

February 12, 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 (via phone), Andy Lysiak, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, DSI Lead Lloyd Craig, Treasurer Ken Houck, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, Solicitor Jonathan DeWald, Engineer Drew Barton, Police Chief Fred Dyroff

Also present: Geri Gibbons from Press Enterprise, Val Tanner, Nancy Whelan, Anna Wiest from Danville News, Linda Rea, Dr. Conca, Betty Deleon, Jason Bedisky, Kevin Kochinsky, Megan Brosias, Ron Leshner, Joe Stender

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 gave his report and discussed:

Chief Dyroff discussed the training that the officers attended this month.

Chief Dyroff discussed complaints his department has received about Feral Cats being fed in the township. The food stations draw animals like vultures, skunks, raccoons, foxes. He strongly encouraged the residents NOT to feed feral cats.

Residents Dr. Conca & Betty Deleon expressed concerns about the Turkey Buzzards and the fear of them hurting small children & small animals. Supervisor Whelan explained that we do not have an ordinance to stop this. They are protected birds so we are very limited in what we can do. If we eliminate the food source, the birds should go away. Chief Dyroff said even with an ordinance, the only way they can file a citation is if other residents witness this and are willing to testify or if they have photos or videos of them feeding the cats.

DSI Lead Lloyd Craig said that Game Commission told him the buzzards hate laser lights.

Supervisor Lynn said this has been going on for years so he would like the board to consider making an ordinance that would prohibit feeding feral cats. Supervisor Yeager said he too is all for making an ordinance.

Treasurer Ken Houck gave his December report:

Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve the January Treasurer's report, with consideration that the net revenue over expenses is a negative (244,491.49). Supervisor Cromley seconded. Motion passed.

Engineer Drew Barton:

Engineer Barton briefly discussed the maintenance bond release for Magnolia Court. They won't be eligible until June 20, 2024.

Engineer Barton briefly discussed the MS4 plan.

Solicitor Jonathan DeWald:

Solicitor DeWald said he would like to move forward with advertising to schedule a public hearing for Geisinger Medical Management Corporation for a zoning ordinance amendment to change two tax parcels from commercial highway to institutional district. He'd like the hearing to be on March 25th at 4:30, right before the supervisors meeting. All the supervisors agreed for him to move forward.

Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn:

Dean said the Planning Commission recommended approval for the Geisinger traffic improvement lot #1. If approved, the project will start in the spring.

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

Dean said the Planning Commission recommended approval for a small subdivision and land development plan for land on 886 & 892 Bloom Road, owned by John & Carla Leighow. Gum reality is the developer of the subdivision. **Supervisor Cromley motioned to approve. Supervisor Whelan seconded. Motion passed.**

Supervisor Lynn motioned to approve the purchase of a new computer for Zoning Officer Dean VonBlohn. Supervisor Lysiak seconded. Motion passed.

DSI Lead Lloyd Craig gave his report and discussed:

Lloyd said they are heavily trimming trees in the township.

Lloyd briefly discussed plans for this summer's contract paving, pipe replacements, stream cleaning (DEP permit) and salt/antiskid storage building.

Supervisor Cromley said he would like the board to sit down with Lloyd and Engineer Barton to come up with a game plan on the removal of the sediment.

Supervisor Cromley spoke on behalf of Fire Chief Rick Spotts:

Supervisor Cromley asked the board to contribute toward the upcoming recognition banquet, celebrating Former Fire Chief Leslie Young. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve the banquet reimbursement for \$1,200. Supervisor Lynn seconded. Motion passed.**

Unfinished business – None

Supervisor Whelan said no date has been set for this year's Dumpster Day. He will announce the date as soon as we secure a site.

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 February 7, 2024, for legal matters.

New Business:

Treasurer Ken Houck would like to table discussing selling the Plotter machine on Municibid and possible leasing.

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

The board discussed changing supervisor's meetings to once a month. No action was taken. The board asked the residents to weigh in.

Reminders: None

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 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