

May 16, 2016

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

Members of the Board present:

Dave Barron, Chairman
Wayne Myers, Vice-Chairman
Bill Lynn, Supervisor
Christine DeLong, Secretary

Also attending was:

Ben Landon, Solicitor
Sue Kauwell
Betsy Hack
Henry Eyer
Joe Diehl
Mike & Candy Duffy
Jack & Darlis Dyer
Bill & Rose Pursel
Pat Diehl
Linda Forney
Betty Brittain
Gary Fritz
Ann Johns
T S Scott
Graeme Woods
Ken & Jackie Woodruff
Joe Sylvester, Daily Item
Charles Dietterick, OIC, MTPD

Leslie Young, Fire Chief
Marlene Gunther
Linda Weaver
Bill Greenly
Charlie Gatski
Robert Snyder
Molly Shultz
Tom McSurdy
Tom & Mary Ann Landi
Jackie Fox
Ed Draugelis
Robert Dailey
Bonnie Johnson
Thomas Elmes
Linda Nedoff Weckter
C. Brian Crane
Chris Krepich, Press Enterprise
Tammy Smith, MTPD

Chairman Barron recognized the First Responders and thanked them for their service. He then read dates into the record for executive sessions.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: Held March 30th for a legal matter, March 31st for Police Contract, April 6th for personnel, April 18th, a legal matter, April 20th, Police Contract, April 21st & 25th for personnel matters, May 6th for a personnel matter and Police Contract, May 12th & 16th for personnel matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PATRICIA DIEHL – PARKING ON POPLAR: Mrs. Diehl advised the Board that in the past 41 days the township has lost \$940.00 by her calculations for not enforcing the no parking ordinance in this area. She feels that if the township is not going to enforce the ordinance for all violators, it should be repealed and the signs removed.

MINUTES NOT ON WEB: Mrs. Gunther first asked who the gentleman was at the table, and she was advised he was Ben Landon, who was filling in for the solicitor this evening, as he had another engagement. She then questioned why again the minutes were not posted on the web.

MICROPHONE SYSTEM : Sue Kauwell asked about the progress on a microphone system for the meeting room, and was advised prices were obtained, however, the Board wants to do more research as they are concerned with the prices received.

LIEN – 5 DIEHL STREET- Mrs. Kauwell asked why no lien has been filed as of this date, in order for the township to recoup the money spent, she said, this should have already been done. Attorney Landon will check on this tomorrow.

MTA PUBLIC RELATIONS COMPANY: Mrs. Kauwell asked Mr. Barron, who is also a member of the Municipal Authority, to address questions about why the authority spent money specifically a \$5,000 retainer, on a public relations firm, that is not informing the public about anything, especially why people have not yet received their bills.

MTA SECRETARY: Mrs. Gunther questioned why the authority secretary filled in for the Township Secretary to take minutes at the last meeting and how the authority secretary was paid. Also why, if there are assistants, they did not take the minutes. They commented that this was done so that money could be commingled between the township and township authority.

SUGGESTIONS: TS Scott offered suggestions to the Board to help them answer some of the questions they seem to be dealing with being unable to answer. First he thought that Mr. Barron, as a voting member of the authority, should urge that board to change the meetings to an evening time convenient for all to attend.

On the matter of the minutes not being posted he offered that the Vendor responsible sign a SLA (Service Level Agreement) by which if the work is not done in a timely manner, a fine would be imposed.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION: Mr. Scott then addressed numerous questions to the solicitor regarding unemployment compensation for someone under suspension. Attorney Landon advised that each claim is different and it depends on a variety of factors on a case by case basis. Mr. Scott's final question was whether or not the township had anyone on unemployment, and he was advised we do not currently have anyone receiving unemployment.

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT: Minutes of the previous meeting of April 18, 2016 were approved with no alterations or corrections, motion Mr. Myers, second Mr. Barron. Motion passed. Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2016 was accepted by motion of Mr. Myers, second Mr. Lynn. Motion passed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

SOLICITOR: Reported updates at workshop in the morning, no action required.

ZONING/UCC: Report presented from workshop this morning, no action required.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Monthly report submitted.

GARAGE CAMERAS: By motion of Mr. Myers, second Mr. Lynn the Board approved the purchase and installation of two cameras and a monitor through Northeastern Automated Technologies in the amount of \$1,260.00. Motion passed.

Prior to the vote Mr. Scott questioned why only one quote was being proposed, after some back and forth, the solicitor advised that public comment had concluded, to which Mr. Scott asked, who's meeting this was and he was advised, it is a meeting of the Board of Supervisors to conduct the business of the township. The Chairman called him out of order, and moved on with the meeting.

STREET DEPARTMENT: Report submitted at workshop.

PIPE ORDER: By motion of Mr. Myers, second Mr. Lynn the Board approved the quote for pipe from Chemung Supply in the amount of \$2,719.10. Motion passed.

Fry's Plastic, Pensdale	\$2,824.92
Bradco Supply, Towanda	\$2,772.60
Chemung Suppy, Elmira	\$2,719.10

ENGINEER: No action was required by the Board:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Report submitted and read by the Fire Chief for April. Leslie also advised that the Fire Fighter for a Day Training has been cancelled as they had only one applicant.

OLD BUSINESS

AMEND STOP SIGN ORDINANCE: By motion of Mr. Myers, second Mr. Lynn the Board approved amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 223, Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Traffic Regulations to add Subsection A: Stop Street: Woodbine Lane, Direction of Travel, North and Intersecting through Street, Bloom Road. Motion passed.

AMEND ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION ORDINANCE FOR MAHONING TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY: By motion of Mr. Myers, second Mr. Barron, the Board approved amending the Ordinance to extend the life of the municipal authority until June 30, 2066. Mr. Lynn opposed adoption of the ordinance, however, the motion passed.

POLICE ARBITRATION DECISION: Chairman Barron read the Arbitration Award, which is attached herewith, and he highlighted certain parts of the agreement. The award provides for a three year term for 2016, 2017, 2018 and includes wage increases of 3%, 3.5% and 3.5%. Any officer hired after the April 30, 2016 award date will see a decrease

starting wage to \$48,000, and new hires will not receive longevity until after seven years of service. Contributions for health care remain for 2016, increase in 2017 to \$10 biweekly for a Single Plan, \$20 Family, in 2018 go to \$15 biweekly for Single and \$30 Family. Life Insurance was also increased to \$100,000.

NEW BUSINESS

POLICE PMRS ORDINANCE: By motion Mr. Myers, second Mr. Lynn, the Board instructed the solicitor to advertise for adoption at the next regular meeting and ordinance to amend the Police Pension Plan. Motion passed.

CHIEF OF POLICE – FIRED: Mr. Lynn motioned to remove Chad Thomas from his Chief's position effective immediately for a violation of the law, when he plead guilty to a misdemeanor. Mr. Barron seconded the motion. Mr. Myers opposing the firing of the chief. Motion passed.

Mr. Lynn motioned in favor of authorizing and approving the payrolls and bills for May 2016, Mr. Myers seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Lynn motioned to adjourn, Mr. Myers seconded. Motion passed.