

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
MINUTES
May 22, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

John Wieczorek called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Mahoning Township Building, 2685 Mahoning Drive East, Lehigh, 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, Peter Eisenbrown, Engineer and Natalie D. Haggerty, Secretary-Treasurer

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chris Bellotti, project manager representing PennDOT and a design consultant were present to discuss the 443-safety improvement project. We will be opening bids February 2020 and are in the process of acquiring the right of ways as part of that process. We are completing traffic signal plans and preparing maintenance agreement for the sidewalks. Present to give an update and answer any questions the Board may have. John Wieczorek questioned who will provide the maintenance of the sidewalks and Bruce Steigerwalt questioned where are they leading to? Maintenance by the township and the sidewalks lead to crosswalks at the signal, then to pork chop islands till they get to the other side of a ramp and then the sidewalk will disappear into the shoulder. This is a PennDOT standard, its roughly 400 feet of sidewalk give or take. Provided the Board a copy of a standard sidewalk agreement. Question regarding Bud Newton and Craig Jaffee meeting. They asked us if they can ask PennDOT to improve Mall Road to allow trucks with some paving. Are there any minutes/notes from the meeting with Bud and Carbon Dack? No, but we can summarize and get this request to you shortly. How wide are you going to make Route 443 and from point to point? We are adding a center turn lane to Route 443. Road is within current right of ways except for a few exceptions around signals or easements. Wherever there are businesses today we are adding a turn lane. The width will vary, two 8-foot shoulders and three 12-foot lanes. Start and stop will be McCall Bridge to before the Walmart. There will be realignment and replacement of the Ninth Street Bridge, making it a 90-degree intersection. We are upgrading all the signals and adding a left turn lane at the Mahoning Mountain and East

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Penn Signal. How are you going to stage traffic? We will flip traffic to the north and work on the south side, there will always be two lanes? The super structure of the bridge will be replaced on the bridge before Pizza Hut and Napa. Why is this bridge not being replaced, it's much older? It's in better condition, but its losing soil through the back wall. We will be putting a new back wall on. John suggested taking these questions we have and formulate answers and send back with the notes from Bud Newton meeting. Bruce commented to ask Lehighon Borough to take share ownership of Mahoning Mtn light due to the boundary changes that have occurred years ago. Generic concern is that the township is held responsible at the end when your all done, and this gets held up. Pete asked a series of questions that he prepared. Is preemption being provided? Can I get electronic copies of all current drawings of what's occurring and where? Battery backup? Storm drainage, BMP's and whose responsibilities? Response of the last year and half we have been focusing on the right of ways, DEP Permit. Stormwater management and basins are the responsibility of PennDOT. The township's responsibility will be signals and sidewalks. Chris Bellotti advised there will be battery backup with the plug for the generator and preemption on all signals. Do the signs and pavement markings fall on PennDOT or township for maintenance? He will double check that. Pete will take the prepared list and formalize and with Boards permission email it out to Chris.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION

John Wieczorek made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2019 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by Myron Blahy. John Wieczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, abstain 4-0 vote. Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2019-14 Lease Obligation in the amount \$154,500 for Kenworth T 370 Dump Truck
MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-14, Lease Obligation in the amount \$154,500 for Kenworth T 370 Dump Truck. 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

Road Material Bids

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to accept Lehigh Asphalts bid for road materials. Seconded by

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

Fuel Bids

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to accept Suburban Propane bid for fuels. Seconded by John Wieczorek. John Wieczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Flagstaff Road (The road department are requesting to start work earlier a couple days for pothole filling on Flagstaff Road)

MOTION

John Wieczorek made a motion recognizing the request of the road department start time at 5:30 AM for two workdays, for this one occasion. Seconded by David Pollock. John Wieczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise to receive proposals for 2019 Paving Project (Spring Hill Road)

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to advertise to receive proposals for paving project conditioned upon the approval from John Davis. 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sierra Vista Estates Residential Development Preliminary Plans (Revision Date January 30, 2019)

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion for an extension of time for Sierra Vista Estates Revised Preliminary Plan (revision date January 30, 2019) to July 31, 2019. Seconded by Dave Pollock. John Wieczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Dave Pollock 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Rohach Road Culvert/ Pipe

Tom Nanovic asked if we can prove the contractor damaged the pipe? If we cannot prove there is nothing we can do. Dead issue

Maple Tree Tennis Club (letter from Holly Heintzelman asking if we would register Maple Tree Tennis Club 738 Mahoning Drive East as a nonconforming use

Tom Nanovic will send Holly Heintzelman a letter advising the township had zoning ordinance in place prior to the tennis club.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

John Wieczorek made a motion to accept and place on file the correspondence May 23, 2019. Seconded by Myron Blahy. John Wieczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

***PA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, LESLIE RICHARD, SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

RE: NOTICE OF PAYMENT STATE POLICE FINES AND PENALTIES, JUNE 2019

***PA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, KRISTEN SIMS, AUDIT MANAGER

RE: NOTICE OF DOTGRANTS 2.0 RELEASE DATE, MAY 31, 2019

***PSATS NEWS BULLETIN, APRIL-MAY 2019

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police Committee: No report

Road Committee: Bruce Steigerwalt mentioned that there was no meeting.

- Nevin Frey shared his plan of attack for in house paving. Strauss Valley Road, Leiningers, Twin Crest, Winter Mountain-culvert, Eidem Road (about 40 ton) and Spring House Road
- Broom repair needed part order from York at a cost of \$549.00.
- Safe hits on Winter Mountain \$21.70 each (qty 50),

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to purchase fifty safe hits at a cost of \$21.70 each. Seconded by Dave Pollock. John Wieczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried. (Pay for out of sign budget, state fund).

- Maintenance of zipper, should we do it. It needs a filter and oil, half an hour labor. Perhaps we can bill the COG.
- Peterbilt needs a power steering assist cylinder. Nevin will check with Pencor to rebuild cylinder.

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- Place GMC on municbid 60 days
- Breezewood Drive cross pipe that was filled in during the widening of Breezewood, needs Bruce's assistance.
- Dedication of new truck to Frank

OFFICIALS:

Bruce Steigerwalt: Shared the correspondence from Pete Eisenbrown providing acost estimate for Pine and Douglas

Myron Blahy: Discussion of computer purchase for Supervisors

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to purchase Apple iPad Air 10.5" 64 gb with keyboard for a total cost of \$629.00 and internet service (data) \$10 for 4 devices + 1 @ \$26.95 provides 2gb shared data \$66.95. 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.

John Wieczorek: Executive session at the conclusion of meeting for legal and personnel.

Natalie Haggerty: Contacted Hunsicker to look at aluminum fascia cover on the salt shed. Building Meeting needed for some dates to schedule a meeting, decided on June 19th at 4:00PM

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION

John Wieczorek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Natalie D. Haggerty

Secretary-Treasurer