

**December 13, 2021, Meeting Minutes- held at the Mahoning Township Building, 849 Bloom Road, Danville, PA**

**Members of the Board present:** Chairman Bill Lynn, Supervisors, John Whelan, TS Scott, Larry Robertson & Molly Shultz, Treasurer Ken Houck, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, Fire Chief Leslie Young, Police Chief Fred Dyroff, Detective Jason Bedisky

**Present via Audio Video:** Solicitor Jon DeWald, Engineer Drew Barton.

**Also present:** Glen Cromley, Nancy Whelan, Henry Eyer, Linda Rea, Bill Gibson, Chuck Eyer, Todd Gibson, Kevin Young, Rick Spotts, Kenny Strausser, Tyde Strausser, Bob Stoudt, Troy Patterson, Jami Maciejewski & son Logan.

ALL VOTING WILL BE CONSIDERED UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

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 will give his report at the next meeting**

Detective Bedisky gave a donation of \$500 to the East End Fire Company, which the police department raised during relaxed grooming days in the police station, with a match from the Police Officer's Association. He thanked Fire Chief Leslie Young and her staff for all they do.

**Treasurer Ken Houck discussed:**

Ken went over the budget numbers with no tax increase, which was tentatively adopted at a Special Meeting held on November 16th, 2021. Ken asked for questions from the public. There were no questions. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to adopt the 2022 Budget as presented with Revenues of \$3,648,914.85, General Expenses of \$1,035,521.33, Police Expenses of \$1,392,929.12 and Streets & Infrastructure Expenses of \$1,220,464.40. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.**

Supervisor Scott read over the 2021-1213-1 Tax Resolution with no tax increase for 2022. **Supervisor Scott motioned to adopt the 2022 No Tax Increase Resolution 2021-1213-1. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.**

Ken discussed the ARP (American Rescue Plan) Resolution 2021-1213 for allocation of 2021 funds, which he said will supersede the first resolution passed on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Ken said no funds have been dispersed yet. Supervisor Scott read over the plan. Chairman Lynn asked for questions. Fire Fighters Kevin Young, Todd Gibson, Rick Spotts and Chuck Eyer expressed concerns about the way the ARP funds were dispersed. They expressed concerns about the fire depts required Audit that took place before the \$552,596.30 was given to them, along with concerns about spending ARP funds on mitigation in Mahoning Twp, rather than giving it outside the township. After a very lengthy discussion, **Supervisor Shultz motioned to approve the ARP Resolution. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.**

**Engineer Drew Barton had no report**

**Solicitor Jon DeWald:**

Solicitor Jon had no formal report. Just a reminder that the public hearing is coming up on December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm with a special meeting to follow at 7:30pm.

**Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn discussed:**

Dean asked the board to approve a 90-day extension for Joan Miller's subdivision on River Road because the planning commission won't be meeting until January, and they will run out of time on the clock.

**Supervisor Robertson motioned to approve the 90-day extension for the Miller subdivision. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Dean would like to use Hill, Turowski, James and Lehman, as the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor, with Matt Turowski as the attorney, at \$175 per meeting and \$150/hr. for other meetings. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to hire Hill, Turowski, James and Lehman at \$175 per meeting and \$150/hr. for other work. Supervisor Scott seconded. Motion passed.** This law office will be appointed at the reorganization meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

Dean said most of the available to land to be developed in Mahoning township will require off site improvements. We should look at an impact ordinance.

The stormwater issue at the intersection of Woodhill Road and Bald Top regarding the stormwater collecting on the PPL right of way and running onto the corner lot across the sanitary drip site is causing problems when the water freezes. Dean said he and Engineer Drew visited the site and recommend waiting to revisit this issue until PPL is finished with their project. Engineer Drew isn't sure if it's the townships' responsibility to fix it. Dean said when Sensenig owned them, the locations of the drip sites were approved by the prior SEO and township engineer John Mazich. PPL hasn't started yet and when they come through, we can see what the land looks like when they are done because they will be moving a lot of stuff around.

**DSI Lead Lloyd Craig was not available**

**Fire Chief Leslie Young gave her report:**

**Unfinished Business**

Chairman Lynn said they had two executive sessions: one for ARP on December 2nd and one with Engineer Drew on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

Resident Logan Maciejewski discussed doing his Eagle Scout Project in the township. Dean VonBlohn may have some suggestions from the Legion or Bob Stoudt from MARC may have some suggestions. Logan's mother asked to be the contact person for Logan. Fire Chief Leslie Young said they may be able to help with water rescue for Logan's future Coast Guard career.

The board briefly discussed 2022 meeting schedule for the Supervisor's Regular meetings. They decided to change the December schedule so everyone could be off over the holidays. **Supervisor Scott motioned to accept the meeting schedule dates changing from December 27<sup>th</sup> to December 19<sup>th</sup>. December's meeting dates will now be December 12<sup>th</sup> and December 19<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Fire Chief Leslie Young asked if she and Deputy Fire Chief Rick Spotts will be sworn in at the reorganization meeting. Chairman Lynn said they could do it right before the meeting or through our Police Secretary Kim Wilt, who is a notary.

**Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve the supervisors November meeting minutes, which includes the special budget meeting held on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.**

Chairman Lynn said the supervisor's reorganization meeting will be held on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, at 5:30pm, here at the township building.

Chairman Lynn said the Board of Auditor's meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 5:15pm, here at the Township building.

Chairman Lynn reminded residents that the last day for leaf pick-up is this Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Chairman Lynn said Christmas Tree pick-up starts Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, and will end Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Weather permitting, pick-up days will be every Monday & Friday. Trees are to be at curbside by 7am. Trees will NOT be taken if they contain stands, lights or if they are in plastic. This information will also be available tomorrow on our website at [www.mahoningtownship.org](http://www.mahoningtownship.org)

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

**Supervisor Robertson motioned to pay the bills. Supervisor Whelan 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