

August 27, 2018

Members of the Board present:

Chairman Bill Lynn, Vice Chairman T S Scott, Supervisors, John Whelan, Larry Robertson, Molly Shultz, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn & Assistant Jim Dragano, Police Chief Sean McGinley, Andrew Barton, Engineer, and Lloyd Craig, Street Dept., and Fire Chief Leslie Young. Treasurer Ken Houck and Solicitor, Ryan Tira.

Present for the public were Henry Eyer, Nancy Whelan, Karen Robertson, John Bausch, Bill & Rose Pursel, Dan Klingerman, Dave Klingerman, Linda Rea, Matt Fasold, Patty Heinle, and Joe Sylvester of the Danville News.

Chairman Lynn noted the following "Executive Sessions" were 8/7 JDOG and 8/7 Montour Soil Conservation meeting and 8/15 Cooper township.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Ken Houck gave the Financial Report for July 31, 2018 showing a beginning balance of \$761,567.97, receipts \$52,404.92, and expenses of \$270,606.00 with an ending balance of \$543,366.89

Treasurer Ken Houck also gave the Financial Report for the Sewer and Water. A beginning balance of \$1,208,100.56, receipts \$45,219.88 and expenses of \$292,017.81, with an ending balance of \$961,302.63 for July 31, 2018. Report was approved after motions by Scott and Robertson.

ALL VOTING WILL BE CONSIDERED UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Solicitor: Solicitor Ryan Tira reported that he is still working with Suez and the Conditional Use Amendment was advertised on Friday, the 17th of August. He has also been in contract with the attorney for the Woods of Welsh Development Deed of Dedication should be complete within the next month. He further reported the Ordinance Amendment was advertised for tonight.

Super TS reported as a result, Suez is withdrawing Mahoning Township from their rate increase list. The PUC regulates how much the rate increase will be. Two Authorities working together, the PUC stays out of it. Last month we had a meeting and felt our displeasure with that increase in the fees from Sues and as a result that request via the PUC was withdrawn. He reviewed the last rate increase 10 and 15% by Danville. Danville does not have to go through the PUC and that is why government should not be involved in this. He noted that is called Red lining. They Suez can't put increases on whenever they want. Scott went on to say how the PUC operates on rate requests.

Solicitor Tira also reported that SUEZ removed the rate increase from their plan to increase the rates on residents that was on their docket. Scott thanked him for the good news for Mahoning Township residents that their rates can't be increased for two years after the sale is finalized and then Suez must seek an increase from the Pennsylvania Utilities Commission (PUC).

Zoning: Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn reported.

Property maintenance issues for this month are improving, there are several properties that continue to be an issue. Several of the properties still generating complaints from the neighbors, we have put door hangers on several, and have sent notices of violation to others.

A stormwater issue on Charles Street reported by the street department at the August workshop has been investigated at by Drew Barton and me. It appears that the swale on the uphill side of the properties was never installed by the developer properly, what was installed was obviously filled in by one property owner and not maintained by others. To allow the stormwater to flow in the direction shown on the approved drawings will require work to reestablish the proper flow.

Myers Bus Service on Bald Top Road has submitted plans to asphalt 3 areas use for parking their equipment. I notified them that it would be considered as a land development, there is a different opinion regarding whether it is a land development or not. My concerns are according to our ordinance definitions a land development is the improvement of 1 lot or more, by leveling and installing asphalt on the areas used for parking, it is developing parking lots and should be sent to the Townships Planning Commission. According to the Attorney representing Myers he does not consider this a land development and it should not be sent to the Planning Commission. Dean reported that he is looking for guidance regarding this issue.

Dean said they are still getting complaints from Neighbors on some of the properties that need cleaned up. He sent this guy a letter with a deadline.

Dean also reported that we had a storm water issues on Locust Lane. He found the original drawing and said the swale was never installed properly. Two properties are to drain off to the East and the rest of the properties are to drain off on the West. This problem needs to be corrected. Drew Barton will work up what needs to be done and will bring his plans to the next meeting.

Police Chief's Report for July 2018

Chief McGinley 402 incidents, 8 crashes, 10 motor assists, 11 alarms, 84 traffic enforcements (tickets), 27 moving violations and 20 reported criminal offenses. His officers are encountering more and more drugs. \$8,000 they've picked up from drug stops. The chief also reported one of the stops made by his officers had drugs, LSD, Meth, cocaine. He showed photos of all the drugs worth about a \$1,000. The police are trained to make searches when there is suspicion of drugs. They take samples from these packages and send them away for what type of drugs they are. The chief also showed the new gray uniforms for all the police department.

Engineer's Report

Drew Barton said he has no formal report other than the Bloom Road Pedestrian Improvement Grant is being looked at and that he is waiting for the letter back from PennDOT and we should hear in December.

Street Department – NO overtime since last meeting. They have been working on a lot of water issues, and drainage issues. He is waiting for Drew to get freed up to look at Timberwood. One of the residents won't like the outcome. The underdrain work and the paving are set to begin on September 4, 2018. 1,100. Starting September 10th, will be the milling and widening. They are trying to take the 4 ft. of the edge that is there now and fix it. They are going to use a road widener. No room for cars to pass. They will have to close sections of Red Lane as they work. Emergency services will be notified. They will get an ambulance though and fire trucks through, if they need to. They hope to complete the project in 4 days, but that all depends on the weather. They will forward to the newspaper and Geisinger's info web. Danville PD and 911 center. Leslie will inform the other fire departments.

Using a Demo backhoe. Hope to have ours back by Friday.

He got a GP3 permit for rocks to use in the strengthen of the creek bank.

TS congratulated John and Lloyd concerning the crosswalks. Also thanked the Chief. School and parents are happy. Crosswalk Signs will come next. Lloyd is going to add it to his list and will coordinate with PennDOT.

Water & Sewer Dept. - Kohl Bros. will come on Thursday to look at the pump house for the water issues with Edgewood Development. Dave Waters, Engineer from Larson Design Group will be here also to offer his advice.

Fire Department – Chief Leslie Young gave the July 2018 Monthly Fire Report. The Report is retained in the Mahoning Reports Book. The East End Fire Company for July shows the company had 30 responses for the month, 3 MVA, 4 structure fires, 7 false alarms, 1 RIT, 8, 1 water rescue, Public Service and 6 others. 18 calls in Mahoning Township and 12 Mutual Aid Calls, 3 Point Township, 5 in Danville Borough, 31 Rush Township, 1 Derry Township, 1 Riverside, and 1 Locust Township, and 100 hours of in-house training during July. Leslie reported that someone stole the thermal imaging camera. Water rescue training. Some trainings were cancelled. August is proving to be just as busy. they are at 187 calls this year. They have exceeded what they normally do in a year.

Items that need Boards input/ approval.

Approval for minutes for July 9 and July 23, 2018. Supervisor Whelan motioned, and Molly seconded.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Scott moved to pass the Ordinance Amendment 2018-8 adding a Conditional Use to allow the following residential structures as a Conditional use, single family detached dwellings, single-family attached, town-houses, residential cluster developments, multifamily housing development and all applicable lot, yard and open space requirement for each of the above-named structures would be incorporated accordingly. Second Whelan 250 Zoning article 3, 1 as a condition use. Whelan seconded. Patty Heinle asked something about water runoff. Ryan explained that they still have to go through the planning commission. Make sure they Water run-off will also be addressed. Until there is a proposal, this just gives them permission to go to the next step of engineering, drawings now the devil and the details begin. Hearing will take place to that specific plan. Board of supervisors can add requirements like buffering.

NEW BUSINESS

Scott moved to authorize Bret to do I&I (Infiltration and Inflow) Testing on Woodbine Lane in light of water levels at the pump station during recent storm events. Seconded by Molly. When we got all this rain, the pumps are supposed to kick off. So, we have excess water in the sewer line. They are trying to find out where the extra water is coming from. Adams will be doing the I & I inspection per Bill Lynn.

Larry Robertson motion to approve the Awards Resolution. These are for life saving to a purple heart, and service ribbons for every 10 years of service. Scott moved to pass a "Resolution" regarding the conditions and procedures for the awarding acknowledgement of the Mahoning Police Department and East End Fire Department. Ribbons will be worn on the uniforms. Seconded the Resolution was Scott. Chief said that most police and fire depts have this already in place and he thanked Larry.

Scott presented the idea of having a leaf vendor. Supervisor Scott would like to hire a leaf vendor, so the street department can focus on the street issues and projects. He and Larry tried to find a vendor with no success. They finally found someone with the name of JDOG from the Berwick area. The biggest issue is trying to calculate how many leaves. They will save 200 to 500 cubic yards. They pay per trailer. Mahoning will pay a flat fee of \$8,000. Homeowners can contact the vendor with the number of bags or go to the website. Set them out along the street on Tuesday's and Thursdays on the 3rd week in October until the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. TS moved to approve the contract for this year (\$8,000.00) leaf pick up and disposal with JDOG at a flat fee of \$8,000 to do this program. Larry seconded. If this works out, we may start going to yard waste. The cool thing about the company is and will pick up stuff you can't get rid of even on Dumpster day such as tv, refrigerators and other items. They will come pick up on your dime (the fee is the residents). Yard waste may start in the spring.

2 late entries. – TS moved to authorize the chief to contribute to the workplace violence prevention committee conducted by Geisinger. Molly seconded.

The last meeting in September will be the website. The website will offer so much. Living well in the center of it all. It will make you want to live in Mahoning Township. email which will go to the right place like zoning. It will know who to send it to, even if you don't know the person's name. TS also noted that you can pay your parking violation fines through the website. He noted the local entertainment listing on the site. He will also put on about meetings, if we can alert so people will know when the meeting are.

Supervisor Whelan said the Sewage Enforcement Officer has been reviewing the wells and septic systems in the Bald Top Area. He has over a 100 homes to visit. This will take time.

Dean noted the Planning Commission meeting here on Sept 4th at 5:30 Pm.

Public comment. –

Fireworks – we have an ordinance that says you can't shoot the fireworks in the township without a permit. Chief said he thinks you can. There is a new state law that says must be 150ft from a building. Linda Rea knows who set them off. They were doing it from their driveways. Ryan said something. Chief said something. can't be within 150 ft from a structure. New law per Chief McGinley, and the Danville Borough is also looking at an ordinance. Recording of complaints may be anonymous.

The meeting was adjourned.

This meeting was recorded. These minutes reflect the events and dialog during the meeting but are not transcribed verbatim.

Carolyn Dragano Secretary