

September 25, 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

Solicitor Ryan Tira

Treasurer Ken Houck

Joe Oberdorf, Secretary

Zoning: Dean VonBlohn

Engineer: Drew Barton

Police Department Sean McGinley

Street Department, Lloyd Craig

Fire Chief, Leslie Young

Also attending were Karen Blackledge, Danville News, Chris Krepich, Press Enterprise, Marlene Gunther, Molly Shultz, Henry Eyer, Tom Kessler, Sue Kauwell, Linda Weaver, Linda Rea, Kim Murren, Lori Cromley, Bill and Rose Pursel, Tenneson Scott and his Teacher, Ms. Krick, Dr. John Houston.

ALL VOTING WILL BE CONSIDERED UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

The reports presented this evening were as follows:

Treasurer Ken Houck gave the August financial report showing beginning balance to be \$336,544.81, receipts of \$190,497.44, disbursements of \$280,958.15 leaving the ending balance to be \$246,084.10. Scott made a motion to accept the report, second by Lynn.

Solicitor Ryan Tira stated that we worked out the agreement with Cooper Township to include their flow into Mahoning Townships systems. Lynn made a motion that we sign the agreement and approve the right for Cooper Township to hook onto Mahoning Townships lines at their cost. Scott seconded. A copy of this agreement is in Mahoning report book.

ZONING REPORT: A variance hearing was held last Thursday for 5 single family dwellings that will be built on a lot behind the old school building at Mahoning. They need a variance for a setback requirement to the drive way. It doesn't look like they will need a retention pond. The variance was approved.

POLICE REPORT: 2009 Dodge charger has been retired. New car was ordered but not delivered yet.

STREET DEPT. REPORT: Received line painting quotes. Lloyd sent (3) three quotes out but only (2) two responded.

1. DE Gemmill \$7,480 (We used them last year and were very happy with them).
2. Alpha Space Control \$8,400

Two other things that have happened since the workshop were:

- 325 Tons of material was removed from (5) five locations from the stream bed.
- Lumber (along Meadow and Maple) was moved from the creek bed up to a pile in the yard. Dean thinks Tyler Sevoe is looking for someone to haul it away or he will himself.
- Chuck Eyer had emergency knee surgery. He will be out at least a week, possibly more.

TS made a motion to accept the bid for line painting from DE Gemmill in the amount of \$7,480. Lynn seconded.

FIRE REPORT: East End Fire Chief Leslie Young gave the August report which showed the fire department responded to 4 MVA, 1 Structure Fires, 8 False Alarms and 8 other calls. Total calls in Mahoning were 11, 10 Mutual Aid, 1 Point Township, 5 Danville Borough, 1 Cooper Township, 1 Valley Township and 2 City of Sunbury. The fire department had a total of 71 hours of In-house training and 144 service hours for the Fire Camp for Kids (3 days). A copy of the report is in the Mahoning report book.

NEW BUSINESS

Danville Middle School Junior Honor Society Vice President Tenneson Scott requested Police and Fire Department to participate in their upcoming Community Days event on October 28, 2017. The school is adopting C.E. Middle School in Houston, TX that was severally affected by Hurricane Harvey. All proceeds from the event will go to C.E. Middle School. (2) Two or (3) three Policeman will attend, per Chief McGinley. The Fire Department will try to get someone to attend, however, they must run it by Danville Fire Dept., per Leslie Young.

Scott made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Danville Halloween Parade. Lynn second.

A discussion was held regarding the request by the Tax Collector, Marlene Gunther where she requests the Supervisors to pay for her cost while attending the Pennsylvania State Tax Collectors' Convention to be held on October 20th and October 21st in Greensburg, PA. Her letter requests payment for 3 nights \$352.80, \$160.00 for the cost of the course, and the mileage cost of \$103.21 for a total of \$643.01. Scott reported the supervisors do not have to pay for these seminars according to the Second-Class Township Codes, the tax collector shall bear the cost of the program and qualification unless the political subdivision (Mahoning) agrees to pay for the cost in whole or in part. Mahoning Township is not mandated to pay for this cost but since she also collects taxes for the Danville School District and Cooper, he would

like to know if the Danville School District and Cooper have been requested to share the cost. Marlene stated that traditionally they have paid nothing. Scott asked her to check with them because we should each share in 1/3 of the cost. Lynn motioned to pay 1/3 of the cost. Second by Scott. Houck will pay her after the conference is over.

Scott moved to select the 31st day of October to be the Halloween Trick or Treat night and the times will be 5pm to 8pm. Second by Lynn.

The Board of Supervisors also agreed to approve the annual request of the Trinity United Methodist Church to have a horse drawn hay ride to depart from the church parking lot, on to Delwood and returning to the church parking lot. An insurance certificate of \$1,000.000 was included with the request. Motioned by Scott and second by Lynn.

Next on the agenda was the approval of payment to Gutelius Excavating for the repairs to the sanitary sewer work on Route 11. The cost was \$50,382.00. Scott moved to pay the invoice, second by Lynn.

Woodruff reported that "Leaf Collection" by the Street Department will begin on October 16 and continue to November 28 on every Monday and Friday except for November 24th and November 27. He also noted that leaves must be placed in bags and put on curbs.

Woodruff also reported the Annual Township Officials Convention of Montour County meeting will be held at the Montour/Delong Fairgrounds on October 19th and the cost to attend is \$15.00 per elected official and he also requested that Mahoning Township place an advertisement in the booklet for \$65.00 for a one-half page. Lynn moved to approve the spending of \$65.00 for one-half page ad. Second by Scott.

A discussion followed regarding the "shared" cost of Larson Design Group to inspect the street lights on the Susquehanna River bridge and Continental Blvd. to be \$4,300 of which Mahoning would pay \$1,433 for the six lights on the bridge in Mahoning Township. PA DOT is requesting Danville, Riverside and Mahoning to repair or replace the light pole as they show signs of rust and deterioration. Lynn moved to pay \$1,433 to LDG, second by Scott.

Treasurer Houck presented the MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) for the pension plans for the township employees. The cost of the Non-uniform employees MMO will be \$86,017.00 and the Police MMO for 2018 will be \$142,464 and the Water and Sewer employee MMO is \$12,074.20. Houck did report the Commonwealth does send Mahoning Township some of the overall cost but this is never sufficient to cover all the plans. Scott moved to accept the MMO's and Lynn seconded the motion.

The Mahoning Township Police Officers' Association ("Association") and Mahoning Township ("Employer" or "Township") agree to the following clarifications to the Collective Bargaining Agreement that governs the terms and conditions of the officers employed by the Township during the period commencing on January 1, 2016 and ending on December 31, 2018:

1. The Agreement shall cover all full-time officers excluding the Chief of Police and shall not govern the terms and conditions of the employment of any part-time officers.
2. Part-time officers shall not be included in the bargaining unit.
3. The Association agrees that the Township may hire part-time officers.
4. The hours worked by part-time officers shall be at the sole discretion of the Township, however, part-time officers shall only be utilized to up-staff the Mahoning Township Police Department to regular full-time hours and to fulfill regular full-time hours.
5. Part-time officers shall not supplant the full-time hours of any full-time officer.
6. Part-time officers are not permitted to participate in the Township's Police Pension Plan and are not permitted to work more than thirty (30) hours in any given work week.
7. In the event of a reduction in the size of the police department through involuntary, non-disciplinary separation (lay-off), the Association's agreement to permit non-unit personnel to perform bargaining unit work is rescinded.

Scott made a motion to approve the Side Letter Agreement with the Mahoning Township Police Officers' Association that clarifies the Collective Bargaining Agreement currently in effect so as to permit the Township to hire part-time police officers as non-bargaining unit employees in accordance with the terms more fully set forth in the written agreement. Lynn seconded.

Questions:

Sue Kauwell asked two questions:

1. When do we plan to complete the 2018 budget? Woodruff is hoping to complete this week.
2. What is the status of Christine Delong's health insurance? Her concern is that we continue to keep paying and thinks if we win the case, Delong should be responsible to pay back whatever was paid to her. Scott explained that it's been rescheduled for some time in October and said we are trying to get it back.

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

This meeting was recorded.

Joe Oberdorf, Secretary