

December 11, 2017

The Work Shop 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, Molly Shultz, Bryan Campbell, Henry & Cathy Eyer, Marlene Gunther, Ken Strausser, John & Nancy Whelan, Leslie Young, Matt Turowski, Jeff Hill, Glen Cromley, Todd Keyser, Steve Keyser.

ALL VOTING WILL BE CONSIDERED UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Scott recognized & thanked all First Responders for their service, especially the entrapment incident on November 20, 2017. He also read a letter from Danville Ambulance Service thanking the fire department for their help that day. He finished by saying, "Heroes don't always wear capes, they reside right amongst us." "No greater love hath that individual that would lay down their lives for others."

Leslie Young spoke on behalf of Mahoning Township Fire Department. She said that many employers do not allow their employees to leave during work hours to respond to alarms. Thanks to Geisinger, Montour County and Mahoning Township Board of Supervisors, 7 of the 8 fire fighters that responded were able to leave work that day to respond to the alarm.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken Houck gave the November report showing a beginning balance of \$234,830.24 with receipts of \$325,876.37 and expenses of \$164,312.00. The ending balance for September was \$396,394.61. He will put on the website after next week's meeting.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT: Dean VonBlohn reported following December 11, 2017

1. The following persons have agreed to serve on the Mahoning Township Board of Appeals, I am recommending their appointment, Joe Graham, Bob Davies and Larry Blosky.
2. Planning Commission, Barry Faust has submitted his resignation, effective December 31, 2017, that leaves us 1 member short. Barry Hartman, is interested in serving on this board, I am recommending his appointment. I have another person interested in serving on the Planning Commission his name is Paul Matrishion, Kaseville Road. We currently do not have an alternate.
3. Zoning hearing board, Anthony Fritz is up for re-appointment this year, he is not interested in serving, alternate member, Richard Phillipkoskie has been filling in for Tony and is interested in becoming a regular member. I am recommending that you appoint him to the position of regular member, that still leaves us with 1 alternate.

All candidates will be decided on at next Monday's regular meeting. VonBlohn will get with Joe to make sure all the names are on the agenda for the reorganization.

4. On December 4th, the Planning Commission reviewed a conditional use plan submitted by T & S Realty for a Multi Family Development in the HR district. They have made a recommendation to the Supervisors to deny the plan based on a lack of information, unanswered questions and several variances that were identified on the plan. The Planning Commission minutes for December 4th meeting are attached.

All land cleared where they first came in and are changing it to a multiple housing. They want to construct 7 free standing homes. Can have 12 units per acre. Otherwise a variance will be required. Once planning commission looks at the criteria, it will come back to supervisors. They will most likely go for variances first and then. 145 units works best for them. They cannot be over 35 feet. Then it comes back to the planning commission and will go to our engineer for review. Scott said it will need to be heard by the new board of supervisors. VonBlohn will review with the supervisors.

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 they will consider the conditional use following the general criteria.

Todd & Steve Keyser, along with Attorneys Matt Turowski and Jeff Hill came to talk about Conditional Use, Land Development. Somehow, they didn't get the word about the planning commission meeting and as a result, no one from their end attended. They are asking to go back to the planning commission. They would like to start the process over again and then move forward. VonBlohn said he can receive the papers now and will present them at next week's meeting. Scott said they will have to vote on this next Monday. Next planning commission meeting is January 8th, 2018.

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

MONTHLY POLICE REPORT – STATS from November 2017

ACTIVITIES:

Crash Investigations	8
Motorist Assists	6
DUI arrests	2
Traffic enforcement (summary)	12
Parking Tickets	115
Reported Criminal Offenses	14
Misdemeanor/Felony Arrests	2

INCIDENTS MONTH of NOVEMBER: 333

Geisinger (GMC) held a National Health Care Symposium November 8th-10th. The Symposium was an event designated to exchange ideas on current topics in healthcare for healthcare leaders from national speakers who have been involved the evolution of healthcare and healthcare related government policy. Attendees during peak times of the event neared 500 persons. The MTPD worked closely with GMC officials to provide extra police protection. From a law enforcement perspective, the event went off without a hitch.

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."

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](#)

STREET DEPT REPORT: Lloyd reported the following:

WORK SHOP MEETING DECEMBER 11, 2017

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

1. Still no word from dents on the vent pipes.
2. Overtime since November 13th, 8 manhours on tree down and .75 manhours hauling amesite.
3. New pole saw was purchased. price was \$539.99.

Lloyd purchased the saw from Welliver's – Echo is the name brand.

Items that need boards input/ approval.

1. New truck should be ready tomorrow or Wednesday.

2. Arbory plus has completed the work on bald top. total came in \$400.00 over budgeted amount of \$5,000.00
3. We are currently one operator down for snow removal. Should only be for the next 4-5 weeks if everything goes well.

Lloyd said they lost 20% of the work force. He has one person who may be interested in helping. His name is Bob Eyer.

4. Leaf Collection will continue December 11th and 15th. Must be in bags not to exceed 60 pounds and only leaves.
5. The Mahoning Township Street Department will begin Christmas Tree Pick Up beginning on December 29, 2017 to January 26, 2018. Mondays and Fridays. Trees are to be at curbside by 7 am and trees will not be taken if they contain stands, lights or in plastic bags. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Lloyd held up putting the old truck for sale but is ready to do it now. He should be able to do this before January.

Water & Sewer Report

Lloyd spoke on the Sewer dept. He gave Monthly sewer & water usage.

Total pumped to tanks 5,632,585 gals
Daily average to tank 187,753 gals
Rt:11 pump station total: 6,519,960 gals
Rt:11 pump station daily Avg: 217,332 gals
Rt:11 and Montgomery village diff.: 887,375 gals
Woods of Welsh total usage: 179,540 gals
Woods or Welsh daily average: 5,985 gals
(purchased water)
Rt:11 meter: 9,697,000 gals
Bloom Rd. meter: 660,000 gals
Total purchased from Danville: 10,357,000
Gals daily average from Danville: 345,233 gals
present monthly usage; 10,357,000 gals
Previous monthly usage 9,423,000 gals
Difference: 934,000 gals (more)
Sewerage pumped Rt. 11; 2,236,237 gals
Sewerage pumped daily; 75,541 gals
Previous monthly usage: 2,121,136 gals
Difference: 115,101 gals (more)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lynn made motion to approve the minutes for the October 9 and October 16, 2017 meetings. Scott seconded.

Fire Department

Lesley gave report -

FIRE REPORT: East End Fire Chief Leslie Young gave the November 2017 report which showed the fire department responded to 12 totals calls (3 MVA, 2 Auto Fires, 1 Structure Fire, and 5 False Alarms, 2 RIT, 3 Water Rescue and 3 other) Total calls in Mahoning were 12, 7 Mutual Aid, 2 Danville Borough, 1 Cooper Township, 1 Riverside Borough, 1 Hemlock Township, 1 Liberty Township, and 1 Pottsgrove. The fire department had a total of 56 hours of In-house training (18 hours Rescue Tools, 24 hours SCBA Refresher Confidence Maze, and 14 hours a Tour Maria Joseph Manor, Emmanuel and Nazareth Facilities. A copy of the report is in the Mahoning report book. Annual fund raiser mailer was mailed out on Friday.

Woodruff talked to Dr. Gibson about the boy scouts doing a project on our MS4 program, having the scouts label all the storm drains. He asked the supervisors to follow up on this as it will be done in the spring. It will save our people a lot of man hours and helps the boy scouts. Kellen Mills is working toward his Eagle Scout award.

Scott wanted to discuss concerns of there being a conflict of interested with his son being a member of the board of auditors. General practice is that the board of auditors set the hourly rate for the roadmaster, which supervisors can choose to become. This is done each year at the reorganization meeting, which is held in January. Scott will not be named a roadmaster. The other 4 have a choice to be one or not. Since Scott has no intention of being a roadmaster, there should be no problem.

Scott made a motion that we direct our solicitor to request an opinion regarding if a conflict of interest exists specifically in this instance. According to the solicitor, a motion can be made in a workshop meeting because we are agreeing to direct him to take an action. Lynn seconded.

Marlene Gunther asked if the board of auditors sets the pay for supervisors meeting pay. Scott said no, the pay is determined by the township code. Molly questioned who the auditors are; Holly Greenly, Bob Casner and Tristan Scott. Tristan was a write in. They conduct one meeting per year. Just after the first of the year. They sit with the treasurer and review the audit. At that time, they set how much the hourly rate for the roadmaster is going to be. They don't meet again until the following January. Each auditor receives \$25.00 for the meeting and the secretary receives an extra \$10.00 for typing the meeting minutes.

Any changes to the 2018 Budget. Final Adoption will take place on December 18, 2017. Final adoption will be next Monday per Woodruff.

Any changes to the 2018 Tax Rates. (Omit Per Capita) Property Tax 1.588 (Township 1.384 mills and Fire Tax .204 mills, Realty Tax ½% and Local Earned Income Tax .50%. Tax rates will stay the same per Woodruff with adoption next meeting.

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Tax Collector Marlene Gunther requested a change in resolution for increasing the cost of producing tax duplicates, to be effective January 1, 2018. From \$15.00 to \$25.00 for banks or mortgage companies, if there is going to be a change in the deed. From \$35.00 to \$50.00 for all returned checks and \$5.00 fee for duplicates, which stays the same. Marlene sent a sample resolution done in 2005. Marlene explained that her expenses continue to increase every year. This will be voted on next Monday.

On January 2, we will have 3/5 of a new board. Scott gave a brief over-view, below, explaining where we are at and where we are going. The chief said he continues to receive positive comments on the police departments changes and improvements. Scott added that the same applies to the rest of the departments. They conduct themselves to the utmost of professionalism.

STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP

Personnel - excellent across all departments

Treasury - good and improving

- no property tax increase
- elimination of per capitaltax
- conduct of legitimate audits

Facilities - good and improving

- repairs to block exterior
- gutters & front door replaced
- IT shortcomings addressed
- lobby, conference, and assembly rooms remodeled
- continue maintenance of interior paining (last done more than a decade ago)
- installing water-proof panels in PD garage
- address PD IT issues

Processes & Procedures - good and improving

- Employee handbooks
- separate staffing of Secretary & Treasurer
- cross training of staff positions
- 5-member Board of Supervisors
- routinely conducted and thorough conduct of audits
- focus on customers & service

Looking Forward -

- New Supervisor's ideas and contributions
- PDCertification
- Snow plowing of Bloom Road
- MS4 & opportunity to impact water overflows/intrusions
- **Water/Sewer** sale: customer rebate. trust fund & invest funding
- Economic Development: Pediatric Specialties (100FT, 100PT jobs) addition of restaurants, event venues, retail & commercial vendors.
 - addressing of Red Lane, Oak, Meadow to Maple, etc. paving & enhancements
 - sidewalk for Bloom Road
 - creation of Beautification Committee

Scott motioned to adjourn, Lynn 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