

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
MINUTES  
December 11, 2019

**DRAFT**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

John Wieczorek called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Mahoning Township Building, 2685 Mahoning Drive East, Lehighton, PA 18235

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** John Wieczorek led the Pledge of Allegiance

**PRESENT:**

John Wieczorek, Chairman; Bruce Steigerwalt, Vice Chairman; Robert Slaw, Supervisor; Myron Blahy, Supervisor; David Pollock, Supervisor; Thomas Nanovic, Solicitor and Natalie D. Haggerty, Secretary-Treasurer

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Roy Christman present to discuss a resolution supporting a fair method of redistricting. Sharing that Pennsylvania has been one of the most gerrymandered states in the country. Currently we have a Republican legislature and a Democratic governor which should lessen the partisan gerrymandering. His thoughts are we will now most likely get a gerrymander that protects incumbents of both parties. Fair Districts PA is pushing legislation to create a citizen's nonpartisan commission to draw the lines. Several states have adopted similar ways of legislative line drawing and it works. Approaching boroughs and townships and asking them to adopt resolution, so far Carbon County Commissioners, Towamensing and Lower Towamensing, and the Borough of Summit Hill, Palmerton and Bowmanstown have similar resolutions.

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOTION

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Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2019 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by Dave Pollock. John Wieczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Robert Slaw, yes and David Pollock, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS:**

**MOTION**

John Wieczorek made a motion to approve the following transfers:

\$537.97 Residential Street Light Money Market to General Checking  
\$595.20 Residential Fire Hydrant Money Market to General Checking  
\$13,199.74 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 11/21/19  
\$13,344.93 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 11/27/19  
\$13,319.03 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 12/5/19  
\$15,522.40 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 12/12/19  
\$18,962.40 EFT from Road Machinery Checking 12/1/19

Seconded by Myron Blahy. John Wieczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Robert Slaw, yes and David Pollock, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

**MOTION**

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for December 2019. Seconded by David Pollock. John Wieczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Robert Slaw, yes and David Pollock, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLLS:**

**MOTION**

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to approve the following bills and payrolls:

Bill List #461 in the amount of \$99,657.31

General Check's #22632-#22676

State Check's #1683

Fire Company Check #1014-#1015

Building Land Check #1011

Subdivision Land Development Check's #1107

Seconded by Robert Slaw. John Wieczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS:**

**MOTION**

John Wieczorek made a motion to approve the following reports:

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Mahoning Township Road Department Activity Report for Nov 11, 2019-Dec 6, 2019  
Mahoning Township Equipment Fuel Log November 2019  
Mahoning Township Planning Commission Minutes for September 17, 2019-October 15, 2019  
Mahoning Township Sewage Enforcement Officer Report for Oct 3, 2019-Nov 15, 2019  
Mahoning Township Zoning Officer Report for November 2019  
Mahoning Township Building Code Official Report for November 2019  
Seconded by David Pollock. John Wieczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolution #2019-18

Motion to adopt 2020 Budget (Appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the municipal government set forth during 2020) Total revenues for fiscal year 2020 be in the amount of \$2,700,125.00 and total expenditures in the amount of \$2,700,125.00

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to adopt 2020 Budget (Appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the municipal government set forth during 2020) Total revenues for fiscal year 2020 be in the amount of \$2,700,125.00 and total expenditures in the amount of \$2,700,125.00. Seconded by Robert Slaw. John Wieczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Resolution 2019-#19

Motion to Adopt 2020 Tax Levy (2020 milage total 6.75: 5.0 general, .5 road machinery, .5 fire, and .75 building and land)

MOTION

John Wieczorek made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-#19 2020 Tax Levy  
Seconded by David Pollock. John Wieczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, no and David Pollock, yes 4-1 vote. Motion carried.

Proposed Decision Mahoning Township/Lehigh Valley Health Network Conditional Use Hearing 2019-1

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to accept and sign Decision Mahoning Township/Lehigh Valley Health Network Conditional Use Hearing 2019-1. Seconded by John Wieczorek. John Wieczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Modern Service Agreement Renewal

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to approve the Modern Service Agreement for 2020. Seconded by

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John Wieczorek. John Wieczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, no; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 4-1 vote. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Meeting Dates 2020 (motion to advertise)

**MOTION**

David Pollock made a motion to advertise meeting dates for 2020. Seconded by Robert Slaw. John Wieczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

American Tower (Will discuss in executive session)

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

John Wieczorek made a motion to accept and place on file the correspondence dated December 11, 2019. Seconded by Robert Slaw. John Wieczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

\*\*\*PSATS TOWNSHIP LEGAL DEFENSE PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER, FALL 2019

\*\*\*PSATS NOTIFICATION OF NO INCREASE FOR MEMBERSHIP DUES

\*\*\*PA TOWNSHIP NEWS, TOWNSHIP LEGAL DEFENSE PARTNERSHIP, NOV 2019

\*\*\*2019 KENWORTH

Discussion and direction to send Kenworth a letter seeking reimbursement for travel time of road department workers.

\*\*\*SIANA BELLWOAR, CHRISTOPHER P GERBER

RE: CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATION FOR 2020, SLIGHT INCREASE

\*\*\*NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS NANOVIC

RE: ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT FOR POCONO SPRAY PATCHING

\*\*\*NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS NANOVIC

RE: ROUTE 443 / SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

\*\*\*CARBON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, IVAN MEIXELL

RE: MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAN – JOE NEFF, FINAL – MAHONING TOWNSHIP

\*\*\*COSTARS CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

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\*\*\*LTL CONSULTANTS, PETER EISENBROWN

RE: EMAIL OF COST ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY SUMMIT RIDGE. HE WILL PROVIDE A FORMAL LETTER

\*\*\*LTL CONSULTANTS, PETER EISENBROWN

RE: EMAIL REGARDING SIERRA VISTA ADDITIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ON CURVE

**OFFICIALS:**

Myron Blahy: Received a resident complaint regarding target shooting in the Ukrainian Homestead.

Bruce Steigerwalt: Meeting on Monday, December 16, 2019 with the Conservation District, David and Nevin regarding potential dirt and gravel road project up on Breezewood.

Discussion of accessing scoping application information from PennDOT. Advised that we need to file an application, enter into an agreement to authorize electronic access and adopt an authorization resolution. Shared the information with Tom. Tom will review. Adopted the resolution pending Tom's review.

**MOTION**

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-20 Municipality Authority Resolution to authorize electronic access to PennDOT Systems pending Tom Nanovic's review. Seconded by Robert Slaw. John Wiczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Discussion of the \$2000.00 elimination of donation to Leighton Borough and considering such by recommendation of fire chief. Bruce suggests that the two chiefs a supervisor meet and discuss

Robert Slaw: We received a revised HVAC plan, hope all will be incorporated in plan set. Discussion of were to place the building. Table

Dave Pollock: Roads are settling in Meadowcrest were Sanders was replacing water lines. Tom will send letter.

Door in back is repaired.

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John Wiczorek: Table Roy Christmas request

Short executive session at conclusion of meeting no further business.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Seconded by Bruce Steigerwalt. John Wiczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalie D. Haggerty

Secretary-Treasurer