

June 28, 2021, Meeting Minutes- held at the Mahoning Township Building, 849 Bloom Rd, Danville, PA

Members of the Board present: Chairman Bill Lynn, Supervisors, Molly Shultz, John Whelan, Larry Robertson, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, Treasurer Ken Houck, Police Chief Fred Dyroff, Engineer Drew Barton & Solicitor Jon DeWald.

Present Via Audio-Video: Supervisor TS Scott

Also present: Nancy Whelan, Danville News-Joe Sylvester, Press Enterprise-Geri Gibbons, Henry Eyer Sr, Glen Cromley, Marlene Gunther, Pam Stetler and Bill Hess-Barnhart Development.

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

Police Chief Dyroff will give his report at the next meeting

Chief Dyroff said he, Sgt. Gerst and Administrative Assistant Kim Wilt have been working since January on migrating their old RMS to our new CODY RMS, with Cody Systems. He said they are scheduled to go live with the new system, August 4th.

Chief Dyroff discussed trainings Officer Fenstermaker, Administrative Assistant Kim Wilt and Officer Clossen attended during the month of May. He said all officers received a two-hour virtual training on Death Scene Awareness and Documentation.

Chief is going to discuss the wires down issues they've had on Bloom Road, due to low hanging wires, with Lloyd Craig (DSI) and Fire Chief Leslie Young and then will contact PPL.

A brief discussion was held between the supervisors and Lisa Weirick from Wagner Dresse and Elsasser & Associates, P.C., who presented a proposal for professional consulting services for help in using grant funds from American Rescue Plan from COVID-19.

Resident Pam Stetler expressed concerns about paying an outside firm like WDE. Ken Houck explained that the grant money will pay for fees of WDE, if we choose them.

Treasurer Ken Houck gave his May report and discussed:

Ken gave his May report. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve the Treasurer's report for May. Supervisor Scott seconded. Motion passed.**

Engineer Drew Barton gave his report:

Drew asked the board to approve for the Barnhart (3) Lot Subdivision on Lombard Ave. **Supervisor Robertson motioned to approve the (3) Lot Barnhart Subdivision. Supervisor Scott seconded. Motion passed.** Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn said he will have Barnhart tomorrow to have them sign the plans and have them recorded.

Drew said he will reapply for the storm water improvement plan on Whisper Hills.

Solicitor Jon DeWald – had no report

Zoning officers Dean VonBlohn had no report but discussed:

From past meeting discussions, Dean revisited issues with businesses popping up in the township without anyone's knowledge. He said the ordinance has been in place for the last 15 years for home occupation and no impact home-based businesses and will not change, however, in order to assist the tax collector, Marlene Gunther, the zoning office added an additional line to the home occupation permit, instructing the owners to also contact the tax collector. Anyone interested in seeing the ordinance, please visit our website at www.mahoningtownship.org, under Zoning Permits-UCC tab. Resident Pam Stetler expressed concerns about these businesses not having liability insurance and about Air B&B's being in the right zoning district. Tax Collector, Marlene Gunther said it would behoove the police department to know what residents have businesses in their homes, in case of robberies. After a lengthy discussion, Supervisor Scott said no other changes need to be made other than adding this information to the website for businesses to review. Zoning Officer Dean said eventually we find out about the residents that start businesses.

DSI Lead Lloyd Craig wasn't available

Fire Chief Leslie Young wasn't available

Chairman Lynn said they had one executive session on June 17th for personnel.

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

Resident Jim Cook expressed concerns about speed on Hidden Entrance to Kaseville Road and the line of site issue. Dean and the chief will look into this.

Chairman Lynn discuss voting to hire DSI position. **Supervisors Whelan and Shultz voted for candidate A and Supervisors Robertson, Lynn and Scott voted for candidate B. Supervisor Robertson motioned to hire candidate B (Joe Delbo) as the new DSI employee. Supervisor Scott seconded. Motion passed. The entire board approved.**

Chairman Lynn reminded residents that the next yard waste pick-up will be next Tuesday, July 20th. Email JDOG at mahoningyards@gmail.com or call 570-759-7715. Please bag them and call JDOG for pick-up.

Chairman Lynn reminded residents of the upcoming Dumpster day, scheduled for August 14th, from 8am to 11am and said to visit our website for details.

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

Supervisor Whelan motioned to pay the bills and 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.

All Reports are available at the Township Building

Carolyn Dragano, Secretary