

December 9, 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, Andy Lysiak, Kyle Yeager, Zoning Officers Dean VonBlohn & Jim Dragano, Solicitor Jonathan DeWald, Secretary Carolyn Dragano, Police Chief Fred Dyroff, Fire Chief Rick Spotts, Engineer Drew Barton, DSI Lead Lloyd Craig, Treasurer Ken Houck

Also present: Anna Wiest from Danville News, Renee Benza, Kathy Gaughenbaugh, Rita Roberts, Val Tanner, Helen Share, Drew Mumich from Press Enterprise.

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.

Corporal Jason Bedisky, who is also Chief Warrant Officer 3 for the Pennsylvania National Guard, presented Police Chief Fred Dyroff with the Patriotic Employer Award. This recognizes deserving employers whose support and goodwill are important in retaining highly skilled and qualified members of the National Guard. Chief Dyroff worked closely with Bedisky with scheduling conflicts and extended deployments for the past several years.

Police Chief Fred Dyroff gave his report and discussed:

Chief Dyroff discussed the grants his department was awarded this past month. He said he is working toward making purchases in the first quarter of 2025. He recognized Officer Terry Ketchem for the great job he does with grant writing.

Chief Dyroff briefly discussed the upcoming event Cocoa with Po Po, at Bason's Coffee that he and his team will participate in. It will be held on December 21, 2024, from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

Chief Dyroff discussed the training his officers participated in this month.

Chief Dyroff and DSI Lead Lloyd Craig briefly discussed an unidentified truck that dumped a load of asphalt and rocks on Toby Road and said they are actively looking for this vehicle.

Treasurer Ken Houck gave his October and November Treasurer's Report and discussed:

Ken read over the 2025 budget, which was advertised in the paper and is ready for final approval. Ken said there were some changes for \$61,029, which is only 1.49% of the original budget. The township 2nd class code allows you to make changes up to 10%, before having to tentatively adopt a new budget. **Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve the final 2025 budget, as presented by the treasurer. Supervisor Lynn seconded. Motion passed.**

Ken asked the board for final approval of the No tax increase for 2025, Resolution 2024-1209. **Supervisor Whelan motioned for final approval of a NO tax increase for 2025, Resolution 2024-1209. Supervisor Yeager seconded. Motion passed.**

Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve the October and November reports. Supervisor Cromley seconded. Motion passed.

Engineer Drew Barton:

Drew asked the board for approval to set up a public hearing for the Joint Comprehensive Plan, for February 10th. He will first need to send the current draft plan to neighboring municipalities including the school district school at which they have 45 days to review. **Supervisor Cromley motioned to schedule the public hearing for the Joint Comprehensive Plan. Supervisor Lysiak seconded. Motion passed.**

Solicitor DeWald briefly discussed changes of legislation relating to compensation for auditors and for supervisors. Act 10 would increase Auditors Compensation from \$10 to \$18/hr. Act 94 would change Supervisor's compensation from \$1875/yr. up to \$3145/yr. These changes can be made at the reorganization meeting in January 2025 if the supervisors decide to move forward with these changes.

Officer Dean VonBlohn:

Dean & DSI Lead Lloyd Craig briefly discussed paving plans for the next (5) years & how they'd like to work with Veolia with their repairs.

DSI Lead Lloyd Craig gave his report and discussed:

Lloyd discussed the work still being done on the new truck. The board also discussed the warranty and when it should start since we still don't have the truck.

Lloyd said they ordered the backup cameras and are working on getting them installed, from the \$2000 grant they received from KMIT.

Lloyd asked the board to approve Ken Strausser as his back-up group leader, since Sam's retirement. **Supervisor Lynn motioned to approve Ken Strausser as back-up group leader. Supervisor Lysiak seconded. Motion passed.**

Fire Chief Rick Spotts gave his report and discussed:

Chief Spotts said a county-wide burn ban has been lifted.

Unfinished business: None

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

Chairman Lynn said they had one executive since the last meeting. It was held today, for legal matters.

New Business:

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

Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve the Supervisor's 2025 Meeting Schedule. Supervisor Cromley seconded. Motion passed. This information will be advertised.

Supervisor Whelan motioned to approve the 2025 Joint Planning Commission Schedule. Supervisor Yeager seconded. Motion passed.

The Supervisor's Re-Organizational Meeting and the Regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 6th, 2025, at 5:30pm, here at the township building. This will be advertised.

The Auditor's meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7th. 2025, at 10am, at 5:30pm, here at the township building. This will be advertised.

Christmas tree pickup starts on Monday December 30 and ends Friday, January 31, 2025. The pick-up days are every Monday and Friday.

Reminders:

Supervisor Lynn reminded residents that the Leaf pick-up is every Tuesday & Thursday. The last pick-up day is Thursday, December 19th.

Public comment not related to new business: No Comment

Supervisor Whelan motioned to pay the bills. Supervisor Cromley 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.

All Reports are available at the Township Building

Carolyn Dragano, Secretary