

June 12, 2017

The Work Session was held this evening at the Mahoning Township Municipal Building at 5:30 PM. To at the Municipal Building at 1101 Bloom Road.

Members of the Board present:

Ken Woodruff, Chairperson

Bill Lynn, Vice Chairman

T. S. Scott, Supervisor

Dean VonBlohn

Lloyd Craig

Chief Sean McGinley

Joe Oberdorf, Secretary

Leslie Young, East End Fire Chief

Signing the attendance sheet were: Joe Sylvester, Danville News, Chris Krepich, Press Enterprise, Molly Shultz, John Whelan, Leslie Young, William Tanski, and Tom and Mary Ann Landi.

Chairman Woodruff opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Woodruff then called on the following department heads for their May reports.

ZONING REPORT: Dean VonBlohn report shows the follow items:

He mentioned that item #1, we had been talking about for months.

1. Scanner Printer, Canon 785 MPF from Print O Stat, this is the same company that sold us the old Scanner. They are offering this unit at a reduced price of \$6,995.00. We are currently paying Olympic Digital Scanning on an average of \$500.00 per month since February 9th, 2015 to do our scanning, (\$14,000.00 to date). Based on the above cost, I am recommending that we follow up on this. To properly store the drawings that will be returned to us if we drop the contract with MPF, a shelving unit will have to be constructed in the attic. Dean said the use of the scanner will be for building inspections, code work, and zoning work and the cost of the purchase will be with UCC Funds. Research will take place whether the township can sell the old unit.

2. Several complaints have come in regarding weeds and overgrowth, some property owners are spreading wild flowers on sections of their property as a ground cover to cut down on the mowing. This has become the great balancing act when enforcing the ordinance. Dean noted an area he looked at according to the property owner they are not weeds but wild flowers.
3. We need to give some serious thought about the tree cutting ordinance, and determine what trees, where they are located and when do we determine how much danger the tree creates. Dean expressed his concern with this is regarding trees on the right of way and alleys. He suggests that Solicitor Tira be sought for a legal opinion. Supervisor Scott noted the tree stumps may be on private property but the limbs are in the right of way. Dean said the limbs do fit the safety issued in the property maintenance code.
4. Geisinger facilities manager has contacted me this morning about installing flashing pedestrian crossing signs on Red Lane at their crosswalks. Dean believes there is a "line of sight" issues with the requests. Leslie Young said she had heard the flashing light would be on the stop sign post at Red Lane and North Academy. Lloyd Craig reported that he had been contacted and they wanted to know who to contact, supervisors, zoning signing, for the 2 cross walks not at the four-way stop intersection areas for the project. He was told the cross walk would have a button to push and the lights would then flash. Lloyd also expressed there are visibility problems. Dean also noted the line of sign problem with foot and vehicle traffic. The area must also comply with PA. DOT sign regulations and Chief McGinley also expressed concern. Dean recommended that he, Lloyd, and Chief McGinley get together with Geisinger.

STREET DEPT REPORT.

Items worked on over the past month, Pending Items that were completed.

Lloyd reported the following:

1. Pick up was ordered. Probably September or October for delivery of finished truck
2. Base repairs to streets that are to be paved this year. Locust Lane, Mateo Drive, Towerview Circle, and Caterine Driver are done for now.
3. All manhole risers for contracted paving are here
4. Trimming trees from signs and roadways
5. First round of roadside mowing completed. Soon start the second

items that need boards input/ approval.

1. Storm water pipe on Bald Top Road
2. Prices on replacing the door on the front of the municipal building. Reliable Glass is \$3,099.53 and Bloom Glass and Mirror-' is \$2,988.00. To add automatic opener for wheelchairs would be an additional \$4,785.00. Chairman Woodruff noted the estimates must be of the same types and specs. Lloyd agreed with that principle.
3. 1999 International dump truck. winning bid was \$17,100.00. Lloyd recommended the Solicitor will review the bid and have all the documents (title and registration) ready for signing next week. Supervisor Scott congratulated the street department in the manner they service and maintain the township vehicles.
4. Nothing new from Masonry preservation services.
5. Spouting damage estimated prices are provided. Lloyd presented two pages with prices to repair and/or replace the gutters. The first price was from Smitty's Seamless Gutters of Lewisburg (Install 190 snow catches \$1,520.00, tear off 6" gutter and install new green gutters for \$1,800.00 and tear off 7" box gutter and install new \$1,260.00 on only damaged areas. Miller's Seamless Gutters would use 7" box gutters for \$1,450.00, install all 6" gutters, reuse down spouts for \$1,025.00 and install new gutter on front two areas \$2,760.00. Lloyd recommend the install all 6" gutters and reuse down spouts for \$1,025.00. More discussions followed and the item will be on the Regular Meeting.
6. Overtime since May 8th. 8 man-hours on a tree down. 7.5 man-hours on hauling amesite through lunch.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Fire Chief Leslie Young gave the report for April and May. The April report shows 9 responses for the month, (2 Grass/woods, 1 structure fire, 2 false alarms, 1 investigation, 1 RIT, 1 public service and 1 other. In house training was 65.5 hours and certified training was 132 hours. The May report shows 10 responses for the month, (1 Grass/woods, 4 MVA, 3 false alarms, 1 water and 1 other. In house training was 66.5 hours and certified training was 56 hours. Copies of these reports are placed in the Mahoning Report Book. Leslie also reported the East End Fire Company learned that Columbia County is now dispatching them and they were never contacted about the recent change.

Chairman Woodruff reported that Danville sent to him information asking for help in applying for a grant and he will forward it to Solicitor Tira for his review.

Public Comment – William Tanski reported his neighbor was operating a dozer on a Sunday morning at 7 a.m. and he was surprised that Mahoning Township had no ordinance on working on a Sunday. Dean VonBlohn will call Mr. Tanski if there is an ordinance. He reported that his wife went over to talk to the person who was very obstinate. Mr. Tanski said Danville does have an ordinance limiting work during week days. Chairman Woodruff and Vice Chairman Lynn said the Township will look for any ordinance or look at adopting an ordinance.

There being no further business, Supervisor Scott then moved for adjournment which was seconded by Vice Chairman Lynn.

This meeting was recorded on tape.

Joe Oberdorf, Secretary