

October 9, 2017

The Work Shop Meeting of the Mahoning Township Supervisors was held this evening at the Mahoning Township Municipal Building at 5:30 PM. This is an "advertised voting meeting."

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, Tom and Robin Kessler, Bryan Campbell, Linda Rea, Betsy Hack, Rose and Bill Pursel, Sadie Rose Smith, Linda Marks, Mary Ann Landi, Terry Heimbach, Paula Heimbach, Shannon Berkey, Glen and Lori Cromley, Rob Manbeck, Mike Goo, Charles Gatski, Robert Blee, Bill Kaledas, John Hollenback, Bill Kelrington, Bob Manbeck and Tate Hunsinger of Suez, Nancy Whelan, Richard Spotts, Keith and Branda Gibson, Kevin Young, Jane Tyler and Dr. John Houston. John Gault, Bill Davis, Pat Burke and Tom Harris representing Aqua.

ALL VOTING WILL BE CONSIDERED UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Scott allotted each water & sewer bidder 15 minutes to present in detail their company. The order of presentation will be alphabetical based upon the bidder's company name. All questions will be held until all bidders have made their presentation and then a 30-40-minute question and answer period will occur. Questions may come from supervisors and residents and be directed at an individual bidder, or to group of bidders.

Representing Aqua Pennsylvania Inc. were Mr. John Gault, Bill Davis, Pat Burke and Tom Harris. They provided a power point for their company. They plan to hire the townships water & sewer Operator-Supervisor, Bret Levan giving him the same salary. He will also have Aqua's benefits. They are a 24/7, 365-day service provider. They plan to put over 4 million dollars into our water system and 1 million dollars into wastewater in the first 10 years to make sure MT has the best system.

Representing Suez Water Pennsylvania was John Hollenback, Bill Kelrington, Bob Manbeck and Tate Hunsinger who also provided a power point presentation. They are planning a 6-mile extension another source of water. They are also a 24/7, 365-day service provider. They plan to hire the townships water & sewer Operator-Supervisor. Bret Levan giving him the same salary with Suez benefits.

Some of the questions were as follows:

Will water meters change?

- . Suez will be able to use township meters.
- Aqua will have to replace

Where will the water come from?

- Suez – Danville for now, Bloomsburg in the future after extension project is complete, with Danville as back up and will provide long term rate for rate stabilization.
- Aqua – Long term agreement with Danville to provide long term rates

Scott & Lynn confirmed that currently, the homeowner is responsible for the waste water pipe from the house to the curb stop and will stay the same per Aqua and Suez.

What is the community involvement in the Advisory Committee?

- Suez and Aqua both have this committee, which meets 2 times per year. Scott added that even though it's only two times per year, that at least someone is representing the township, where we have no voice in Danville Borough.

The bids will be reviewed by LDG engineer, Dave Walters and Attorney Ben Landon and the supervisors have 60 days to make a decision.

Scott in reference to any bid being accepted and the transfer of funds from the sale, reported the three current supervisors would put the money in an Investment Trust whereby the interest earned on the investment could be used by future supervisors but the principal deposit could not be used for anything other than a catastrophic event

The reports presented this evening were as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken Houck gave the report showing a beginning balance of \$ 246,427.10 with receipts \$383,325.61 and expenses \$196,522.74. The ending balance for September was \$433,229.97.

Lynn moved to accept the Treasurer's report and second was Woodruff.

ZONING REPORT: Dean VonBlohn report was that just prior to this meeting, the Planning Commission and they made a verbal motion to approve the Frost Valley parking lot expansion (part one) and the operation and maintenance for storm water (part two). He further said that our engineer approved the storm water operation and maintenance plan. He reported that storm water measures and a detention pond that are in the plan will relieve some of the current storm water run-off. That will come to the Supervisors at the Monday Meeting on the 16th of October.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Sean McGinley gave the report showing the following:

MONTHLY POLICE REPORT – STATS from September 2017

ACTIVITIES:

DUI arrests	2
Crash Investigations	4
Motorist Assists	5
Traffic enforcement (tickets)	63
Criminal Offenses	pending UCR scoring
Cleared Crimes	pending UCR scoring

INCIDENTS MONTH of AUGUST : 306

VEHICLE MILEAGE:	2010 DODGE CHARGER	100,238
	2014 DODGE CHARGER	35,151
	2015 FORD UTILITY	39,046

Chief McGinley then recommend the hiring of former Mahoning Township Police Officer, Clay Farringer as a part time reserve officer starting at \$20.00 per hour with no other benefits. Lynn made a motion to approve the hiring with a maximum of thirty hours, second by Scott.

STREET DEPT REPORT: Lloyd reported the following:

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

1. Contracted paving overlays are done by HRI and bill has been paid.
2. Received the private lane name blanks and are in the process of making and installing them for the 911 new addresses. Lloyd noted this will take some time to install all the signs.
3. The new pick up is at Bradco of Towanda to have the plow wiring and spreader installed.
4. Millers seamless gutters was contacted today and message left. Lynn will call Miller's because of the delay as he was to be here in September.
5. Overtime since September 11th, 6 manhours on tree down, 71.25 manhours on water line repair due to water leaks and this was above normal. In the previous six months, we did not have any service line leaks.
6. Line painting contractor was contacted to schedule work and this should occur within the next few weeks.
7. Arbory plus is working on tree removal on Bald Top. Lloyd believes there are about twenty trees marked for removal.

Items that need Boards input/ approval is the Sale of the 1997 F350 Pickup and spreader. Lloyd reports that we have a chance to put this on Municibid or hold off until the November meeting. Scott made a motion to sell the truck with the spreader though Municibid and this was second by Lynn.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT FOR OCTOBER.

date: (October 9, 2017) (September usage)

Total pumped to tanks: 7,462,143-gals daily
average to tank 248,738 gals

Rt:11 pump station total: 8,846,134 gals rt:11
pump station daily avg: 294,871 gals

Rt:11 and Mont. Village diff.: 1,282,991 gals

Woods of Welsh total usage: 201,900 gals woods or
welsh daily average: 6,730 gals

(Purchased Water)

Rt:11 meter: 11,105,000-gals Bloom Rd.
meter: 625,000 gals

Total purchased from Danville: 11,730,000-gals daily average
from Danville: 391,000 gal

Present monthly usage; 11,730,000-gals previous
monthly usage: 2,768,000 gals difference:
1,038,000 gals (less)

Sewerage pumped rt:11; 2,542,564-gals sewerage
pumped daily: 84,752 gals

Previous monthly usage: 2,555,936-gals DIFFERENCE:
13,372 GALS (LESS)

A question was then asked if the Township keeps the money that is in the Water and Sewer Accounts after the sale. Scott responded that is correct.

Another question was asked just how much money is in the Water and Sewer Accounts. Treasurer Houck noted he could get the answer but he also reported because of the Authority Fiscal Period is from October 1 to the following year of September 30th, and this is different from a calendar year. He also said that past audit of the Authority up to February are in the back of the room. The secretary then handed out two of the audits.

FIRE REPORT: East End Fire Chief Leslie Young wanted approve their annual "Turkey Shoot" in November. Lynn moved to approve the event, second by Scott. She also wanted to know how is the First Responder Tax Break for Fire Fighters is proceeding. Scott said Solicitor Tira is working on this and Lynn will meet with Tira. He was told that all municipal governments have to be on board. The question raised by Scott concerning the volunteer fire fighters being from other municipalities. He reported the Township Supervisors will voted for this. Chief Young also reported the East End Fire Company will hold an "Open House" on Halloween Night (October 31st) from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. She then gave the August report which showed the fire department responded to 33 totals calls (1 Grass and woods, 7 MVA, 2 Structure Fires, and 7 False Alarms, Total calls in Mahoning were 12, 11 Mutual Aid, 4 Danville Borough, 3 City of Sunbury, 1 West Hemlock Township, 1 Valley Township and 1 Point Township. The fire department had a total of 115 hours of In-house training. A copy of the report is in the Mahoning report book.

Scott moved to approve the Township Minutes of August 21st and September 11th and 25th. Second by Lynn.

Woodruff noted that Halloween date will be October 31, 2017 and the time is 5 pm to 8 pm.

Also, the Leaf Collection begins on October 16th (Every Monday and Friday) and the leaves shall be placed in plastic bags not heavier than 60 pound and be at the curbside and not to contain grass, and yard waste. Mixed bags will be left at the curbside.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer Ken Houck presented the new Credit Card Addendum which will be added to the employee handbook. His research showed the Credit Cards do not issued cards for a general company but use individual cards for each employee which would show the purchase was approved by supervisors. He contacted Service First and this also is their policy. This policy is to have each employee receive a credit card and be responsible for any purchases of office supplies. After reviewing his progress with the new cards and the policy to be placed in the employee's handbook, Woodruff said he believed the Township should research credit cards which gives cash back. Woodruff also asked how do we make sure the township does not pay sales tax. After some discussion the matter was not voted upon.

Lynn moved to pay bills and adjourn, second by Scott.

This meeting was recorded.

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

Joe Oberdorf, Secretary