

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
MINUTES
May 13, 2020

DRAFT

CALL TO ORDER:

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

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

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 25, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by David Pollock. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 9, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, abstain; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, abstain 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 22, 2020 Board of Supervisors Teleconference Meeting. Seconded by David Pollock. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, abstain; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, abstain 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS:

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the following transfers.

\$14,292.56 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 4/16/20

\$11,447.79 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 4/23/20

\$11,075.63 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 4/30/20

\$11,303.40 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 5/7/20

\$16,043.35 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 5/14/20

\$537.97 Residential Street Light to General Checking

Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; and David Pollock, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT:

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for April 2020. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes

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and David Pollock, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLLS:

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the following bills and payrolls.

Bill List #467 in the amount of \$189,033.80

General Check's #22841-#22881

State Check #1696

Building Land Check #1013

Subdivision Land Development Checks #1126-#1130

Road Machinery Check #1056

Seconded by David Pollock. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes and David Pollock, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

MOTION

Brian Reeser made a motion to approve the following reports:

Mahoning Township Road Department Activity Report for March 30, 2020 to May 8, 2020

Mahoning Township Equipment Fuel Log April 2020

Mahoning Township Zoning Officer Report for April 2020

Mahoning Township Sewage Enforcement Officer Report February 12, 2020-April 3, 2020

Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor 2019 Annual Report

Carbon County Council of Government Minutes for April 7, 2020

Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution #2020-18 Tax Penalty

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to adopt Resolution #2020-18 imposition of the penalty associated with late payment of Township real estate taxes, per capita taxes, street light tax and hydrant tax duly levied and imposed by Mahoning Township will be waived for fiscal year 2020, if paid in full on or before November 1, 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.

Resolution #2020-19 LVH Sewage Planning Modules

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to adopt Resolution #2020-19 LVH Sewage Planning Modules. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, no; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-1 vote. Motion carried.

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to provide copy of LTL review letter of LVH Land Development Plan. 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.

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Summit Ridge: TABLE

Sunny Hill Farms Cost Estimate: TABLE

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

Brian Reeser made a motion to pursue option #1, extending lease under same terms. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Sidewalk Agreement PennDOT (Signal Agreement): TABLE

OLD BUSINESS:

Police Contract: (Discuss in executive session)

Chief Contract: TABLE

Part time police officers, report from chief: TABLE

CORRESPONDENCE:

David Pollock made a motion to accept and place on file the correspondence dated May 13, 2020. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

***BERNARD MIECZKOWSKI, 328 MAHONING DRIVE EAST LEHIGHTON
RE: LETTER OF COMPLAINT REGARDING CHICKENS AND DUCKS OWNED BY
NEIGHBOR FREE RANGING ON HIS PROPERTY (I SHARED WITH CARL; HE WILL
SEND LETTER)

***CARBON COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
RE: EMAIL FROM JENNIFER HUNSICKER REGARDING VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING
ON MAY 28TH AT 2PM.

***ROTH, BROWN, SMITH
RE: LETTER OF COMPLAINT FIREWORKS

***ROY CHRISTMAN, 6495 POHOPOCO DRIVE LEHIGHTON
RE: FAIR DISTRICTS PA

***RKR HESS, NATE OILER
RE: COPY OF SUBMISSION TO LEHIGHTON WATER AUTHORITY AND PENNDOT LVH
CARBON CAMPUS

***LTL CONSULTANTS, PETE EISENBROWN, PE

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RE: LVH CARBON PLANNING MODULE REVIEW DATED MAY 5, 2020

***LTL CONSULTANTS, PETE EISENBROWN, PE
RE: BECK FAMILY TRUST SUBDIVISION PLAN REVIEW DATED MAY 5, 2020

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS S NANOVIC
RE: SUNNY HILL FARMS, RESPONSE TO GREG HAAS LETTER MARCH 9, 2020

***PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RE: MOVING FORWARD: QTRLY NEWSLETTER SPRING 2020

***PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
RE: GENERAL PERMIT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT NOTIFICATION LVH CARBON

***ANGELA CATARINICCHIA, 994 HEMLOCK DRIVE LEHIGHTON
RE: AGREEMENT TO EXTENSION OF TIME TO AUGUST 31, 2020 FOR THE BOARD
TO RENDER ITS DECISION FELTON MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAN

***THOMAS NANOVIC
RE: EMAIL ATTACHING COPY OF SUBCHAPTER E OF SENATE BILL 841 AND
SECTION G

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS NANOVIC
RE: ADVISING AND SHARING OF LETTER FROM ATTY SIMMONS REGARDING
COPY OF REVIEW COMMENTS

***PETER EISENBROWN, LTL
RE: EMAIL APRIL 16, 2020, SR 443 SIDEWALK AGREEMENT: REVISION HAS BEEN
MADE TO REMOVE THE SIDEWALK ON BOTH SIDES OF THE INTERSECTION SO A
SIDEWALK MAINTENACE AGREEMENT IS NOT NEEDED. THE RETAINING WALL ON
CARBON DACK PROPERTY HAS BEEN REMOVED AS WELL. HAS SIGNAL PLANS
FOR REVIEW

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS NANOVIC
RE: COPY OF LETTER TO MAHONING TOWNSHP PLANNING COMMISSION
ATTACHING LETTERS OF EXTENSION REQUESTS

***PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE, GREATER LEHIGH VALLEY CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE
RE: IVITATION TO THE CHAMBERS 14TH ANNUAL MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL
OFFICIALS RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

***PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RE: HOP APPLICATION 211648

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***CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RE: RESOLUTIN 20-017

***LTL CONSULTANTS, PETE EISENBROWN
RE: FELTEN SUBDIVISION
MOTION

Brian Reeser made a motion to release LTL review letter of Felten Subdivision Plan to Angela Catarinicchia and Brent Birth. Seconded by David Pollock. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; and David Pollock, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

***LTL CONSULTANTS, PETE EISENBROWN
RE: LVH CARBON CAMPUS LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

OFFICIALS:

Brian Reeser: Audie Mertz is requesting to stop daily activity logs. There should be a standard operating procedure and they should be doing what everyone else is doing. He is also requesting to purchase AR15.

David Pollock: Audie Mertz is requesting if he can strip Car #31 to sale. Advised to hold off until we purchase a car. Questioned if Nevin Frey can pursue a spraying license. Check with insurance company for liability.

Myron Blahy: Can we lease our land to a local farmer to plant pumpkins? Tom advised we would need an agreement and to check with our insurance company for liability. Made mention of a resident that killed a steer and left hanging in visible sight.

Bruce Steigerwalt: Took part in a town hall webinar provided by PSATS. DCED predicting that we may see a 11% reduction. All unnecessary expenses need to be looked at. There will probably also be a reduction in liquid fuels. CDBG Virtual Public Hearing on May 27, 2020 at 2:00 PM. Pine and Douglas will need to be phased back. Poconospray Patch are shut down now, but we are first in line when they get up and running.

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to extend Mahoning Township Emergency Declaration thirty days. Seconded by Robert Slaw. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; and David Pollock, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

An executive session was called at 8:15PM and returned to business at 8:35PM.

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to ratify police contract correcting Article IV holidays and Article VII compensatory time. Seconded by David Pollock. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; and David Pollock, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION

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Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. Seconded by David Pollock. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalie D. Haggerty
Secretary-Treasurer