

November 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes held at the Mahoning Township Building

Members of the Board present: Chairman Bill Lynn, Supervisors, TS Scott, Molly Shultz, John Whelan, Solicitor Jonathan DeWald, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, Engineer Drew Barton, Treasurer Ken Houck, Fire Chief Leslie Young, Police Chief Fred Dyroff and Dept of Streets and Infrastructure Lloyd Craig.

Also present were – Rose & Bill Pursel, Henry Eyer, Linda Rea, Tom & Robyn Kessler, Patricia Swanson, Gordy Evans, Dave & Pat Macko, Bonnie Martin, Nancy Whelan and Joe Sylvester, Danville News.

ALL VOTING WILL BE CONSIDERED UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Treasurer Ken Houck gave his report

Treasurer Ken Houck gave the financial Report for October 2019. A beginning balance of \$548,231.62, receipts of \$38,264.46 and expenses of \$203,782.83, with an ending balance of \$347,472.89. The balance forwarded was modified from September 2019 report (\$512,991.26) due to \$35,240.36 being returned /credited back to September's (Tax) Liabilities.

Ken also gave the Water & Sewer Department report for October 2019. A beginning balance of \$1,468,980.76, receipts of \$1,748.04 and expenses of \$4,100.00, with an ending balance of \$1,466,628.80. Supervisor Scott motioned to approve the Treasurer's reports. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Ken said these reports will be posted on our website, tomorrow.

Supervisor Whelan briefly discussed acting on moving the balances of the water & sewer, as well as the invest accounts, to a place that gives higher interest. Supervisor Whelan said we can get much better interest rates, if we act before the new year. Supervisor Scott wants to act on all of this at the next meeting.

Solicitor DeWald had no report.

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn – Had no written report and discussions were held on the following:

Dean said they are still working on the fee schedule for the street opening permits. He, Lloyd and Drew should have it ready for final form, for the Solicitor, at the next meeting.

Dean said they are using the new permitting program but are still working with Jim Arms, from Dallas Data Systems on ironing out some of the issues.

Dean said they have a zoning hearing meeting coming up for Frosty Valley Country Club on the 19th of December. Frosty has a land development for building 20 single dwelling cottages, with kitchenettes but need a variance because of the size of the buildings. The townships ordinance requires each cottage to be 600 square foot minimum and Frosty's cottage size is 416 square foot and they are modular units.

Resident Dave Betz expressed concern about a huge pile of garbage at the end of Mrs. Kimber's driveway. Dean and Jim will look at it, tomorrow.

Police Chief Fred Dyroff - gave his report and discussions were also held on the following:

Chief Dyroff said the police department is participating in the state wide Click IT or Ticket Campaign, which starts today and ends December 8th.

Chief Dyroff briefly discussed different training sessions that he, Officer Fenstermaker, Officer Bedisky, Officer Pander and Officer Gerst attended this month.

Chief Dyroff showed pictures of the new police chief vehicle. He explained how the township will be saving money by using a hybrid vehicle. 1276 gallons of fuel saved per year. Delivery will be sometime in February. Going Hybrid only cost \$3500 more, which we will recoup in the first year.

Supervisor Scott briefly discussed the changes being made to make the township more energy efficient.

Engineer Drew Barton gave his report and discussions were also held on the following:

Drew discussed Bald Top and said the Inclometers are in and that Engineer Josh said the movement is deeper than anticipated. Drew said he and his team will have an internal meeting early next week to determine how much longer they want the inclinometers to run and then Drew will sit down with the board to discuss everything. Supervisor Scott said that the way things are looking, we may be able to do the Geomattting instead of the Soil nailing, which will be less time and less money, however, this is only a maybe, we won't know for sure until the engineers come back with their information and direction, they think we should go.

Resident Dave Betz expressed concerns about the time table for fixing Bald Top. Supervisor Scott and Engineer Drew said nothing has changed the time table.

Resident Bonnie Martin expressed concerns about the water going into the River from Bald Top. Engineer Drew said he met with the railroad and PennDOT with their plans on how to get the water there faster and more efficiently but that nothing is finalized yet.

Drew discussed the grant received to remove the culvert on Blizzards Run. He anticipates construction in the spring or summer of 2020. He also said they have more grants they are working to apply for.

Drew discussed retiming the signals on Academy, Route 11, Woodbine & Bloom Road to make the traffic flow better. Lloyd said we could do the retiming now and retouch the paint on the roads in the spring.

Department of Streets & Infrastructure Lloyd Craig - gave his report and discussions were also held on the following:

Lloyd said the new loader should be delivered the first week of December.

Lloyd said the new 550 Dump Truck is now done but can't be picked up until Wednesday but will have to go to Sunbury Motors for a safety recall.

Lloyd said the 2009 International truck needs a lot of body work done for the winter. They are going to start working on it soon.

Fire Chief Leslie Young gave her report and discussions were held on the following:

Chief Young said she is getting a lot of phone calls about burning leaves in the township.

Chairman Lynn said we had no executive sessions since the last meeting.

Supervisor Shultz motioned to approve the October minutes. Supervisor Whelan seconded.

Chairman Lynn reminded everyone that leaf pick up by JDOG is every Tuesday & Thursday, from 7am to 3pm, ending Thursday, December 19th. You must call/email, for pick-up and please be sure to give your name and address.

Supervisor Whelan said we had a complaint from a resident. They didn't think we pick up enough bags, per stop. He said the resident recommended we purchase a leaf vacuum. Whelan explained that we no longer have that option because we don't have a place to dispose of the leaves so purchasing a vacuum won't help. The resident also asked us to go out for bid to other companies that could pick up more bags per stop. Supervisor Whelan said we will take it under consideration, when JDOG's contract is up for renewal. Supervisor Scott said our street department is too busy to pick up leaves and that it costs less to pay an outside company. Scott said they looked into this years ago and it was way too expensive plus the machine constantly breaks down. The maintenance to fix them is also very expensive.

Supervisors Scott, Lynn and Shultz thanked everyone that helped donate to the "Hero Fund" and the "Veteran's" at Orangeville Manor.

Residents Gordy Evans, Pat Macko and Dave Macko, all of Palmer Drive, expressed concerns about the way the supervisors handled the NO Parking on Palmer Drive Ordinance, that was passed in August 2019. They all feel that it was poorly handled. They said they never received letters, no one was talked to about it, ahead of time and it was also put in a paper, none of them receive. Chairman Lynn gave them the number for the Ridgeview apartments manager to call to see if they can park there.

Resident Dave Macko also expressed concerns about the ditch on Palmer Drive. He said there is no drainage because the ditch is filled in. He said it needs to be dug out.

Supervisor Shultz motioned to pay the bills and adjourn. Supervisor Whelan seconded.

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