

November 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, Chairman

Bill Lynn, Vice Chairman

T. S. Scott, Supervisor

Treasurer Ken Houck

Joe Oberdorf, Secretary

Zoning: Dean VonBlohn

Police Department Sean McGinley

Street Department, Lloyd Craig

Fire Chief, Leslie Young

Also attending were Joe Sylvester, Danville News, Chris Krepich, Press Enterprise, Henry Eyer, Sue Kauwell, Linda Weaver, Joe Diehl, Rose Pursel, Bill Pursel, Leslie Young, Robin Kessler, John Whelan, Nancy Whelan, Kevin Young, Molly Shultz, Lori Cromley, Glen Cromley, Ted Oman, Rich Georgs, Ryan McDermott, Eli Strausser, Randy Strausser.

Executive session was held on November 16th with Suez concerning the water & sewer.

ALL VOTING WILL BE CONSIDERED UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken Houck gave the October report showing a beginning balance of \$433,229.97 with receipts of \$62,152.36 and expenses of \$260,552.09. The ending balance for October was \$234,830.24.

The Water and Sewer Department report for October showing a beginning balance of \$1,026,920.76, receipts \$109,403.01, expenses \$338,527.61. The ending balance for October was \$797,796.16.

Sue Kauwell asked if we cut the check yet to the Danville Borough and why it didn't show up on the report. Ken Houck explained that the numbers in the October are up to date. The reports done were after we made the payment. We had to cash in CD's to pay Danville Borough. Scott said the payment was made two days after the settlement.

Solicitor, Ryan Tira said a new law was signed by Governor Wolf on October 30, expanding the gaming within the state of PA. One portion of the expansion is the authorization to extend (10) additional casino licenses, otherwise referred to as mini casinos. They cannot be within 25 linear miles of an existing casino in operation. They would be a standalone casino. To get local control, each municipality can opt out or prohibit one of these casinos within its boundaries to be located here, however we must elect this option before December 31st of this year. You can prohibit now and then rescind it later and allow it to go forward. A resolution was provided to the township secretary that can be signed that prohibits the casinos. A certified copy must be sent to the gaming board before the end of this year.

Scott made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-11 Prohibiting the Location of a Category 4 (Mini Casinos) licensed facility within the municipal boundaries of Mahoning Township. Seconded by **Lynn**.

Zoning Officer's Report for November 20, 2017

1. The following action is recommended on the Conditional approval of the Incorporation/Land development, preliminary/final plans for 3/15 Wesner Lane submitted by Pediatrics Specialty Care. The Planning Commission is recommending that the Township Supervisors take the following action. To conditionally approve the plans, based on all the items listed on the Engineers Report dated November 3, 2017 being addressed. (NOTE) all items listed on the Engineers Report dated November 3, 2017 have been satisfied with the exception of the NPDS permit being finalized. Our Water/Sewer Engineer has provided me with a letter to supply water.

Scott made a motion to extend conditional approval granted to the PSC Danville Corporation/Planned Development preliminary final plan contingent upon the satisfaction of the NPDS permit being finalized. **Lynn** seconded.

Dean also mentioned that Dave Walters (LDG engineer for Water & Sewer) provided us with a letter with the ability to serve.

2. T & S Realty, LLC has made application for a conditional Use on November 10, 2017. The land is located along Bloom Road in the H R (high density residential district). The application is to consolidate the tracts and parcels of 9.767 acres, and to construct seven (7) free standing multi-family buildings consisting of apartments and townhouses. There are 5 three stories and 2, two story buildings, along with a proposed clubhouse and pool. According to the ordinance when the conditional use application is submitted the Supervisors send it to the Planning Commission for review and recommendations back to the Supervisors within 45 days. A public hearing will be scheduled by the Supervisors within 60 Days of the receipt of the application where at a public hearing they will consider the conditional use following the general criteria.

No action is needed tonight other than he will forward it to the planning commission.

3. The November 6th, 2017 Planning Commission Minutes are attached.

4. The Planning Commission has made the following request, to change the time of the meeting from 4:30 PM to 5:30 Pm on the 1st Monday of each month, when it falls on a holiday it will be held on the following Tuesday.

Scott motioned to approve the Planning Commission's request to change their meetings starting the first Monday of each month. When it falls on a holiday it will be held on the following Tuesday. **Lynn** seconded.

5. As a reminder, the Planning Commission needs 2 alternate members and 1 regular member to replace **Barry Foust** starting January 2018.

Scott asked **Chris (Press)** and **Joe (Danville News)** to put a little public service announcement in the paper stating that we are looking for individuals to serve and add that its only one meeting per month that usually ends within the hour. It is also a great way to contribute to the community.

6. As a second reminder, the Townships Codes appeal board needs 3 members, there is a pending appeal soon to be submitted, currently there are only 2 members on a 5-member board. I have contacted several persons that are interested in serving on the board: **Joseph Graham**, 13 Frosty Hills Drive, Danville and **Jackie Hart** Washingtonville road Danville, both are very qualified in the construction codes. I would recommend both based on their knowledge and experience.

Dean has one other person he would like to contact. His name is **Andrew Georges** from **Georges plumbing and heating** who he thinks might be interested. This would put (3) people with good experience that understanding codes in place.

Scott motioned to appoint **Jackie Hart** and **Joe Graham** to the Township Codes Appeals Board, effective immediately. **Lynn** seconded. **Lynn** asked if this would be a conflict of interest with **Jackie Hart** since she is code in Danville Borough. Per **Dean**, no because she will be dealing with items in Mahoning Township. **Dean** also said it shouldn't be a conflict with **Andrew Georges** either because he served on the COGS board and they had contractor because they are familiar with the codes. **Dean** will follow up with **Andrew Georges**.

Dean found out today that **Frosty Valley** has a project going on the refurbishing of the barn to a venue for parties and wedding receptions. Their first submission did not show sprinklers in the building on drawings. The third party rejected the application. They revised and resubmitted the drawings showing the sprinkler systems. A permit was granted based on the drawings with the sprinkler systems added, which will cost \$260,000.... way more than **Frosty** wants to spend. **Dean** explained that they cannot go back to their first application. We must act on the plans that were last submitted. They can revise and resubmit again and if it gets rejected, they can appeal it.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Sean McGinley gave the report showing the following:
MONTHLY POLICE REPORT – STATS from October 2017
ACTIVITIES:

Crash Investigations	16
Motorist Assists	13
Traffic enforcement (tickets)	20
Parking Tickets	81
Reported Criminal Offenses	25
Criminal Clearances	9

INCIDENTS MONTH of OCTOBER: 379
VEHICLE MILEAGE:

2010 DODGE CHARGER	102,705
2014 DODGE CHARGER	35,893
2015 FORD UTILITY	41,032

Montour and Columbia County Police Departments are now utilizing a new media to connect with the community. The media is "Crimewatch PA." It is a relatively new platform that leverages social media technology to fight crime through the modernization of "community policing." Here is brief news story that helps explain what it is: [CRIMEWATCH launch](#)

I encourage our citizens to sign up to monitor the feed by downloading the *Crimewatch PA* app to receive live mobile feeds, or visit our *Crimewatch* webpage to receive email type alerts. [Mahoning Twp PD CRIMEWATCH portal](#)

Turn your cell phone into a crime fighting tool. Montour & Columbia county police departments are up and running with this App. The chief of police explained that this is a great success in the southeastern part of the state. Scott asked Houck to make sure the two links are on the website as well as to add to the new website.

On behalf of all the supervisors, Scott congratulated chief on his appointment to the County Child & Youth Organization for the county. He also thanked him for his continued leadership.

MAHONING TWP. STREET DEPT.

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

1. All private name signs are installed except Peachtree / Ridgeview area and a few single signs. We are now into Pa One calls for almost all the remaining signs.
2. Talked to Bradco salesman yesterday. He was checking on truck and spreader.

Lloyd is still waiting to hear back.

Scott asked the chief what the status is on the new police car. The chief said he was shooting for the end of November but it looks like mid – December now.

3. Miller's seamless gutters was here and installed the new gutter across the front of the building.

Lloyd explained that the hangers that were on the building were not installed properly so Millers painted and then installed different hangers to match our roof color.

4. Still no word from dents on the vent pipes.
5. Overtime since October 9th, 1.5 manhours on tree down, 39 manhours on water line repairs.
6. Line painting contractor was here and completed the scheduled painting. I had a phone call from one resident in the Meadows Development wanting the lines to be placed back on the roads. The centerlines that were there when the development was taken over were not allowed by Penn dot standards, must be double 4" yellow for center lines.

Scott and **Lynn** both see no need in painting a line.

7. Arbory plus has three trees remaining on Bald Top Rd. then the work is complete.

Items that need boards input/ approval.

1. Will get with Ken Houck this week or next week to advertise old truck. Planning on ending bidding just before December's regular meeting.
2. We broke our pole saw on bald top on Sunday removing a tree from over the roadway. this item needs to be replaced. Cost is approx. \$800.00 depending on make and model. We currently have \$686 left in small equipment.

Scott motioned to allow **Lloyd** to transfer funds (approximately \$800.00) to cover the cost of a new pole saw to replace the one that broke. **Lynn** seconded.

3. 2003 F350 backed into pole at building this morning. damage very minor to the right rear corner of the flat bed. I have phone calls out to get pricing on repairs.

4. I have photos and documentation regarding the paving that took place last week in woods of welsh and whisper meadows developments.

Lloyd and Woodruff were there last week and walked the development off. They explained their displeasure with the contractor with the temperatures with them paving. They were going to proceed with base repairs which is not an issue, however he was really concerned about the air temperature for top coating. On Friday, he received a phone call from his guys that they were doing the top coating even with the cold temperatures. He took pictures and surface temperature reading with heat detector gun and documented everything. He will give it to Dean to keep with the development packet that he has on file so we have record of all the surface temperatures. Penn Dots regulations are 40 degrees air and surface temperature. The surface temperature that day on one road was 20.9 degrees, which is well below Penn Dots recommendations for paving. He also noticed that they didn't do all of the base repairs that were marked by Woodruff and himself. 40% of the base is chewed through and gone in some areas.

No Water & Sewer to report

MAHONING TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPT.

MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR: October 2017

FIRE REPORT: East End Fire Chief Leslie Young gave the October report which showed the fire department had 19 calls for a total of 63 hours, no fire loss, no fire fighter injuries. They consisted of 1 Grass/Woods fire, 2 MVA, 8 False Alarms, 1 CO Response, 3 RIT Response, and 4 other calls. 7 calls in Mahoning, 12 Mutual Aid Calls, Danville Borough 8, 1 Northumberland Borough, 1 Point Township, 1 Upper Augusta Township and 1 Montour Township. The fire department had a total of 10 hours of In-house training and 87.50 service hours for the Fire Prevention at various locations. See Mahoning Township Website for full report.

Lynn made a motion to approve the Minutes for the October 9th and October 16th meeting. Scott seconded.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 Tentative Budget was presented by Chairman Woodruff showing Projected Revenues \$2,828,630, General Expenses \$1,379,631.00, Police Expenses \$725,501.88, and Street Expenses \$706,400.00.

Woodruff then went over the general expenses. No one had questions. He went on to say no tax increase, we eliminated the per capita tax, added a new line item for the \$25,000 for cars so they can buy a new car every (3) three years. Street dept. put \$40,000 so we can replace our equipment on a regular basis. We are still \$17,097 to the good.

Sue Kauwell asked about general expenses and why legal advertising seemed so high. We had a lot going on last year per Woodruff. Scott said we will hopefully be better off next year with advertising.

Glen Cromley asked about the firemen's relief account. Houck said he can't predict exact amount and that it's an account that is a wash that goes in and goes out.

Leslie Young asked if the Hydrant fee will be on the budget. Scott and Woodruff explained that we won't know what that will be until the water and sewer sale goes through and said it will come out of the township money, not the fire department.

Sue Kauwell asked about financial incentive for the volunteer fire fighters discussed earlier this year. Scott said they are still working on it. The fire chief and the solicitor got together to work on a proposal and are fine tuning their ideas so they can be confident that the borough and all the municipalities will follow our lead and will adopt the same proposal so that all firefighters have the same benefits. Once we've adopted this, the chief will send this out to all the other chiefs and the solicitor will send it out to all the other solicitors. Fire Dept is not made up of just Mahoning township people. They cross over so the hope is that firefighters get the same benefits. They should all get the same tax benefit but must be adopted by all municipalities. They want to encourage all the other townships and the borough to follow their lead. Not talking about money that will break the bank. Scott said it does not include the fire police.

Molly Shultz asked if we will stop paying Christine DeLong's insurance soon. Scott explained that this is going to be a very long process. We won the first battle but have many more to go before we figure out the disposition of the war.

Lynn moved for tentative adoption 2018 budget. Scott seconded. Joe will advertise.

Scott made a motion to tentatively adopt the tax rates for 2018 with the only change being the elimination of the Per Capita Tax. The millage will remain the same as this year with the exception of the elimination of the Per Capita Tax. Property tax will be 1.588 mills, Township mills 1.384, Fire Tax .204, Realty Tax ½ % and Local Earned Income Tax of ½ %. Lynn seconded.

Treasurer Ken Houck reviewed the Ordinance 2017-11 where the full-time employees of the former Mahoning Township Authority were transferred to the employ of Mahoning Township and the Township accepts transfer of any and all of Authority's rights, title and interest in and to the Municipal Pension Plan and agrees to assume all duties, obligations and responsibilities, financial and otherwise, placed upon member municipalities. Scott moved to approve the Ordinance No 2017-11. It was seconded by Lynn.

Scott moved to enter into an agreement with Mahoning Township and Livic Civil engineer LLC as our Civil Engineers. LDG, Dave Walters will remain as the water and sewer engineer. Livic will address all civil engineering projects. Lynn seconded.

Scott made another motion to enter into agreement with McTish Engineers as our alternate civil engineers for the township to be utilized in those events where Livic is unavailable. McTish's agreement will mimic the master service the agreement we have with Livic. Lynn seconded.

The Final Leaf Collection will be on December 1st, 4th, 8th 11th and 15th, 2017. The leaves shall be placed in plastic bags not heavier than 60 pounds and be at the curbside and not to contain grass, and yard waste. Mixed bags will be left at the curbside.

Lynn made motion to pay bills and adjourn. Scott seconded

This meeting was recorded.

These minutes reflect the events and dialog during the meeting but are not transcribed word to word.

Joe Oberdorf, Secretary