

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
MINUTES
September 25, 2019

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 (arrived 6:05 PM); Myron Blahy, Supervisor; David Pollock, Supervisor; Natalie D. Haggerty, Secretary-Treasurer and Thomas Nanovic, Solicitor

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shawn & Madeline Tonkin: Mahoning Valley Community 4H Club has been chosen as a winner in the 2019 Youth Awards contest sponsored by PSATS for the rabies vaccine clinic. PSATS will present \$500 cash prize and a framed certificate to the 4H Club during the annual convention. We will be accepting in Frank Ruch's memory.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2019 Board of Supervisors Meeting. 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

PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLLS:

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to approve the following bills and payrolls. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bill List #458 in the amount of \$180,900.39

General Check's #22542-#22545
Fire Co Check #1013

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

NEW BUSINESS:

RKR Hess, Nate Oiler: Present to provide general update of LV Health Network and looking for coordination with Municipal Authority for Sewer Connection

We are in the process of purchasing a 34-acre parcel owned by Oscar Beck. We requested sewage service to the site and have met with the sewer authority, they recommend we come to the township. Any questions or recommendations for that process. The goal is sewage planning exemption and confirm number of edu's to move ahead with the detail design. What is the involvement with the Central Carbon Municipal Authority? Does the sewer authority do that directly? Mike Tirpak advised that you send the application mailer to the township. They would send it to the MTMA. The MTMA would send a letter to Central Carbon Municipal Authority requesting a letter stating they have capacity. We would place that letter with our letter and send it back to the Board of Supervisors and then they would make a judgement based on those letters and sign as a township. We will follow the procedure you just recommended. LV Health is looking at the Fall of 2021 for opening.

Adopt Resolution 2019-16 Non-Uniform Municipal Obligation \$25,590

MOTION

John Wieczorek made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-16 Non-Uniform Municipal Obligation \$25,590. 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

Adopt Resolution 2019-17 Police Pension Municipal Obligation \$95,742

MOTION

John Wieczorek made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-17 Police Pension Municipal Obligation \$95,742. 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.

Preliminary/Final Site Plan for Radical Wine Company Waivers

Planning Commission recommend granting the waiver requests in Carbon Engineering Letter of July 24, 2019.

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to grant waiver requests in Carbon Engineering Letter of July 24, 2019 for Preliminary/Final Site Plan Radical Wine Company. 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.

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Preliminary/Final Site Plan for Radical Wine Company

Planning Commission recommend granting conditional final plan approval to the site plan conditioned on the resolution of language on the plan pertaining to Highway Occupancy Permits and a mylar.

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to grant conditional final plan approval to the Preliminary/Final Site Plan for Radical Wine Company conditioned on the resolution language regarding HOP note and mylar. 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.

Schedule Budget Workshops (advertise)

MOTION

John Wieczorek made a motion to advertise budget workshops for October 24th and 29th, November 6th and 14th all at 6:00PM at township building. 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.

OLD BUSINESS

American Tower

Tom had nothing more to add, he will send a letter seeing if perhaps we can do a twenty-five-year lease with three twenty-five-year extensions, otherwise we cannot proceed with easement.

Engineering proposal electrical and plumbing: New building

Reach out to both proposal providers advising to remove mechanical from quote and advising we would need written documents (specs) that we can insert in bid documents.

Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement (letter sent asking for resolution)

Table

Police Vehicle

Audie was asked to provide pricing on new vehicle.

2009 Ford Explorer needs a transmission at a cost of \$4900. Hold off on the repair. Robert asked to try to get in a trade in value. Audie better to sale as is. Robert said to get a trade in value so we know a minimum if we would place on Muncibid.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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Myron Blahy made a motion to accept and place on file the correspondence dated September 25, 2019. 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.

***PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RE: NOTICE OF ESTIMATED ALLOCATION OF LIQUID FUELS \$224,234.94

***JOHN SYNOSKI, PE
RE: MEP PLANS FOR TOWNSHIP BUILDING \$3750.00 PLUS MILEAGE

***EUGENE DEPASQUALE, AUDITOR GENERAL OFFICE
RE: GENERAL MUNICIPAL PENSION STATE AID \$81,927.98

***EUGENE DEPASQUALE, AUDITOR GENERAL OFFICE
RE: FOREIGN FIRE RELIEF \$25,180.78

***PSATS NEWS BULLETIN SEPTEMBER 2019

***RKR HESS, NATHAN OILER, PE
RE: COPY OF LETTER SENT TO TIM ECKHART REGARDING LEHIGH VALLEY
HEALTH NETWORK CAPACITY COMMITMENT REQUEST

Memorandum of Understanding between the Township of Mahoning and Local Union 773
MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to have the chairman sign the MOU and to advise the union to provide the township with a contract. 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police Committee: Nothing to report.

Road Committee:

Done paving, \$36,900 in state funds for salt and anti-skid and \$10,000 in general to purchase inlets and money for small projects. Currently working on Clinic Road fixing a drainage issue. There is a drainage issue as well on Twin Hill Drive that we will need to involve Tom. Need release from property owners. We need a rear tire for the New Holland Tractor at a cost of \$880.

MOTION

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Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to replace tire on the New Holland Tractor at a cost of \$880. Seconded by Myron Blahy. John Wiczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Received delivery of F550. Suggested to place red Dodge on Municibid.

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to place red dodge, cinder spreader and plow on Municibid. Seconded by Myron Blahy. John Wiczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Discussion of winter maintenance help, radios for two new trucks, use monies from possible sale of red DODGE. Other discussion generator maintenance, Modern has not got back to Nevin. Carl provided a name of someone that provides service. John Deere Mower won't start send to Kistler. Nevin will call Hunsicker to look at the broken back door. Need an aluminum rim for the new truck. We have the tire.

OFFICIALS:

Bruce Steigerwalt: Attended the COG Meeting. Discussion and presentation of NEPA 25-year transportation plan. Increased traffic on route 443 and LVH future traffic was discussed. Questioned Heintzelman curve that was on the original twelve-year plan. Asked if anyone can think of a transportation problem in the area, to share, they are working on planning project. Also, the COG discussed winterizing the street sweeper.

Robert Slaw: Questioned the tar and chip project. Ask John Davis to come in and look at the completed project.

Myron Blahy: Suggested single shift coverage within our police department, to save money. John suggests starting with police committee meeting first (October 3rd at 10:00AM)

John Wiczorek: Executive session for personnel at conclusion of meeting, no further business.

Tom Nanovic: Pipe drainage issue, connect with Nevin.

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ADJOURNMENT:

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David Pollock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. Seconded by Myron Blahy. 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