

## **May 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes- held at the Mahoning Township Building**

**Members of the Board present:** Chairman Bill Lynn, Supervisors, Larry Robertson, TS Scott, Molly Shultz, John Whelan, Engineer Drew Barton, DSI Lead Lloyd Craig, Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn, Secretary Carolyn Dragano & Police Chief Fred Dyroff.

**Also present were** – Geri Gibbons from Press Enterprise & Joe Sylvester from Danville News

**Members attending via Audio-Video or Tele Conference:** Solicitor Jon DeWald, Treasurer Ken Houck, Zoning Officer Jim Dragano.

We only have the names of the public participants that spoke.

ALL VOTING WILL BE CONSIDERED UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

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

Chairman Lynn opened bids for Paving & Chipping:

**Chipping Bids:**

Hammaker East Ltd. - \$123,522.40

Midland Asphalt Materials - \$129,705.00

**Supervisor Scott motioned to award the Chipping bid to Hammaker East Ltd. For \$123,522.40.**

**Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

**Paving Bids:**

Sudol Paving & Excavation - \$43,820.00

Robert Young, - \$39,329.79

Glen Hawbaker - \$36,574.00

Don E. Bower, Inc. – \$50,042.20

Dave Gutelius - \$38,389.40

Big Rock Paving, LLC - \$37,853.25

New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. - \$38,911.09

Meckley's Limestone - \$37,200.50

**Supervisor Whelan motioned to award the Paving contract to Glenn Hawbaker, for \$36,574. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.**

Lloyd said because of water issues on Oak Street, they would like to mill both travel lanes on Oak Street for better drainage. The extra charges for the milling and the asphalt will cost between \$13,000 and \$16,000. He said they will still be well within their budget numbers for the year. Half of this will be paid by the gas company.

**Supervisor Whelan motioned to build the edges for better drainage, along the grass lines on the full length of Oak Street. Supervisor Scott seconded. Motion passed.** Lloyd said he talked to the Liquid Fuels Rep and that there is nothing that needs to be changed as far as tonight's awards and said the contractors won't balk at the extra milling because they are getting more work out of the machine that they are bringing in. Lloyd will also talk to the paving contractor about the extra paving that will need to be done.

Treasurer Ken Houck gave his report again for April and said it can be found on our website under the Treasury tab.

**Solicitor Jon DeWald had nothing to report**

**Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn gave his report and also discussed:**

Dean said that on May 19<sup>th</sup>, the Joint Zoning Hearing Board approved 3 Variances for Quail Hollow, 33 single family dwellings, located on 1805 Red Lane. The variances were for the reduction to the required 1-acre lot size, reduced to ½ acre, the reduction of lot width of 150 feet to 100 feet and the reduction of the side yard setback of 20 feet to 15 feet. A written finding of facts will be presented by the Solicitor, when complete.

Dean said the developer, Jim Barbarich, is also requesting several waivers, which he will present at the next Supervisors meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The waivers being requested are: An increase to 33 units being served by a Cul-de-sac, Street Classification from Minor Collector to Local Street Classification and snow removal location on the cul-de-sac.

Dean said he and Ken Houck have been working on cleaning up several old escrow accounts. Jim Hawkins deposited \$3439.88 into an MTA escrow to cover the cost of a sanitary sewer line repair on his mother's property and when the contractor finished the repair he paid with a personal check. The \$3439.88 has remained in the escrow account for several years. Mr. Hawkins is requesting the return of \$3439.88, his address is 28 Primrose Court, Danville, PA 17821.

**Supervisor Scott motioned to release the \$3,439.88 escrow account to Jim Hawkins. Supervisor Shultz seconded. Motion passed.**

**Police Chief Fred Dyroff gave his report and also discussed:**

Chief Dyroff would like approval for the police department to partner with LEXIPOL, which is a renowned company that specializes in policies and procedures for law enforcement, corrections, and fire services and explained the benefits of it.

***Supervisor Scott motioned approval to accept the new Police Policies and Procedure Manuals via LEXIPOL. Supervisor Robertson seconded.***

Chief Dyroff said a review program was developed and then approved by the township's labor attorney Melissa Kelso, who drafted an agreement between the Mahoning Township Police Officer's Association and Mahoning Township. The agreement was signed by the Association. It was recommended to conduct employee performance evaluations annually. Chief would like the board to approve and accept the above program.

**Supervisor Scott motioned to approve the Employee Performance Review Program. Supervisor Robertson seconded. Motion passed.**

*Chief Dyroff said they received several calls over regarding fawns in resident's lawns that appear to be abandoned by their mother. According to the Pa Game Commission, "Leave it alone. You're only going to do that animal harm, regardless of circumstances and said it's illegal to take or possess wildlife.*

Chief discussed the use of fireworks in the township. Consumers can purchase and use “Class C” or “**consumer-grade**” fireworks that include firecrackers, Roman candles, bottle rockets, and similar fireworks that contain a maximum of 50 milligrams of explosive material. He said Display fireworks, which are classified as including salutes that contain more than two grains or 130 milligrams of explosive materials, and professional-grade aerial shells containing more than 60 grams of pyrotechnic compositions, are only to be used by professionals with a permit from the municipality where the display will take place. Residents are reminded that Mahoning Township requires a permit for Display Fireworks.

Chief Dyroff said Fingerprinting services for all non-criminal justice purposes will resume beginning June 1 and said there is a \$40 fee for this service.

Chief Dyroff reminded residents of the dangers of drinking and driving, now the Montour County is going green.

**Drew Barton has no report but discussed:**

Drew said the next planning meeting coming up on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> will be for Gum Realty resubmission and action on the Geisinger Parking lot.

Drew said a preconstruction meeting was held for the soil nailing on Bald Top. The traffic pattern signs are up and he said they are getting ready to start the Soil Nailing on Bald Top Road. Merco Inc. started clearing the area, bringing equipment and will place verification nails, which need to stay in place for 7-14 days before they can start the project. Plans to start installation are June 15<sup>th</sup>, with completion of the Soil Nailing part of the project by mid-July.

Drew said cameras will be placed at the top and the bottom of Bald Top for monitoring outsiders and said the guide rails were removed and that DSI (Lloyd’s team) got what they needed. Lloyd said no trespassing signs were put up at the construction site.

Drew briefly discussed the Multi-Modal grants that are open until July 31, 2020 with a minimum 30% match. They will revisit at a later meeting.

Drew and Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn briefly discussed the Bunker project. Drew said we should hear back soon.

**DSI Lead Lloyd Craig – gave his report and discussed:**

Lloyd said he ran into issues in Liberty township concerning the signs he received quotes for last meeting. Liberty Township approached Lloyd asking for our engineers help in giving them a quote to post and bond the entire length of Bald Top through Liberty Township. This would reduce our cost for signs, so Lloyd put this in limbo until Drew talks with Liberty.

Lloyd reported a chip in the truck windshield. Waiting on a call back on a vendor to see if they need to repair or replace.

Lloyd and Drew will look at a stream off Linden Lane that has a major erosion problem.

**Fire Chief Leslie Young**

Chief Leslie gave her 2019 Year End Report and thanked all the volunteers who dedicate their time and support to the MTFD and also thanked their families for all their help and support.

Chief Leslie said she added a unit from Liberty Township and one from Valley Township for calls other than structure fires that are normally handled by themselves, like; Brush Fires, vehicle accidents, fire alarms, etc., because, with the detour, they will get there quicker.

Chief Leslie said they still haven't received the radios.

Chairman Lynn said they had 2 Executive Sessions this month, one on May 19th, for personnel matter and one on May 21<sup>st</sup> for Bald Top Road, with the contractor.

**Public comment related to unfinished or new business:**

Resident Dave Betz expressed concerns about the completion date of Bald Top Road.

Engineer Drew did a follow-up on the drainage pipe issue from Maple Street to Bloom Road. The contractor will be back in a week or two to fix the problems; erosion and no grass issue.

Chairman Lynn said we need to vote on Police Chief Dyroff's contract. **Supervisor Whelan said an agreement was negotiated during an Executive Session. Supervisor Whelan motioned to accept the police chief, 4-year contract, effective, August 19, 2020. The salary will be \$95,000 for all four years, with sick pay increased to 12 sick days per year, with some carry over. Supervisor Scott seconded.** Several supervisors spoke briefly about the chief's great leadership.

The board briefly discussed the possibility of having Dumpster Day. If held, it may be at a different location and there will also restrictions. The tentative date is July 25<sup>th</sup>. Per Supervisor Whelan, this date has to first be confirmed with Danville Area Rec Center, who runs the soccer fields, volunteers and Heaps Trash Service. The board decided to table this for now until they have time to do some research.

**Public comment not related to new business:** No public comment

Chairman Lynn thanked the Scouts for placing the flags on the Veteran's' graves, at all the cemeteries.

**Supervisor Robertson motioned to pay the bills and adjourn. Supervisor Whelan 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