

July 25, 2022, Meeting Minutes- held at the Mahoning Township Building, 849 Bloom Road, Danville, PA, at 5:30pm

Members of the Board present: Chairman Bill Lynn, Vice-Chairman John Whelan, Supervisor Glen Cromley, Supervisor Al Neuner, Supervisor Andy Lysiak, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, Solicitor Jonathan DeWald, Sgt Matt Gerst in for Police Chief Fred Dyroff and Engineer Drew Barton

Also present: Linda Rea, Joe Sylvester from Danville News, Geri Gibbons from Press Enterprise & Marlene Gunther

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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 Sgt. Matt Gerst spoke on behalf of Police Chief Fred Dyroff and gave his report

Sgt. Gerst briefly discussed the Community Night Out coming up next Tuesday, August 2, 2022, from 5-7pm, at the Washies Playground.

Treasurer Ken Houck was not available

Engineer Drew Barton discussed

Drew said they opened bid today for the storm water replacement project on Lombard Ave and Edgewood Drive. Three bidders:

Don E. Bower -	\$339,538.00
Gutelius Excavating	\$344,066.00
G.M. Crawford	\$381,646.00

Drew said the completion date for Lombard Ave, is September 28th and Edgewood Drive is October 14th, with plans to complete both streets by the end of October. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to award the bid to Don E. Bower, for \$339,538.00, to be paid for out of General Funds. Supervisor Lynn seconded. Motion passed.**

Drew said he and PennDOT reviewed Fairview Drive's site distance issues and per PennDOT, there is a deficiency 140 feet, on the left side. Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn said he will work with the Homeowners Association to make sure the trees are removed to meet the line of site requirements.

Solicitor Jon DeWald:

Solicitor DeWald said the township currently doesn't have a Uniform Records Retention Policy and said the State Municipal Records Manual recommends municipalities keep recordings of meetings only until minutes are finalized and approved. We are deviating from this to retain the recordings for at least a year (1 year tail) once the meeting minutes are approved. Supervisor Neuner asked why the township was going above and beyond what is required. Supervisor Whelan said it's because the minutes are general and since we often get questioned afterwards. This way we will have the recordings to refer to. Solicitor DeWald said we need to adopt two resolutions; First Resolution would be relative to the township's records, which would adhere to the Municipal Records Manual published by the Local Records Committee. The second resolution is relative to retention of recordings of our public meeting, destroying all records of public meetings after one year, unless they were the subject of a right-to-know of Freedom of Information Act request. **Supervisor Neuner voted to approved Resolution 1, which notes the adherence to the Municipal Records Manual. Supervisor Cromley seconded. Motion passed.**

Resolution #2 speaks to the recordings of minutes. All the recordings of minutes from July 25th, 2021 back will be destroyed. Then the same will occur each January 1st of the new year. This means the township will keep 1 full year of recordings. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve the 2022-0725-2, declaring the townships intent to destroy recordings of its meetings recordings. Supervisor Cromley seconded. Motion passed.**

Solicitor DeWald discussed the Flood Ordinance sent to Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn by the PA Municipal League recommending we amend our Flood Plain Ordinance. Updating this ordinance will allow township residents in the flood plain or who will constructing in the flood plain to continue to get flood insurance. Solicitor DeWald needs authorization to advertise now so the ordinance can be approved at the next Supervisors meeting on August 8th. The board agreed to have Solicitor DeWald advertise.

Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn:

Dean said they've been working on property maintenance issues. He said he filed another citation on 64 Schoolhouse Road.

Dean said they are waiting on the magistrate to determine the fine that will be imposed on the property owner on Lower Street.

DSI Lead Lloyd Craig gave his report and discussed:

Lloyd said underdrain at Locust & Wodenshire should be completed tomorrow.

Lloyd said the Grotto pipe replacement work at the Meadows is done, including seeding and straw. They will start a curb repair before re-paving.

Lloyd discussed replacement of the 2009 International dump truck, due to be replaced in 2024. He said the lead time for just the chassis is 12 to 14 months so we should order before the end of the year so they can take delivery in summer of 2024. The board authorized Lloyd to go out for pricing and bids.

Fire Chief Leslie Young was not available.

Chairman's Report of Executive Sessions Held Prior to Meeting

Chairman Lynn said the board had no executive meetings since the last meeting.

New Business

Tax Collector Marlene discussed ACT 57 of 2022, signed by the Governor on July 11, 2022. This Act amends the Local Tax Collection Law, further providing for effect of failure to receive tax notice when a property (or mobile home) transfer has taken place within the previous 12 months. This will take effect October 11, 2022 but will begin January of 2023 (the first tax year after the effective date). Solicitor DeWald will draft the resolution ahead of time to be put on Octobers' agenda.

Chairman Lynn reminded residents of the next Yard Waste Pick-up from JDOG will be Tuesday, August 16th, 2022.

Chairman Lynn reminded residents of this year's Dumpster Day, on August 13th, 2022, from 8am to 11am.

Public comment not related to new business. No Comment

Supervisor Neuner motioned to pay the bills. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.

Supervisor Whelan motioned to adjourn. Supervisor Cromley 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