

March 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, Treasurer Ken Houck, DSI Lead Lloyd Craig & Police Chief Fred Dyroff. **Also present:** Press Enterprise Geri Gibbons.

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.

Bob Stoudt from Montour Area Recreation Commission (MARC) shared their 2020 Annual Report. Thanks to staff, board, and volunteers, they were able to keep all MARC-operated parks and trails open, even with COVID-19 restriction challenge. Bob said exciting development projects for year 2021.

Police Chief Fred Dyroff discussed:

Chief Dyroff would like permission to hire a part-time officer. Since Officer Fahringer is cutting back on his hours and officer Bedisky is now a detective, he would like to hire another officer. If approved, he would like to advertise as soon as possible. Chief said he is well within his budget. **Supervisor Scott motioned for the chief to advertise for the part time police officer position and the appropriate forms to hire the most qualified candidate at the earliest available opportunity. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.**

Engineer Drew Barton gave his engineers report and discussed:

Drew discussed street cut permits and construction material specifications. Last year we updated the street cut permits ordinance and requirements. Subsequent to that we had a separate standalone construction material specification that we kept all the details in, however during the winter months, we had a contractor that had some unusual ideas that wanted to accomplish things in an untypical fashion. They wanted to start construction in the winter without capping the trench with cold patch. He wanted to put concrete instead., which causes issues, when plowing. Drew would like to add a section to the construction material specification for trench restoration, using cold patch in the winter and hot patch in the summer, instead of cement. **Supervisor Scott motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-03-08. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Drew said since the surveyors should get out this week with moving forward with the modernization at Bloom and Academy Drive.

Treasurer Ken Houck gave his February Report

Supervisor Whelan motioned to accept the Financial report for February. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.

Ken said our special interest rate at JSSB will expire on April 26, 2021. The new rate is going to be .2%. *A drop from 2.75%. He would like to take \$3 Million of the approx. 3.5 Million and put it in the CD at Service First, at 2.6%, which does not mature until November 30th.* He can also put the fire companies' money into the higher percent too and Service First can calculate separate interest for the fire company. Fire Chief Leslie Young will come back at the next meeting, after she has a chance to review with her fire dept. board. Supervisor Whelan said we will lose \$200,000 interest. Ken feels that putting the larger amount in Service First at 2.6% interest, will give us breathing room and time to shop around.

Solicitor Jon DeWald had no report

Zoning officers Dean VonBlohn discussed:

Dean said we have two storm damage trees on Bloom Road that need to come down. Susquehanna Tree Service will put the one down on Tuesday, March 16th. The owner of 792 Bloom Road will remove their tree within the next two weeks.

DSI Lead Lloyd Craig gave his report and discussed:

Lloyd said the paving bids have been sent for advertising. Bid opening will be Monday, March 22nd. Lloyd is also waiting on quotes for street sweeping for end of March/early April.

Lloyd received (3) prices for a new snowblower to run on the Caterpillar Wheel Loader and gave a breakdown of the Costar prices from Bobcat, Erskine & Caterpillar. Supervisor Robertson asked the lead time, but Lloyd said he was not given any lead times. The board decided to table this purchase until our budget time in October, to build the price into next years budget and then order early for delivery in January, under next year's budget. Once in hand, they will put the old one up for sale.

Fire Chief Leslie Young- gave February's Report – and discussed:

Fire Chief Leslie reminded residents that there is a burning ordinance in Mahoning Township and asked that they please follow the ordinance if you are going to burn. No burning leaves and no open burning is allowed. Burning Days are Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 7:30am to 4:00pm and must be in a proper container.

Supervisor Whelan said he started looking into Dumpster Day and will coordinate with Danville Borough, Bruce Earlston, to make sure we do not have it on the same weekend. This is only preliminary, no firm dates.

Chairman Lynn said we had one informational meeting, for engineering on February 23rd.

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

Chairman Lynn opened the bids from: Meckley's, New Enterprise Stone and Lime, HRI & Hanson
Supervisor Scott motioned to table this to allow the engineer & DSI to do a more in-depth review and come back with the results at the next meeting this month. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.

Supervisor Robertson motioned to approve the February minutes. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.

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

Supervisor Whelan to pay 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.

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Carolyn Dragano, Secretary