

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
MINUTES  
January 22, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Bruce Steigerwalt led the Pledge of Allegiance

**PRESENT:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION**

David Pollock made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2019 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw abstain; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

**MOTION**

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by David Pollock. Robert Slaw, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

**MOTION**

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2020 Board of Supervisors Organization Meeting. Seconded by David Pollock. Robert Slaw, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**AFFIRMATION EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR:**

**MOTION**

David Pollock made motion to affirm Debra Middleton as Mahoning Township's Emergency Management Coordinator. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

**APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIRMAN ON THE VACANCY BOARD (1-YEAR TERM)**

**MOTION**

David Pollock made a motion to appoint Larry Hill as Chairman of the Vacancy Board. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

**MAHONING TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL SECURITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS, Ryan Hoffman, Jeffrey Hill and Keith Rex**

**MOTION**

David Pollock made a motion to reappoint Ryan Hoffman, Jeffrey Hill and Keith Rex to the Mahoning Township Agricultural Security Committee. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

**APPOINTMENT TO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

**MOTION**

David Pollock made a motion to reappoint Pauline Homm to the Municipal Authority. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

**ADOPTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MAHONING VALLEY FIRE COMPANY, INC (INCLUDING THE FIRE POLICE) AND THE MAHONING VALLEY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INC. DUE TO THE CHANGES IN THE WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION LAW, ARTICLE VI, and TITLES ADDITIONAL COVERAGE (added December 5, 1974, P.L. 782, No. 263, Section 601.):**

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Non-Uniform Pension Plan Agreement (forward to Tom for review)

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Summit Ridge Cost Estimate

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Joe Neff Minor Subdivision Extension of Time

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Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion granting Joe Neff Minor Subdivision a 90-day time extension. (May 19, 2020). Seconded by David Pollock. Robert Slaw, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Building discussion (demolition of old building)

Received a quote from Hartman Contracting in the amount of \$14,615.00. Office will get two more quotes. Reach out to Scott Becker for progress.

Sunny Hill (PKR) Invoice received for improvements

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to not pay the invoice (Bruce George Excavating). Seconded by Brian Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

American Tower

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to leave the terms the same. Seconded by Robert Slaw. Robert Slaw, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Police Report:

Nothing to report.

Road Report: Nevin Frey, Roadmaster shared he needs to purchase signs.

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to authorize the purchase signs. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

Nevin would like to purchase (50) delineators at a cost of \$22.00.

MOTION

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David Pollock made a motion to purchase (50) delineators. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

Nevin advised the Peterbilt repack cylinder is leaking.

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to authorize the repair to the Peterbilt. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

Nevin shared the heater/defroster doesn't work on the 2000 Ford pickup. Hold off on for now.

Nevin shared that he would like to purchase storage racks and will need in addition 4.5 yards of concrete.

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to authorize the purchase of storage racks. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

Bruce Steigerwalt shared that they had a meeting in December regarding Breezewood Road and a Dirt and Gravel Road Project. We met with Timothy Ziegler. Chris Storm is in receipt of this report and we will get the process moving, so we can possibly get some money. The road committee and Nevin will meet and then eventually get together with Chris Storm. Dave Pollock thinks that we should first talk to Bednar to see if they will allow us to run a pipe. Post haste and look for cooperation.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

David Pollock made a motion to accept and place on file the correspondence dated January 22, 2020. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

\*\*\*HOLLY A HEINTZELMAN, ATTORNEY AT LAW

RE: RE-APPOINTMENT OF PAULINE HOMM, 5 YEAR TERM TO MUNICIPAL  
AUTHORITY

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

RE: MAPLE, WOODLAWN AND PARKVIEW STREET OPENING

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Tom will prepare.

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to cite Tri-Valley Water Supply, Greg Sanders for violating our street opening ordinance. Seconded by David Pollock. Robert Slaw, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

**OFFICIALS:**

Robert Slaw: checking progress of new building

David Pollock: Advertise for part time police officers.

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to advertise for part time police officers on Indeed. Seconded by Robert Slaw. Robert Slaw, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

Tom Nanovic: Discussion of professional services agreement.

Audie Mertz: Large lights in garage are burned out. Nevin shared that he needs to talk to Ron about those fixtures.

Asking permission for the officers to do their updates and qualifying in the month of March or April

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to authorize necessary training updates and qualifying. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

Audie shared he would be interested in medical marijuana training when it becomes available a little closer in proximity. The Board will discuss later when a date and time is set.

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Mark Ebbert: Recognized the police and road departments for their assistance with the oil spill on January 8, 2020. Also, in 2018 the fire company applied and was awarded a grant for the purchase of a brush truck. The fire company drew up thier own specs and quotes and we are asking permission for approximately \$60,000 from fire fund to contribute toward the balance.

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to pledge up to \$50,000 from fire fund to supplement purchase of a new brush truck. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

Bruce Steigerwalt shared that he received an email from Lehighon Fire Chief. Shared a copy with Mark Ebbert. Just received it didn't have time to look into.

Bruce Steigerwalt broke at 8:05PM for a brief executive session. Returned to business at 8:15 PM.

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to send payroll employee #12 a letter of reprimand. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17PM. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes. 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalie D. Haggerty

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Secretary-Treasurer