

October 10, 2022, Meeting Minutes- held at the Mahoning Township Building, 849 Bloom Road, Danville, PA, at 5:30pm

Members of the Board present: Chairman Bill Lynn, Vice-Chairman John Whelan, Supervisor's Glen Cromley, Al Neuner, Andy Lysiak, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, Treasurer Ken Houck, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, Fire Chief Leslie Young, Police Chief Fred Dyroff, Engineer Drew Barton & Solicitor Jonathan DeWald

Also present: Linda Rea, Boo Lysiak, Jim Barbarich, Rick from The Daily Item, Marlene Gunther, Pam Stetler & Ted Oman

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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 Fred Dyroff:

Chief Dyroff gave his September report.

Chief Dyroff discussed the free virtual reality training his team participated in last week that was held here at the township. The Chief said it was open to other departments within the county and was well received. He is in the process of applying for a grant that will help cover the cost of purchasing a training simulator.

Chief Dyroff said Officer Fenstermaker attended the annual Swat training last week at Fort Indiantown Gap.

Treasurer Ken Houck:

Ken said we received a grant from KMIT (Workers Compensation insurance carrier) for \$2,500, for external vest carriers for the police dept. Police Chief Dyroff said the vests have several benefits; they can be removed quickly, and they also take the weight off gun belts, which eliminates back pain. Ken plans to apply for this grant each year, giving other depts a chance to benefit.

Engineer Drew Barton:

Drew discussed application for payment to Don E. Bower for the first part of the storm water project for the Lombard Ave section for \$133,795.72. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to pay Don E. Bower \$133,795.72. Supervisor Cromley seconded. Motion passed.**

Drew said tree clearing was done about two weeks ago on Edgewood Drive. Supervisor Neuner said they also dug a test hole to confirm the location of the existing pipe.

Solicitor Jon DeWald:

Solicitor DeWald asked the board to approve the Act 57 plan Resolution, discussed at the last meeting, which allows the tax collector to automatically waive penalty on real estate bills for properties that have been transferred within the last 12 months. **Supervisor Cromley motioned to adopt Resolution 2022-1010. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Solicitor DeWald discussed the board purchasing (2) lots of land off Villa Street, currently owned by the Diocese Church of Harrisburg. The purchase price is \$4,000 plus the cost to have the township's engineer take care of the survey and the subdivision approval. Solicitor DeWald said the church signed the agreement and pending the subdivision and approval, we will close, when complete. Resident Marlene Gunther asked the reason for the purchase. Chairman Lynn said this property connects to our existing facility and will be used for expansion. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve the Agreement of Sale between the Diocese of Harrisburg and the township for \$4,000 for the purchase of (2) lots off Villa Street. Supervisor Neuner seconded. Motion passed.**

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn

Dean said he has (3) items that the board will need to approve. He said the Planning Commission recommended the board grant final approval for the Quail Hollow Land Development. Dean said all conditional approve requirements have been satisfied. **Supervisor Neuner motioned to approve the final development on Quail Hollow. Supervisor Cromley seconded. Motion passed.**

Dean said the Planning Commission recommended the board approve Stetler Subdivision as a preliminary/final, which requires (2) approvals. One for the waiver and one for final approval of the plan. **Supervisor Cromley motioned to accept the first plan as preliminary. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.** Dean said the second approval is for the final plan. **Supervisor Cromley motioned to approve the plan as final for the Stetler Subdivision. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Dean said the Planning Commission recommended the board approve Culver Subdivision as a preliminary/final, which requires (2) approvals. One for the waiver and one for final approval of the plan. **Supervisor Neuner motioned to accept the first plan as preliminary. Supervisor Lysiak seconded. Motion passed.** Dean said the second approval is for the final plan. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve the plan as final for the Culver Subdivision. Supervisor Cromley seconded. Motion passed.**

Dean discussed hiring a new Sewage Enforcement Officer. He said he reached out to several people; some are retiring soon, one of them is overqualified and then he finally received a resume from Robert Fugate who has good references and works with several surrounding townships. His charges are \$300 more for on-lot septic systems than our previous SEO, however he doesn't charge an hourly rate to go back and inspect. Extra work involved is \$50/hour and is charged directly to the client. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to appoint Robert Fugate at the rate schedule provided by our Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn. Chairman Lynn seconded. Motion passed.**

DSI Lead Lloyd Craig was not available.

Fire Chief Leslie Young:

Fire Chief Young discussed the upcoming Annual Turkey Shoot. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve the Annual Turkey Shoot at the East End Fire Company, on Friday, November 18th. Chairman Lynn seconded. Motion passed.**

Resident Marlene Gunther asked Fire Chief Young how they are making out with the \$100,000 fundraiser. Chief Young said they have not met their goal. She said they didn't get a lot of business support, only the businesses that normally donate. Supervisor Neuner said they have a request for Geisinger to also donate and are waiting to hear back.

Chief Young discussed the upcoming events for the East End Fire Co. that are not fire fighter related:

- They will be visiting schools this week & next for Fire Prevention Week.
- They will attend the Fall Festival at Trinity Church on 10/22
- They will attend the Halloween Parade on 10/27
- They will attend Trinity Church “Night the Light” on 10/29

Unfinished Business:

Engineer Drew said they had a meeting last week with PennDOT to review the Bloom Road Resurfacing Project and how it ties in with the potential Bike Lane Project. He said PennDOT needs to do research concerning the “Right-of-Way”. Resident Marlene Gunther asked Drew if there is a time frame on PennDOT getting back to us. Drew said their goal is to resurface next year so PennDOT will get back with us when their research is complete.

Chairman’s Report on Executive Sessions Held Prior to Meeting:

Chairman Lynn said the board had one executive meeting since the last meeting on October 6th, for PennDOT

New Business:

Supervisor Neuner motioned to Approve September minutes. Supervisor Cromley seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Lynn said the Leaf Pick up start date for 2022 will be Tuesday, October 18th. There will be NO pick-up on Tuesday November 22nd and Thursday, November 24th (Thanksgiving week).

Chairman Lynn reminded residents that Halloween Trick or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 29th, from 6-9pm. briefly discussed what night to have Halloween Trick or Treat.

Public comment not related to new business. No Comment

Supervisor Whelan motioned to pay the bills. Supervisor Neuner seconded. Motion passed.

Supervisor Whelan motioned to adjourn. Supervisor Lysiak 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