

September 25, 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, Police Chief Fred Dyroff, Engineer Drew Barton, Treasurer Ken Houck. **Also present:** Anna Wiest from Danville News, Geri Gibbons from Press Enterprise, Nancy Whelan, Ron Leshner, Megan Brosious, Caleb Burk, Nick Argot, Tom Corbin, Chas Lewis, Val & Denny Tanner, Bob Umbriac, Chris Fish, Elizabeth Heeter, Terry Lenig, Nancy Leighow, Robin Johnson, Michelle Mennello, Roy Diehl, Linda Rea, Aricia & Terry Ketchum, Joani Reedy, Harriet Perez, Rita Roberts, Jacob Naylor, Chris Pfaff. Michael Russell.

ALL VOTING WILL BE CONSIDERED UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

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.

Police Chief Fred Dyroff:

Chief Dyroff gave the August report.

Chief Dyroff discussed patrol checks on Sidler Hill.

Treasurer Ken Houck:

Ken gave the August Treasurer's report. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve the treasurers August report as presented. Supervisor Cromley seconded. Motion passed.**

Engineer Drew Barton:

Engineer Barton asked the board to approve the 2021 Veolia project bond release, which was inspected and is complete. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to release Veolia's Street cut permit bond for \$369,000. Supervisor Lysiak seconded. Motion passed.**

Engineer Barton said the 45-day review of the Comprehensive Plan period ends today. He will review it at the next planning commission meeting and said it will be ready for approval at the October 23rd Supervisor's meeting.

Solicitor Jonathan DeWald had nothing.

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn:

Dean briefly discussed the public hearing that was held before the supervisors meeting concerning two locations at Geisinger that will be converting to clinics. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve converting 105 Justin Drive to a medical clinic. Supervisor Lynn seconded. Motion passed. Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve converting Stearns Lane to a medical clinic. Supervisor Lynn seconded. Motion passed.**

DSI Lead Lloyd Craig gave his report and discussed:

Lloyd said the guiderails are complete.

From unfinished business, Lloyd said they received river bridge poles. Once the contractor confirms receipt of the material, he will schedule a time to install the poles.

Lloyd said line painting should be done in the next few weeks.

Fire Chief Leslie Young:

Fire Chief Young gave her August report.

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:

Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve Leaf Pick-up starting Tuesday, October 17th, ending Tuesday, December 19th. Supervisor Cromley seconded. Motion passed. Supervisor Lynn said the cost for leaf pick-up is \$1,000 more than last year.

Supervisor Cromley motioned to approve the Supervisors August meeting minutes. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Lynn said Trick or Treat Night will be held on Tuesday, October 31st, from 6-9pm.

Chairman Lynn reminded residents to sign up for Email Blasts, to continue to get the latest update, since our text messaging has gone away.

Reminders: No reminders.

Public comment not related to new business:

Resident Micelle Mennello expressed concerns about Sidler Hill water pressure. She would like Mahoning to help Danville Borough replace the pipes to resolve this issue. She said she would also like their zoning area to stay as Medium Density.

Cooper Township Supervisor Chris Pfaff expressed concerns about two-way streets. He thinks we should make them all one way and thinks Mahoning should take an active role in helping Sidler Hill residents fix the water pressure issues and runoff issues. He would also like the supervisors to vote against the rezoning and he also submitted a letter to the board.

Resident Terry Lenig expressed concerns about water issues on Sidler Hill and said he doesn't want to stop development, just the amount of building, even if they can drill wells.

Resident Val Tanner expressed concerns about their water pressure getting worse as well as stormwater management issues and parking, with more building. She feels that Mahoning supervisors should advocate for the residents on Sidler hill, since they are paying taxes to Mahoning.

Resident Chris Fish expressed concerns about water runoff issues since the new units were put in and from the pipe that Joel Gum put in. He feels building will only make the issues worse from water pressure, water runoff and parking.

Chairman Lynn said the runoff problems are also from the paved driveways and said there is not much you can do when there are heavy rains.

Resident Denny Tanner is concerned that if the zoning changes, Sidler Hill will become commercial properties instead of residential. He would like everyone to work together on issues. He said he is not against development, just intense development.

Supervisor Whelan said they tabled their decision to do research. With the help from the police, Danville Borough and Geisinger they will continue the research before making their final decision on the 9th of October.

Resident Val Tanner asked what would happen if there were a tie vote. Solicitor DeWald said the motion would fail.

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn briefly discussed the water runoff from heavy storms and said something isn't working properly.

Resident Chris Fish expressed concerns about getting emergency vehicles around parked cars near his home, when it's legal to park there. Lloyd said he and the police chief are looking into this issue with the possibility of making NO parking on the north side of lower street. No guarantees though, it's only being looked into right now.

Danville resident Bob Umbirac expressed concerns about how much water Geisinger's retention pond can hold. He would like some of the water to be diverted into the pond, so it doesn't go directly into the creek. Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn said this issue needs to be addressed with Geisinger.

Rita Roberts said she is at the farthest point of the water delivery and has the least amount of water pressure and feels that building more homes will only make things worse.

Supervisor Lynn said that DEP is now involved because the pressure tests were not up to spec. and are working with Danville to resolve this issue.

Supervisor Cromley asked residents to be aware of early morning walkers and be on the lookout for their safety.

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