

September 11, 2023, Meeting Minutes- held at the Mahoning Township Building, 849 Bloom Road, Danville, PA, at 5:30pm

Members of the Board present: Chairman Bill Lynn, Vice-Chairman John Whelan, Supervisor's Glen Cromley & Andy Lysiak, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, DSI Lead Lloyd Craig, Fire Chief Leslie Young, Solicitor Jonathan DeWald, Detective Jason Bedisky

Also present: Anna Wiest from Danville News, Geri Gibbons from Press Enterprise, Nancy Whelan, Joel & Matt Gum, Roger Magargle, Michael Russell, Dave Gray, Bob Culver, Daniel Spickard, Val & Denny Tanner, Bob Umbriac, Chris Fish, Elizabeth Heeter, Vivian Sanders, Terry Lenig, Troy Blue

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The meeting started with the group saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Lynn asked for any public comment related to the agenda items. No comment.

Detective Jason Bedisky spoke on behalf of Police Chief Fred Dyroff:

Detective Bedisky discussed their police enforcement from August 28th to September 11th, on Sidler Hill.

Treasurer Ken Houck was not available.

Engineer Drew Barton was not available:

Solicitor Jonathan DeWald had nothing.

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn:

Dean discussed two conditional uses from Geisinger that the Planning Commission recommended for approval to set the hearing dates. One is for repurposing a building on Stearns Road and one on Justin Drive II, for converting to medical setting. The board asked Solicitor DeWald to move forward with advertising for the formal conditional-use hearing for September 25th at 4:30pm.

Solicitor DeWald briefly discussed the zoning ordinance change for Middle, Upper & Lower Streets from the public hearing held before the regular meeting. Supervisor Cromley discussed the updated comprehensive plan from 1961 that shows the future improvements of the township and said building is part of the growth. Supervisor Lynn said we haven't raised taxes in years because of development. Supervisor Whelan said with parking, speed, development & water issues, he'd like to do more research before voting. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to table the vote on the zoning change until the October 9th meeting. Chairman Lynn seconded. Motion passed.**

Chairman Lynn said all are welcome to attend any planning commission or Supervisors meeting each month to see what all is happening in the township.

DSI Lead Lloyd Craig gave his report and discussed:

Lloyd said they finished replacing the damaged guiderails on Clinic Road and said the posts will be set tomorrow.

From unfinished business, Lloyd said he has nothing new on the river bridge lighting.

Lloyd said line painting is not scheduled yet.

The board approved Lloyd and his team attending (2) storm water training sessions, September 20th, and September 27th.

Lloyd briefly discussed the speed limit studies he and Chief Dyrhoff have been working on at Sidler Hill & Reservoir Street, which is both Danville & Mahoning. Lloyd said speed bumps & lighted speed limit signs are not permitted by PennDOT standards. Lloyd said they updated and replaced stormwater pipes, but that stormwater is an issue.

Danville residents Bob Umbriac & Troy Blue expressed concerns about where lower street starts and chamber ends.

Resident Chris Fish expressed concerns about the parking issues since residents moved into the new townhouses.

Fire Chief Leslie Young:

Fire Chief Young said she'll have her August report at the next meeting.

Chairman's Report on Executive Sessions Held Prior to Meeting:

Chairman Lynn said they had no executive meetings since the last meeting.

Unfinished business discussed above.

New Business: No New Business

Reminders:

Chairman Lynn reminded residents that the last yard waste pickup date is next Tuesday, September 19th.

Public comment not related to new business:

Supervisor Lysiak thanked Fire Chief Young and the fires dept for their quick response to his car fire.

Resident Chris Fish expressed concerns about low water pressure on Sidler Hill and asked Fire Chief Young what her take was on it. Chief Young said they use the hydrant in the borough or Geisinger because they are aware of the pressure issues.

Danville resident Troy Blue expressed concerns about comments made about development on Sidler Hill. He said it's not just about the progress & taxes, it's about the people.

Resident Denny Tanner thinks we should sustain the growth of the township before it's saturated.

Supervisor Whelan motioned to pay the bills. Supervisor Cromley seconded. Motion passed.

Supervisor Whelan motioned to adjourn. Supervisor Lysiak seconded. Motion passed.

This meeting was recorded. These minutes reflect the events and dialog during the meeting but are not transcribed verbatim.

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Carolyn Dragano, Secretary