

January 25, 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 & Police Chief Fred Dyroff

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 gave his report and discussed:

Chief Dyroff said the Annual Report is completed and is available to the public for review on the township website.

Chief Dyroff briefly discussed the different trainings his officers had last month.

Engineer Drew Barton gave his report and discussed:

Drew discussed the Taylor Storm water plan revision that was reviewed and recommended for conditional approval by the Planning Commission and would like the board's approval for waiver set back and the storm water control plans. **Supervisor Scott motioned to follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the waiver for the set back to the north as laid out by the engineer and his presentation. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed. Supervisor Scott motioned to approve the storm water control plans recommended by the Planning Commission and as presented by the engineer. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn said the Joint Mahoning -Cooper Planning Commission elected Steve Herman as their Chairperson and Elizabeth Brown as Co-Chairperson, at their Reorganization Meeting.

Drew said Capital Projects MS4 Annual Report was approved. Drew said if we get the grant money for Whisper Hills, it will go toward the Pollution Reduction plans, which we have 5 years to implement.

Drew discussed approving final applications for payment for the Bald Top project to RC Young and Glenn Hawbaker. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to pay final payment for Traffic Control to RC Young for \$21,714.25. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.** Drew said he asked for final payment to Hawbaker last month for \$302,667.80, however, found out after it was approved, that it was incorrect. Hawbaker did extra guiderail & paving work, at a cost of \$12,645.35. Drew said the extra charges are still less than the original bid amount. Total amount from December plus the extra work, is \$315,313.15. Rather than rescind last month's approval, the board decided to approve only the extra amount. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to pay the final payment to Hawbaker, in the amount of \$12,645.35 for the extra guiderails and paving. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.**

Drew said they have a laundry list on outstanding grants that he hasn't heard anything on yet and said he should have the summary of accomplishments from last year, for the next meeting. Drew would also like to have an engineering meeting in the next few weeks, to discuss the upcoming projects.

Ken Houck – gave his December 2020 report.

Supervisor Scott motioned to approve the treasurer’s report. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.

Solicitor Jon DeWald had no report.

Zoning officer Dean VonBlohn gave his report and discussed:

Dean said there seems to be a problem every year with portable basketball hoops not being moved off the streets during the winter months. They are a hindrance for plowing. He is going to send out letters to the residents asking them to move them, for everyone’s safety.

DSI Lead Lloyd Craig gave his report and discussed:

Lloyd said they are working on the police remodel & trimming trees, from the heavy snow. He also said they found (4) broken stand-off blocks on the Bald Top guiderail, which they have stock to fix.

Lloyd discussed the purchase of the 2021 truck that he’d like the board to approve. He said when going out for quotes for the truck replacement, Sunbury Motors prices were cheaper than Kovatch, by \$2,176.37. The complete cost for the chassis, flatbed, hydraulics, plow, spreader and all the controls would be \$80,437.52. Lloyd said he only budgeted for the chassis and flatbed in October, he missed the plow, spreader, and the work Bradco does. Supervisor Robertson asked if Sunbury is Co-Stars approved, per Lloyd yes. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to authorize the expenditure of \$80,437.52, which includes \$44, 297.00 for Sunbury Motors, \$7742.00 for the body, and \$28,398.52 for the upfit. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.**

Lloyd would like to proceed with the proposed paving list, from our budget for Upper, Middle, Lower, a short piece of Reservoir, Line Street (between Bloom & Center), a piece of Powder Mill (from Geisinger parking lot to where Middle and Lower splits), a piece of Bald Top (from just above Timberwood to just above Woodhill), H. Eyer Road and the top of Meadow Ave. (from Maple up to Locust). This doesn’t tie us into anything right now, just getting estimates. Supervisor Scott told Lloyd to get his numbers together.

Fire Chief Leslie Young discussed:

Chief Young said they took delivery of self-contained breathing apparatus. They weren’t planning on purchasing the SCBA’s this early, however, they found out about a deal that would save them \$30,000, if they ordered them at the same time as Valley Twp Fire Company and Washingtonville Fire Co. They will also have a better re-sale value, when selling the old ones. The cost was \$72,000 and was paid for by the Fireman’s Relief Fund and donations from their mailers. Chief Young said it also makes us compatible with intercompany operability because all the fire companies are all running the same type of air pack.

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

Supervisor Scott briefly discussed extending the Additional Leave for employees affected by COVID-19. Scott said this is just an extension of what we already provided in 2020. The state isn’t extending it at this time so this resolution would extend out from January 1, 2021 to July 12th, 2021, at which time we will revisit this again to see where we are with COVID. **Supervisor Scott motioned to further adopt the Resolution for Additional Leave Extension, to be carried forward until July 12, 2021. Supervisor Shultz seconded.**

Solicitor Jon DeWald briefly discussed a proposed resolution for Mahoning Township that would regulate the operation of Personal Delivery Devices in the township. He said Pennsylvania is joining with a few other states in authorizing the use of states using Personal Delivery Devices (PDD). These are vehicles meant for cargo that go around to residents of the township. The statewide framework requires any entity looking to use a PDD within Mahoning Township, to approach the township, making sure its proposed use doesn't constitute a hazard and ensuring there is sufficient insurance limits on that PDD. This will start January 30th, 2021, however, Jon thinks he and the zoning office should put together a tentative map relative to the use and potential hazards within the township, before approving the resolution. Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn said the questions could be in the permit application. Jon said the act doesn't allow the township to charge a permit fee, but it would be wise to put forth a permit. Supervisor Scott authorized the solicitor to continue to work with the zoning office to develop a map so we can move forward in considering voting on this resolution, at the next meeting. Jon will also work with the police dept.

Solicitor Jon briefly discussed the revised Act 537 plan between Mahoning Township & Cooper Township Authority to connect and serve Metzger Ford, which was approved at the last meeting. Jon said it needs to be re-adopted because the 30 day comment period had not yet run on that proposed amended Act 537 plan, so now that the 30 days has run, we need to re-adopt the same resolution, allowing for that service to occur. **Supervisor Scott motioned to adopt the revised resolution for Act 537 Plan between Mahoning Township & Cooper Township. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Chairman Lynn said the last day for Christmas tree pick-up is this Friday, January 29th, 2021. Pick up times are from 7am to 3pm. Trees are to be at curbside by 7am and will not be taken if they contain stands, lights or if they are in plastic.

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

Supervisor Scott wanted to set the record straight on incorrect information in the Danville News article, written by Joe Sylvester, on January 21, 2021, concerning the settlement between Mahoning Township & Wayne Myers. Myers stated that he resigned as supervisor in 2017, because Supervisor's Lynn & Scott violated the Sunshine Act. Scott said he wasn't a supervisor when Mr. Myers was a supervisor, in 2017, therefore he could not have violated the PA Sunshine Act, nor could he have been the reason for Mr. Myers resigning.

Supervisor Shultz motioned to pay the bills and adjourn. Supervisor Scott 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