

February 20, 2017

The regular meeting of the Mahoning Township Supervisors was held this evening at the Mahoning Township Municipal Building at 5:30 PM.

Members of the Board present:

Ken Woodruff, Chairperson

Bill Lynn, Vice Chairman

T. S. Scott, Supervisor

Police Department Sean McGinley

Treasurer, Ken Houck

Secretary Joe Oberdorf

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn

John Mazich, Engineer

Lloyd Craig, Street Department

Brett Levan, Sewer, and Water Department

Also attending were Joe Sylvester, Danville News, Linda Forney, Joseph Diehl, Molly Shultz, Robert Snyder, Tom and Robin Kessler, Ryan & Vanessa Troup, David Bowser, Pam Stettler, Glenn and Sharon Wintersteen, Bryan Campbell, Freddie Harmer, Chuck and Henry Eyer, Sue Kauwell, Marlene Gunther, Rose and Bill Pursel, and William Wilt.

Motions were made by Supervisor Scott and Vice Chairman Lynn to approve the January 16, 2017 minutes. Motions passed.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ken Houck gave the financial report with a beginning balance of \$196,851.04, receipts \$73,100.02, expenses \$162,733.48 and an ending balance of \$107,217.58. The report was accepted after motions by Supervisors Scott and Lynn.

**SOLICITOR TIRA** reported that he is working on several items (a sewer and water policy, an agreement between Cooper and with Valley Township regarding I&I, getting more information on the Volunteer Firefighters legislation passed last year and the Kriner Funeral Home litigation request.) A question was asked "How much was involved in that litigation"? Solicitor Tira reported approximately \$3,800.00. Supervisor Scott made a motion to accept the report which was seconded by Vice Chairman Lynn. Motions passed.

**ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** Dean VonBlohn presented the supervisors a request for a zoning change for a 1.675-acre lot directly behind the former Mahoning School building. The lot is currently zoning CO-Commercial Office and they are requesting that it be re-zoned to HT-High Density Residential. VonBlohn noted the public hearing could be held on Tuesday, April 10 before the scheduled Work Shop. At that time, Supervisor Scott made a motion to have the public meeting take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Lynn. Motions passed. VonBlohn also reported the Cluster Development on Laurel Drive is to go before the Planning Commission on March 6<sup>th</sup> for their review. After this review, their recommendation will be presented to the Supervisors followed a review by the Montour Planning Commission and a public hearing.

**ENGINEER JOHN MAZICH** reported that he is reviewing the requests noted in VonBlohn's report.

**POLICE CHIEF SEAN MCGINLEY** gave his report and he noted that currently Riverside and Danville Police Departments along with the PA State Police help (backup) cover some shifts. A question was asked how much does it cost regarding the PSP? Chief McGinley reported there is no charge for the PSP assistance. Chief McGinley reported there are approximately 40 candidates for the open police positions and a test will be given and following by interviews.

**STREET DEPARTMENT HEAD, Lloyd Craig** reported he is waiting for the Handicapped (time limit) Sign and the sign will be then placed on the parking area near Railroad Street and Bloom Road. He also reported that PPL Forestry Division will remove some trees along Red Lane, Welsh Road, Toby Run Road, and Red Lane East but none on Bald Top Road is to be removed. He also got a price for diesel fuel which was approved by the Supervisors for the year of 2017. He also asked the Supervisors for approval to have a company do the street sweeping (cinders removal) which was also approved by the supervisors. Supervisor Scott made a motion to accept the stone aggregates from Hanson Aggregates for \$18,112.50. Supervisor Lynn seconded this. Motions passed. The Super-pave (asphalt) bid from HRI bid of \$49,200.00 was accepted after motions by Supervisors Scott and Lynn.

**WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT Brett Levan** asked the Supervisors to approve the Controlex Service Corporation contract for work to be done during 2017. The contract requires the company to calibrate, certify and check al instruments and pump controls at the pump stations and metering pits, to do preventive maintenance on all instruments at the pump station and metering pits, to do all repairs as necessary and to check the operation and calibration of all chemical feed systems. The cost of the contract is \$2,160.00. The supervisors then approved the contract.

**Supervisor Scott** reported the supervisors had executive sessions to discuss personal items on the following dates: January 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. A question was asked for more information regarding the items. Supervisor Scott noted some of the issues where contracts, hiring and interviewing job candidates and legal issues.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Vice Chairman Lynn made a motion to approve the contract of Brett Levan as supervisor for the Water and Sewer Department. Supervisor Scott seconded this.

The next item was the hiring of a secretary for the Water and Sewer Department. Supervisor Scott noted some of the reasons for hiring were (1) Don Shobert would not be the secretary and he approves this move as he would be Levan's back up when Brett would be away from the job, (2) the current treasurer and secretary have been spending many hours to get this office into shape because of the lack of bookkeeping and record keeping and there were no instruction manuals, (3) Brett would be in charge of that person, (4) all employees are being cross trained to fill open spots when someone goes on vacation and the township does not stop from operating, (5) emergency interviews had two candidates and the background check and employment check did not work out and the next choice has great public knowledge, (6) the part-time 20 hours per week once the job transition has taken place, (6) the part-time employee would **not** receive any benefits such as health insurance which would cost the township \$31,000 per year, (7) the hourly rate would be \$25.00, the same as the treasurer and secretary.

Chairman Woodruff then noted he felt the supervisors were moving too fast and this decision could be held next month.

After answering more question as to the candidate, Vice Chairman Lynn made a motion to hire Chris Donato as the new secretary for the Water and Sewer Department. Supervisor Scott seconded this motion. After a few more comments, Pam Stettler noted she knew her and wanted to hire her for the Stettler Insurance. She felt the supervisors made a good choice. The voting for the motion were Vice President Lynn and Supervisor Scott and Chairman Woodruff voting nay. Motions passed.

Chairman Woodruff presented the request for the Humdinger Trail Races for Saturday, March 4, 2017 sponsored by M.A.R.C. He noted the race will not be on any PA DOT Roads or is there a need for any road closures. Vice Chairman Lynn made a motion to approve the race and this was seconded by Supervisor Scott. Motions passed.

Supervisor Scott made a motion to approve the MPS masonry proposal for repairs to the Mahoning Township Municipal Building to begin in the spring at a cost of \$2,000 where water damage has occurred to the face of the building. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Lynn. Motions passed.

Chairman Woodruff again reminded the public that Dumpster Day will be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April. 7 am to Noon. The Board of Supervisors approved this date.

**HEIM CAR WASH:** Dean VonBlohn received a copy of Mr. Heim request on returning the funds from the escrow account which amounts to \$6,100.00. Supervisor Scott and Vice Chairman Lynn moved to approve the request. Motions passed.

**SIGNATURE CARDS:** Supervisor Scott moved to have the (former) Mahoning Township Authority Account at 1<sup>st</sup> Keystone Bank moved to Service First and all other accounts including JSSB and have the Treasurer Ken Houck and the Secretary, sign the Signature Cards for the Accounts. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Lynn. Motions passed.

#### **SEWER REPAIRS BIDS**

Larson Design Group Representative Dave Walters reported the bids for the sewer contract replacing 50 lineal feet of 12-inch sanitary sewer and 3 man holes along SR 11 were received and the lowest bid was Gutelius Excavating at \$62,510.00.

The bids are as follows:

Barasso Excavating, Inc	\$73,700.00
Don E Bower Inc	\$71,179.00
Fairchild Brothers, Inc	\$62,835.00
Greenland Construction	\$71,000.00
Sikora Brothers	\$70,750.00
Gutelius Excavating	\$62,510.00

The bid of Gutelius Excavating was approved after motions by Supervisor Scott and Vice Chairman Lynn.

**WATER TANK MAINTENANCE REVIEW** by Larson Design Group. Dave Walters presented the cost to repair the **Welsh Road Tank #1** was \$62,300.00. This includes some items like install new 30" manhole, replace existing ladder with an OSHA compliant ladder, replacing an 18" vent with a 24" flanged vent neck, install a handrail around new roof ventilation manhole and perform metal repairs as necessary.

The Interior and Exterior cleaning and coating cost is \$170,377.00. The tank will be abrasive blasted and recoated within 1-3 years.

**Welsh Road Tank #2** would require interior and exterior coating reevaluated within 3-5 years. Immediate repair would be lock roof manhole. Future repairs include replacing one 24" shell manhole with a 30" manhole, install a new 24" dis. Roof vent manhole and handrails.

**Terre Lane Tank** should be reevaluated within 3-5 years but an immediate repair would be a lock roof manhole.

Vice Chairman Lynn moved to pay Leslie Young the annual stipend of \$2,500.00. Supervisor Scott seconded this motion. Motions passed.

Supervisor Scott reported the township will ask the Solicitor Tira for a court ruling that Mahoning Township would "not continue the Health Care for Christine Delong. A question was asked why was this continuing and Solicitor Tira reported the Township Supervisors would like a court decision before making any move of the stopping of the practice. Supervisor Scott then made a motion to have the solicitor continue this action. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Lynn. Motions passed.

Supervisor Scott made a motion to authorize and approve checks on the bill listing and payrolls for January 2017. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Lynn and passed.

Vice Chairman Lynn then moved for adjournment of the meeting which was seconded by Supervisor Scott. Motions passed and meeting was adjourned.

Unfortunately, the recording device did not operate properly and the meeting tape only lasted a few seconds.

Secretary Joe Oberdorf