

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
MINUTES
February 26, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRESENT:

Bruce Steigerwalt, Chairman; Robert Slaw, Vice Chairman; Myron Blahy, Supervisor; Brian Reeser, Supervisor; Thomas Nanovic, Solicitor and Natalie D. Haggerty, Secretary-Treasurer

ABSENT:

David Pollock, Supervisor

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nate Oiler, RKR Hess

Present on behalf of LVH. Here to clarify the email for request to meet with Zoning and Building Code Official and Engineer to go over project and permitting process to make sure we are doing everything on our end and in a timely matter. We work with a lot of municipalities and a lot of supervisors and sometimes they like to be involved, didn't want to request without your knowledge. Looking to confirm meeting.

Rick Bjorkman, PKR

Present to get the \$43,000 that is due to Bruce George Excavating. I received a letter saying that I need to secure 110% of estimated cost before you can release. Tom Nanovic shared if we release the money, we won't have 110% of the estimated cost. Defined in our settlement agreement \$296,997.00 as work progresses you can get it reduced. I brought an estimate in last year from Bruce George to complete the project at a cost of \$152,000. There was \$150,000 in the escrow and \$15,000 released for engineering. He started the project to put in the subbase stone which was \$43,000 which would leave \$92,000 in escrow. But your missing two things in his

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estimate it did not include fence and gate around that detention pond and that's in the original estimate at \$13,000 which brings you up to \$165,901. Must hold 110% (\$122,649 times 10% = \$134,913) and we are holding \$135,800. The most we can release is \$900 and that is using your engineers cost estimate. He questioned if we could release the \$43,000. No, we cannot. talk to Carbon Engineering

Jake Arner

I submitted a proposed resort overlay district and I'm here to present to supervisors for your consideration and answer any questions you may have. Presented a book with cabins.

Debra McGowan

Are you guys aware of the new business inside the Mahoning Valley Farmers Market? Mr. Carlino put a new business within called Speed Drone. It's a car speed tract- slot tract and opens this weekend. Make Carl aware.

Are you also aware that there are people living there? A woman and a daughter living there. We can have Carl investigate.

I've been following the grants that others have been receiving, can't we make application for a new police car? Audie advised that he spoke to someone in Heffley's office last year and at that time all the money was allocated.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 22, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by Robert Slaw. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 5, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by Robert Slaw. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes;

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Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, abstain 3-0 vote.

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 12, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, abstain 3-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sunny Hill Farms (PKR) Rick Bjorkman (Discussed earlier on the agenda)

Joe Neff Minor Subdivision (PC recommended approval conditioned on evidence of letter signed, recreation fees, (dollar amount on plan wrong) and mylar of plan and stormwater).

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve Joe Neff Minor Subdivision. Seconded by Bruce Steigerwalt. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Motion to approve EIT Volunteer Tax Credits for 2019

FIRE COMPANY

Jason Nothstein	141 Church Hill Road
Brandon Ruch	1386 Twin Crest Drive
Kevin Connors	2210 Mahoning Drive West
John Michalik	2986 Mahoning Drive West
Erik Reichard	2547 Mahoning Drive West
Mark Ebbert	1037 Mahoning Drive East
Charles Pollock	2472 Mahoning Drive West
Rob Frey	672 Mill Road
Rickey Frey	2285 Mahoning Drive West
Clifford Klotz II	18 Chestnut Lane
Robert Brooks	122 Keiser Lane
Neal Ebbert II	39 Brook Drive
Andrew Yenser	2239 Mahoning Drive West
Darrin Arndt	16 Mahoning Drive East
Frank Mase II	581 Chapel Drive
Jeffrey Miller	2264 Mahoning Drive West

MAHONING VALLEY AMBULANCE ASSOC.

Robert W. Miller Jr. 983 Mill Road

MOTION

Brian Reeser made a motion to approve the EIT Volunteer Tax Credits as listed above for 2019. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ratify motion Authorizing Duties of Mahoning Valley Vol. Fire Co No 1 pursuant to section 601

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of PA Workers Comp Act Resolution 2020-#13

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to ratify Resolution 2020-#13. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Resolution Recognizing Mahoning Valley Vol. Fire Co. 1 Officially According it the Status as a Volunteer Fire Co. Authorizing Duties of Mahoning Valley Vol. Fire Co No 1 pursuant to section 601 of PA Workers Comp Act Resolution 2020-#14

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-#14. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Resolution Authorizing Duties of Mahoning Valley Ambulance Association pursuant to section 601 of PA Workers Comp Act Resolution 2020-#15

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-#15. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Resolution Recognizing Mahoning Valley Officially According it the Status as a Volunteer Ambulance Co

Resolution 2020-#16

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-#16. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Non-Uniform Pension Plan Agreement Resolution 2020-#17

MOTION

Brian Reeser made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-#17 Restatement of qualified retirement plan. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

MOTION

Brian Reeser made a motion to approve adoption agreement for non-uniform pension plan. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Building Demolition

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Robert Slaw made a motion to accept quote and award building demo to Hartman Contracting. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

(supply and haul 2A modified stone to grade over area, we will use the concrete down back for grading purpose, set up meeting with Hartman, Carl and Nevin)

CORRESPONDENCE:

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to accept and place on file the correspondence dated February 26, 2020. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried

***KRISTOPHER KNAPPENBERGER LETTER OF RESIGNATION

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to accept and place on file Kristopher Knappenberger letter of resignation. Seconded Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

***PART TIME POLICE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

KAI APEL

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STEPHEN ZUROMSKI

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MICHAEL LEIGHTON

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CHRISTINE TRAUGER

***ROAD DEPARTMENT APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT GERALD RIPKEY

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to accept and place on file application for employment from Gerald Ripkey. Seconded by Robert Slaw. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

***COUNTY OF CARBON, MARK S NALESNIK, CEM

RE: INVITATION FOR ANNUAL PEMA SEMINAR: FEMA G-402 – ICS OVERVIEW FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Email Mark to see if this is the same training that was attended last year.

***CARBON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

RE: SUMMIT RIDGE PHASE I, SUBDIVISION REVIEW

***CARBON CONSERVATION DISTRICT, LUKE GRAVER, CONSERVATION DISTRICT TECHNICIAN

RE: NEFF SUBDIVISION LOT NO. 2 HOME PROJECT ADEQUACY REVIEW, JAMESTOWN DR., LEHIGHTON

***CARBON CONSERVATION DISTRICT, LUKE GRAVER, CONSERVATION DISTRICT TECHNICIAN

RE: NEFF SUBDIVISION LOT NO. 1 HOME PROJECT ADEQUACY REVIEW, JAMESTOWN DR., LEHIGHTON

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***LTL CONSULTANTS, LTD. PETER EISENBROWN, PE

RE: NEFF, MINOR SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAN REVIEW DATED FEBRUARY 17, 2020

***HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, MIKE TURZAI, SPEAKER OF THE PA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RE: LETTER REFERENCING THE STATE REDISTRICTING PROCESS

***PSATS NEWS BULLETIN, FEBRUARY 2020

***COSTARS CONNECTION, WINTER 2020 NEWSLETTER

***LTL COSULTANTS, LTD, PETER EISENBROWN, PE

RE: LVH PLANNING MODULE COMPONENT

Email Pete and advise to review the entire module.

Road Committee

Meeting with Chris Storm, Carbon County Conservation District to discuss Dirt and Gravel Road Project for Breezewood Road. \$72,000 funds available for project. Project done in phases, improve drainage, easements and releases, rent a dozer and ten-ton roller, talked to all landowners that would be affected but one. Include material and in-kind service at PEMA rates.

PA One Call Training: Proper locating and techniques offered in Aquashicola from 8:00-12:00

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to allow Nevin and Craig to attend PA One Call Training. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Police Committee:

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Myron nothing to report

Audie shared that the 09 Explorer at Fritz. Problem with transmission Training hosted by CCEMA regarding homeland security, would like to send an officer, held on March 31, 2020 at the Jim Thorpe Area High School.

MOTION

Brian Reeser made a motion to approve sending an officer to training at CCEMA on March 31, 2020 at the Jim Thorpe Area High School. Seconded by Bruce Steigerwalt. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

American Legion Lehighton Post #314 going to award officer of the year to James Danner

OFFICIALS:

Myron Blahy questioned if there was a fire on Yankee Road this past Saturday. Mark Ebbert responded yes, a brush fire.

Bruce Steigerwalt, we will need to purchase a new mower, the John Deere is dead. Light fixtures in garage need to be replaced, Nevin will get quotes to replace with led. Attended CCOG meeting last night and Francesco Torres, Census Bureau was present and discussed some place in the township to set up a mobile location need to compile a list of group homes.

Tom Nanovic: I read the agreement for easement, it does not say we will put stormwater on your property, use Toms sample. Requesting an executive session for personnel at conclusion of meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION

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Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM. Seconded by David Pollock. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalie D. Haggerty

Secretary-Treasurer