

January 22, 2024, 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, Kyle Yeager, Andy Lysiak, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, DSI Lead Lloyd Craig, Treasurer Ken Houck, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, Solicitor Jonathan DeWald, Engineer Drew Barton, Fire Chief Rick Spotts, former Fire Chief Leslie Young, Police Chief Fred Dyroff

Also present: Geri Gibbons from Press Enterprise, Val Tanner, Nancy Whelan, Anna Wiest from Danville News, Sam Hunsinger, Chuck Eyer, Lori Cromley, Dan Hartman, Bill Wilt, Linda Rea, Kevin Young, Lewis & Maria Carl, Todd Gibson, Cory Dilliger, Jack Gibson

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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.

Police Chief Fred Dyroff:

Chief Dyroff said they completed the selection process for a full-time police officer and would like to hire Terry D. Ketchem Jr. **Supervisor Yeager motioned to approve the new hire of Terry D. Ketchem, starting February 3, 2024. Supervisor Lysiak seconded. Motion passed.**

Chief Dyroff gave some highlights of his 2023 Annual report and said it will be on the website tomorrow for everyone's review.

Treasurer Ken Houck gave his December report:

Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve the December Treasurers report. Supervisor Cromley seconded. Motion passed.

Engineer Drew Barton:

Engineer Barton briefly discussed the permit they received for Blizzards run to remove the sediment deposits in the creek.

Engineer Barton briefly discussed the plans for the Fiber Optic line.

Solicitor Jonathan DeWald.

Solicitor DeWald recommended moving forward with approval of the Conditional Use Application of 505 Keystone Solar, LLC. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to grant Conditional Use to 505 Keystone Solar for Tax Parcel # 6-36-52 and summarized the conditions they are subject to. Supervisor Yeager seconded. Motion passed.** Supervisor Whelan said copies of the Conditional Use are available.

Resident Val Tanner asked if letters were sent out to Hunter's Dairy Freez, concerning Keystone Solar. Chairman Lynn said no letters were sent out but that he paid her a visit.

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn:

Dean said things are picking up for the Planning Commission.

DSI Lead Lloyd Craig gave his report and discussed:

Lloyd said overtime went through the roof because of the weather.

Lloyd said some of their upcoming work will be adding shelving units to organize things a little better.

Former Fire Chief Leslie Young:

Leslie gave her December report as well as her Annual 2023 report, which will be available on the website tomorrow.

Supervisor Cromley presented former Fire Chief Leslie Young, who stepped down as Fire Chief on December 31st, 2023, with a Recognition and Appreciation Award and gave a brief discussion of her accomplishments, awards, and certifications over the last 10 years. Supervisor Cromley said Leslie devoted thousands of hours of service to the residents and was instrumental in the fire prevention programs in the township. He and the other board members thanked Leslie for her selfless commitment and volunteerism. Leslie said she is extremely proud that she was afforded the opportunity to lead the Townships Fire Department.

Fire Chief Rick Spotts also recognized Leslie and awarded her with the Firefighters Commendation Award & Ribbon and thanked her for all she's done for the township and community over the past 10 years.

Unfinished business - None

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

Chairman Lynn said they had one executive meeting since the last meeting. It was held on January 17, 2024, for solar and fiber optics.

New Business:

Supervisor Whelan motioned for a Conditional approval for the 44th Annual Danville Memorial T-Rail 5-mile Walk/Run Race, based upon receipt of the completed insurance certification. The race is scheduled for Saturday, May 25th, 2024. Supervisor Cromley seconded. Motion passed.

Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve the Supervisor's December minutes. Supervisor Cromley seconded. Motion passed.

Reminders:

Supervisor Lynn said Christmas Tree pick-up is every Monday and Friday and will end Friday, February 2, 2024.

Public comment not related to new business: None.

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

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

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

All Reports are available at the Township Building

Carolyn Dragano, Secretary