

February 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes- held at the Mahoning Township Building

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

Present via Audio-Video: Fire Chief Leslie Young, Solicitor Jon DeWald & Supervisor Larry Robertson

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

Police Chief Fred Dyroff will give his report at the next meeting.

Chief Dyroff said the vehicle they ordered last year will be delivered tomorrow morning.

Engineer Drew Barton discussed:

Drew said he and Zoning Officer Dean are working on issuing the street cut permit application. They will have a resolution to revise the construction material specification to include temporary paving at the next meeting.

Drew received a security reduction request from Magnolia court, which he will work on, after the snow clears. He should have that for the next meeting.

Drew discussed putting up a security railing, at the Bunker project site. This will go the whole length of the wall, with 4x4 posts and a 10 ft. buffer. It will be paid with the money left over from the grant. Per Zoning Officer, Dean VonBlohn, the code reads we must have some type of a security railing, on walls over 4 feet high. They don't specify what type of railing. Drew will put together a proposal and Solicitor Jon will revise the temporary easement and agreement addressing liability, maintenance & upkeep, for the next meeting.

Drew said the first quarter capital budget meeting will be held on February 23rd, at 9am, to go over engineering.

Treasurer Ken Houck – gave his January report.

Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve the January Treasurer's report. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.

Solicitor Jon DeWald had no report

Solicitor Jon said he will comment on the Personal Delivery Devices when we get to that point on the agenda.

Zoning officer Dean VonBlohn had no report and discussed:

DSI Lead Lloyd Craig gave his report and discussed:

Lloyd said they've been working on the police remodel, when not working on snow removal, repaired the old pick-up and repaired a damaged spreader.

Lloyd discussed repairing the tractor that has a missing tooth on one of the gears. It will cost around \$6,000 to repair. Thanks to Chuck Eyer for catching the problem early.

Lloyd asked for approval to move forward with getting bids for aggregate stone and asphalt paving, that we use in house. All supervisors said to move forward with the aggregate stone and asphalt paving bids.

Fire Chief Leslie Young gave her January report and discussed:

Chief Young said they had a \$7,000 fire loss at an apartment building and said the smoke alarms were not operating. Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn said, since the apartments were constructed prior to the current building code, smoke alarms hardwired and interconnected are not required, however, battery operated smoke alarms are required and must be maintained at all times. What was reported to him by the fire and police depts, was that the batteries were removed from the smoke detectors. He brought this to the attention of the owner and commented that he may investigate the possibility of inspecting these buildings in the future. Dean will check with Solicitor Jon on the possibility of inspecting multi-unit buildings in the future.

Resident Donald Good expressed concerns about who is responsible for the \$7000 fire damage. Solicitor Jon said the loss falls on the property owner.

Chairman Lynn said they had no executive sessions.

Chairman Lynn asked for public comment related to unfinished or new business: No comment.

Solicitor Jon DeWald discussed the resolution, proposed at the last meeting, that would regulate the operation of Personal Delivery Devices (PDD's). Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn reported that they could be safely operated on sidewalks and berms along highways, with speed limits not exceeding 30 miles per hour. It appears that the only place feasible at this time, would be on sidewalks at Woodbine lane from Justin Drive to the Geisinger Healthplex, located at 16 Woodbine lane. Dean said he is working with Engineer Drew Barton on establishing a map, that would show the safe/unsafe locations, to operate the devices. Solicitor Jon said the purpose of the resolution is to make sure we have a process in place to handle PennDOT's request. A discussion followed concerning the liability insurance required by the state to operate a PDD. The state requires minimum \$100,000 for liability. Chairman Lynn was concerned about who would be responsible if a PDD caused damage greater than the required \$100,000 insurance requirement. Solicitor Jon and Supervisor Scott elaborated that liability for a PDD accident would be like an accident caused by a motor vehicle. The township would generally not have any responsibility. **Supervisor Scott read the resolution and motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-02-08. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.**

Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve January minutes. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.

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

Supervisor Whelan 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