

August 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes- held at the Mahoning Township Building

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

Present via Audio-Video –Supervisor Larry Robertson, Assistant Fire Chief Rick Spotts

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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 briefly discussed the new policies and procedures of the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), that will be effective January 2021 and said that Next month Officer BEDISKY and Kim WILT will receive additional training on required report writing as it relates to NIBRS.

Chief Dyroff briefly discussed carry-over of vacation for the officers for 2021. He said many officers had to cancel their scheduled vacations this past year because of COVID-19. He is seeking a motion to approve a side letter of agreement permitting each officer to roll-over up to 40 hours of unused annual time. This would be one-time only, a maximum of 40 annual hours into 2021. Any unused annual leave at the conclusion of 2021 shall be forfeited by the individual officer. Township labor attorney, Melissa Kelso, drafted a Side Letter of Agreement, detailing this and it was approved/signed by the president of the Officer's Association. **Supervisor Robertson motioned as a onetime deal only, to approve the side letter of agreement as drafted and signed by Sergeant Gerst. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Engineer Drew Barton gave his report and discussed:

Drew said the Linden Lane survey is scheduled from the 2nd to the 4th of September.

Drew briefly discussed payment adjustment – partial reimbursements that contractor Merco Inc., requested for the Soil Nailing Project done on Bald Top Road. Drew and CEO Mike from Merco briefly explained the reasons for the added charges; There are two change orders. Change order #2, sub-contractor RC Young charged a higher rate plus they went deeper on the base repairs than originally planned. Change order # 3, more grout for filler for bond strength had to be used than originally planned. Drew said the contract states that above or below 125%, the contractor has a right to negotiate a price and ask for an adjustment. After a lengthy discussion between the supervisors and Mike from Merco, all the supervisors agreed to paying the partial reimbursement. **Supervisor Scott motioned to accept change order #2 for an adder of \$20,620.80, as presented by the township engineer. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Supervisor Shultz motioned to accept change order #3 for the additional grout and time as presented by the township engineer for an adder of \$37,902.68. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Both motions passed.**

Supervisor Scott motioned to approve final application for payment to Merco based on the recommendation of the township engineer of \$505,463.48. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed

Engineer Drew said Hawbaker should be on site by Monday to start the Road Construction.

Lloyd said timing changes at Bloom Road, Academy Ave and Woodbine are set to be done on Thursday at 10am, while PennDOT inspects the work. He said the camera that faces GMC has failed and needs replaced. The cost of the camera should be about \$1500. There is also a yellow bulb out at Woodbine and Rt 11 that will be replaced at the same time. That cannot be done before the lines are repainted to extend the turning lanes and move the stop bars, which is scheduled for Wednesday, weather permitting.

Engineer Drew said he received the final draft today for the Danville Area Transportation Study. Drew will send electronic copy to everyone.

Supervisor Whelan said a resident called from Whisper Hills expressing concerns of the costs of the storm water drainage systems, if the grant doesn't go through. Supervisor Scott said we won't know anything until we hear back on the grant.

Treasurer Ken Houck gave his report and discussed:

Ken gave July's treasurer's report over because he had a correction and needed to amend it. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to accept the amended June report, with the corrected ending balance of \$636,461.36. Supervisor Scott seconded. Motion passed.**

Ken gave July's treasurer's report. **Supervisor Shultz motioned to approve July's report. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.** Both June (amended) and July's reports will be posted to the website tomorrow.

Ken briefly discussed establishing a 457 deferred compensation investment plan. Ken said it is like a 401K, except the 457 plan is a voluntary retirement plan that the township agrees to administer but not contribute to. This requires a resolution. The name of the company is Security Benefit Affiliates. **Supervisor Scott motioned to adopt the Resolution for the 457 Differed Compensation Plan as presented by the township treasurer. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.**

Solicitor Jon DeWald – nothing to report.

Resident Bryan Campbell asked to have the Whisper Hills grant application uploaded to the website. Engineer Drew will email it to be put on the website.

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn discussed:

Dean said Carriage Manor/Watson Landscaping is requesting to exceed the posted 10-ton weight. They would like permission to haul 3-5 triaxle loads of topsoil. Solicitor Jon said that if it's a local delivery, no action needs to be taken. Jon will research and advise at the next meeting.

Dean briefly discussed the tree damage at 786 Bloom Road and said based on the opinion of he and PennDOT, the tree should come down. Dean will send a notice to have the owner remove the tree.

Dean said George Heim, who owns the carwash asked what needs to be done to fix the culvert at his property. DSI Lead Lloyd said PennDOT will tell George that it's his culvert and that he will be responsible to fix it. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Engineer Drew will take a look at the area and advise.

Supervisor Scott said with school starting September 3rd, he would like something put on the website and a text alert for the day before to remind people to slow down.

DSI Lead Lloyd Craig – gave his report and discussed:

Lloyd said, he is waiting on two contractors' prices for the damaged end wall at Kingsley and Crestwood and should have the prices for the next meeting.

Lloyd said Zartman has provided a price to fill the old steel drainpipe above Edgewood Development on Red Lane. The cost to fill the pipe with flowable grout is \$3,926.00. **Supervisor Scott motioned for Zartman Construction to fill the old steel drainpipe with flowable grout at the cost of \$3,926.00. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.**

Lloyd said Barry Garvlick, from PennDOT, our State Municipal Services Representative, needs a resolution adopting Homestead Court, Terre Lane and Woods of Welsh, including Woodland Drive Developments, (portions of Mahoning Township only) in order to get our liquid fuels money. Solicitor Jon said the deed was already recorded. **Supervisor Scott read the Resolution from Solicitor Jon and motioned to adopt the resolution as read. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Lloyd said weather permitting, the oil and chip work will be done this Friday on Welsh Road, part of Toby Run, Part of Clinic Road, Woodhill and the very top of Bald Top Road.

Assistant Fire Chief Rick Spotts gave his report and discussed:

Rick Spotts said they had a water supply drill at Magnolia Court.

Resident Bryan Campbell would like the fire department to perform another drill after the curbing is done, to make sure they can get around with the curbing completed. Assistant Chief Spott said it will be part of the training, once the curbing is complete.

Resident Bryan Campbell expressed concerns about testing the fire hydrants at Magnolia Court. Assistant Fire Chief Rick Spotts said it's the responsibility of SUEZ.

Chairman Lynn said they had no executive sessions, only one Special meeting held on August 17th to award the contractor for Bald Top Road Re-Construction.

Resident Bryan Campbell express concerns about water migration problems from places in the township, other than Whisper Hills. Bryan would also like the final report posted to the website. Drew will supply the report, when complete.

Chairman Lynn asked for public comment on unfinished or new business – No comment

Chairman Lynn said the yard waste pick up ended August 18th but asked the board if they would like to extend it through September. People are cutting up pick up loads of brush and expecting JDOG to pick it up. The board decided not to extend it.

Chairman Lynn said the said the Leaf Pick-up will begin on Tuesday, October 27th and will be picked up every Tuesday and Thursday. Last pick up date will be Thursday, December 17th. 5 bag limit per pick up.

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

Resident Bryan Campbell thanked the board for improving the experience of the meeting.

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