

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
MINUTES  
April 9, 2020

**DRAFT**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Bruce Steigerwalt called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM at the Mahoning Township Building, 2685 Mahoning Drive East, Lehighton, PA 18235

**PRESENT:**

Bruce Steigerwalt, Chairman; Myron Blahy, Supervisor (via facetime); David Pollock, Supervisor (via facetime); Thomas Nanovic, Solicitor and Natalie D. Haggerty, Secretary-Treasurer

**ABSENT:** Robert Slaw, Vice-Chairman, Brian Reeser, Supervisor

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS:**

**MOTION**

David Pollock made a motion to approve the following transfers.

\$13,961.35 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 3/19/20

\$13,644.98 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 3/26/20

\$14,032.49 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 4/2/20

\$14,254.52 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 4/9/20

\$537.97 Residential Street Light to General Checking

Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; and David Pollock, yes 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT:**

**MOTION**

David Pollock made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2020. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLLS:**

**MOTION**

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

Bill List #466 in the amount of \$92,330.39

General Check's #22809-#22840

State Check's #1694-#1695

Subdivision Land Development Checks #1121-#1125

Lehigh Valley Hospital Check #1005-#1006

Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS:**

**MOTION**

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David Pollock made a motion to approve the following reports:

Mahoning Township Road Department Activity Report for February 9, 2020-March 30, 2020

Mahoning Township Equipment Fuel Log March 2020

Mahoning Township Zoning Officer Report for March 2020

Mahoning Township Building Code Official Report for March 2020

Carbon County Council of Government Minutes for March 24 and 31, 2020

Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion to Advertise Mahoning Township Condensed Financial Statement

**MOTION**

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to advertise Mahoning Township Condensed Financial Statement for yearend December 31, 2019. Seconded by David Pollock. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

Motion to Advertise to Receive Bids for Road Materials and Fuels

**MOTION**

David Pollock made a motion to advertise to receive bids for road materials and fuels. Seconded by Bruce Steigerwalt. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

Motion to Ratify Declaration of Emergency Disaster

**MOTION**

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to ratify Declaration of Emergency Disaster. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

**MOTION**

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to adopt extension to Declaration of Emergency Disaster to May 31, 2020. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

Police Contract

**MOTION**

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve and forward police contract to police department. Seconded by David Pollock. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

Summit Ridge (Table)

Sunny Hill Farms (Table, we did not receive a review from Pete)

Tom will send a letter to Greg Haas asking for an extension.

Road Department Workers paid leave by township for 2 weeks. How does the Board wish to proceed beyond Friday, April 10, 2020?

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MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to give option to the two road department members of either you come back to work, use vacation/personal day combination, or lay off, must be unanimous by both members. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion for Nevin Frey to report to work and to use vacation and personal time when its slow. Seconded by Bruce Steigerwalt. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

Verizon lease extension request. (discussion) This is regards to an email received 3/10/20. They are looking to renew lease agreement. Our current contract is in place until 2032

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to table Verizon lease extension request. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

Police Chief Contract

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to offer chief and increase of 2.5% effective from the date he signs agreement. If he does not sign, he does not receive the 2.5%. He gets all other (personal, vacation, sick, pension, health insurance). No back pays. Seconded by Dave Pollock. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

Extension of hearings for police officers (Tom will notify May 6, 2020)

Part time police officers, report from chief.

Audie emailed a report. Bruce advised that they need to review. Audie will send memo to the academies to post that we are hiring part time officers.

Task Force (ratify approval)

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion we ratify Drug Task Force agreement subject to being able to provide back up to others that we have mutual aid agreements and the officers voluntarily will provide which includes the chief. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mower purchase

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to purchase from M&S 60" Lazer Z E Series Mower at a cost of \$7,776.00. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

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**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to accept and place on file the correspondence dated April 9, 2020. Seconded by Bruce Steigerwalt. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

\*\*\*PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
RE: NOTICE OF PAYMENT OF LIQUID FUELS MARCH 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$228,403.68

\*\*\*NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS NANOVIC  
RE: SUMMIT RIDGE DEVELOPMENT, ATTACHING COPY OF LETTER FROM ATTORNEY WILLIAMS ADVISING RECORDER OF DEEDS WILL RECORD THE PLAN WITHOUT THE SIGNATURES OF ALL INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY OWNERS PROVIDED THE AGREEMENT AND CONSENT IS RECORDED

\*\*\*DAWN CHRISTMORE, AMERICAN TOWER  
RE: EMAIL TO TOM ANDY MYSELF PROVIDING OPTIONS AND EXTENSIONS TO 2062

\*\*\*PSATS NEWS BULLETIN *MARCH 2020*

\*\*\*NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS NANOVIC  
RE: MAHONING TWONSHIP/PKR, COPY OF LETTER SENT TO PETER EISENBROWN AUTHORIZING SUPERVISORS APPROVAL TO REVIEW THE REQUST OF RELEASE OF SECURITY

\*\*\*DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY, CARBON COUNTY

\*\*\*CARBON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, IVAN MEIXELL  
RE: MILDRED FELTEN PRELIMINARY FINAL COUNTY REVIEW

\*\*\*CARBON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, IVAN MEIXELL  
RE: LVH PRELIMINARY FINAL COUNTY REVIEW

\*\*\*CARBON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, IVAN MEIXELL  
RE: LVH MINOR SUBDIVISION PRELIMINARY FINAL COUNTY REVIEW

\*\*\*JOHN WEBER  
RE: LTL OFFICES ARE CLOSED

\*\*\*RKR HESS, ANN WINGERT, PE  
RE: NOTIFICATION OF APPLYING FOR CHAPTER 105 GENERAL PERMIT FOR APPLICATION

\*\*\*PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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RE: UTILITY WORK FOR HOP AND RELOCATION HOP RELATIVE TO COVID 19

\*\*\*CARBON COUNTY CONSERAVATION DISTRICT  
RE: LVH COMPLETENESS NOTIFICATION LETTER

**OFFICIALS:**

Bruce: Subdivision Land Development Plans the township has taken in  
Tom will prepare the three submissions a letter requesting ninety days.

**MOTION**

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to send letters out to the three applicants for extensions.  
Seconded by Dave Pollock. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 3-  
0 vote. Motion carried.

Cancel the April 15, 2020 Planning Commission meeting and April 22, 2020 Board of  
Supervisors Meeting.

Myron: Question regarding the chief contract. Tom will prepare and have next week.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION**

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20AM. Seconded by David  
Pollock. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 3-0 vote. Motion  
carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalie D. Haggerty  
Secretary-Treasurer