso who said it's appropriate. After a brief discussion, the supervisors decided to table for now, and will act on both resolutions, once revised, at the next meeting.

Engineer Drew Barton

Drew said he and DSI lead Lloyd Craig had a preconstruction meeting with SUEZ for the replacement of mains on the corner of Lombard & Locust Street. He said they want to add (2) additional hydrants. Lloyd said there will actually be (3) additional hydrants, however, one will be a swap and the other two will be in new locations. One of the new hydrants will be at the intersection of Maple St and Lombard Ave and the other new one will be at the intersection between Locust Lane and Delwood Drive.

Supervisor Scott motioned to accept two new hydrants to the current financial cost of hydrants we currently have. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed. Drew will make the phone call to SUEZ and will give them preliminary approval from minutes. The project will start November 2nd. SUEZ would like the township to do the paving, at their expense. Lloyd said it will be incorporated with our yearly paving. No vote required.

Drew said the Multi Modal Grant he applied for is going to the board the end of the month.

Supervisor Scott discussed the Green Light Go grant coming up. Drew said that we don't have any projects that would allow us to go out for this grant.

Supervisor Scott said PennDOT is proposing to do micro-surface on Route 11, sometime in 2024 and would like one representative from our township that they could talk to about it. Since Bill Lynn is our chairman, he will be our spokesperson.

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn

Dean said we need to set a public hearing date for (3) items. Two of the items will be joint public hearing that will also affect Cooper Township because it affects the ordinance that covers both Cooper and Mahoning. Dean said Cooper is aware.

1. First item is a conditional use in the Industrial Development district, for a 4-story senior living development on Woodbine.
2. The second is to adopt a zoning ordinance for solar power.
3. The third item is a curative amendment by T&S Realty to change zoning on a single lot on Bloom Road between the bank and Mahoning Cooper School from HR to CO.

Dean said they'd like to set the public hearing date for Tuesday, December 14th at 5:30pm, with a special meeting to be held the same night at 7:30pm, for the supervisors to adopt from the items discussed at the public hearing. Solicitor Jon will get approval from Cooper at their next meeting. He will also take care of the advertisements & will notify the County Planning Commission. The entire board approved moving forward with the advertisement.

Solicitor Jon DeWald said he sent a letter on October 13th, to the landowner on Eyer Road concerning the surface water but has not heard back.

DSI Lead Lloyd Craig gave his report and discussed:

Lloyd said they started cleaning some leaves that are causing drainage issues, installed an underdrain on Toby Run Road. He said he received plates for the retention basin at Woodland and Kaseville that still need to be drilled and installed. They installed and paved (4) catch basin risers on Bald Top.

Lloyd said the gas company working on Eyer Road said their sub-contractor found an active gas leak today. The gas was coming out of a transition in the pipes between one of our pipes that goes underneath Eyer Road and where it transitions into PennDOT's pipe. He said they are still looking for the leak. Something else is going on with a pipe underneath Eyer Road from the Northside of the Leighow Oil that may or may not be permitted. He will look into this after vacation.

Fire Chief Leslie Young gave her September report

Chief Young said they are going to have the turkey shoot but that it will be a little different this year. Due to the shortages of Ammo, they will on be doing raffles for Turkeys, Capons & Steak. The Turkey Shoot will be held on Friday, November 19th from 5pm to 9pm. Open to the public.

Chief Young said they will be at the Halloween Parade on Thursday night and at the Light the Night at Trinity Church on Saturday night.

Zoning Officer Dean told Fire Chief Young that the American Legion is accepting applications for Fire Fighter of the Year Award and said they can present names of anyone they feel worthy of the award.

Unfinished Business

Dean said he has been in contact with the resident from Ivy Manor that visited last meeting, concerning line of sight issues. Dean said he put him in touch with the owner. The resident said he was going to approach the owner and if he doesn't want to do anything, he will cut them back himself. Dean explained that we are not involved in this and would not authorize this.

Drew said he is still trying to get a hold of DEP concerning the application issues Bloom Road water.

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

Chairman Lynn asked if anyone had new business questions: No comment.

Chairman Lynn said the Leaf Collection start date will be Tuesday, October 26th. Last pick-up date will be Thursday, December 16th. Details are available on the website.

Halloween Trick or Treat night will be Saturday, October 30, 2021, from 6pm to 9pm.

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

Supervisor Whelan

motioned to pay the bills. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.

Supervisor Shultz 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