

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

MINUTES

August 11, 2021

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, Leighton, PA 18235

PRESENT:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kana Fox, 128 Mauch Chunk Street: Rumor that parking is being taken away and present for clarification. This is related to no parking on Church Street proposed ordinance.

Mary Lou Harvan, 58 Floral Lane: 40-year resident concerns with the camping at the Mahoning Valley Drive In. These campers scream and yell and are bathing in the creek. In addition, garbage is accumulating. Also, need for stop sign at Troxell's Hill (advised East Penn township).

Jake Amer, Sierra Vista: Extension letter has been received by the township. Asked the board if they reviewed short term rental ordinance. Timber Harvest will be timbering, but the insurance does not cover any township officials on premises when trees are being harvested. Defer to engineer to see if any value to his presence. Jakes engineer will contact Pete.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to approve the Minutes of the July 14, 2021, Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; David Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS:

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the following transfers.

\$16,273.62 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 7/22/21

\$15,173.54 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 7/29/21

\$16,132.30 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 8/5/21

\$16,561.11 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 8/12/21

\$537.97 Residential Street Light to General Checking

\$595.20 Residential Fire Hydrant to General Checking

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.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT:

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for July 2021. 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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PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLLS:

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to approve the following bills and payrolls:

Bill List #483 in the amount of \$458,787.89

General Check's #23415-#23456

State Check's #1736-#1739

Building Land Check's #1028-#1031

Subdivision Land Development Check's #1213-#1219

LVH Check #114-#115

Lowe's Check #1002

Fire Company Check #1028

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.

REPORTS

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to accept and place on file the following reports:

Mahoning Township Road Department Reports July 12, 2021-August 6, 2021

Mahoning Township Equipment and Fuel Log July 2021

Mahoning Township Zoning Permit Report for July 2021

Mahoning Township Building Permit Report for July 2021

Mahoning Township Zoning Hearing Board Meeting Minutes for July 12, 2021

Mahoning Township Sewage Enforcement Officer Report July 14, 2021- August 9, 2021

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to Accept and Sign (Chairman) 2021 CDBG General Application (anticipated \$96,604.00)

MOTION

Brian Reeser made a motion to accept and sign 2021 CDBG General Application. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; David Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Motion to Approve LVHN Partnership Agreement

MOTION

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

Motion to Advertise No Parking Ordinance 2021-2 Church Street

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to table advertising no parking on Church Street ordinance until we hear the Church's side. Seconded by Robert Slaw. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; David Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Motion to Approve Diaz Building/Tax Appeal Verified Statement

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David Pollock made a motion to approve the tax appeal verified statement. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; David Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2021-21 Changing name of Clinic Road (T-394) to Diaz Clinic Road

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-21 Changing name of Clinic Road (T-394) to Diaz Clinic Road. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, no; Robert Slaw, no. David Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 3-2 vote. Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2021-22 Authorizing the Incurrence of Lease Obligation in a Principal Amount not to exceed \$47,157.97 (2021 F-150 4x4 Super Crew Cab)

MOTION

Brian Reeser made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-22 Authorizing the Incurrence of Lease Obligation in a Principal Amount not to exceed \$47,157.97 (2021 F-150 4x4 Super Crew Cab). Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; David Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2021-23 American Rescue Fund Account with JTNB \$221,846.40

MOTION

Brian Reeser made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-23 American Rescue Fund Account with JTNB \$221,846.40. Seconded by Bruce Steigerwalt. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; David Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2021-24 MCTC Deposit Account (Diaz Building)

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-24 MCTC Deposit Account (Diaz Building). Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; David Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Wording on Plaque (Board accept wording)

Consensus fine with the wording.

Firework Ordinance: TABLE

Drue and Jan Haydt Minor Subdivision

(Planning Commission recommend conditional preliminary/final plan approval of the Drue and Jan Haydt minor subdivision conditioned upon Peter Eisenbrown letter of July 20, 2021, have been addressed, DEP approval and mylar)

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to grant conditional approval of the Drue and Jan Haydt Subdivision conditioned on Peter Eisenbrown letter of July 20, 2021, comments have been addressed, DEP approval and mylar. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; David Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

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Neeb Subdivision (approval from the Board of Supervisors due to being beyond the 90-day county recording requirement)

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to reapprove Neeb Subdivision. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; David Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

LVH:

Traffic Signal Easement on Beck Property: TABLE

Tom's recommendation not to accept until we have title insurance.

Sierra Vista (Planning Commission granted conditional final plan approval of Sierra Vista Phase 1A, conditions: Compliance with comments of LTL letter of 10-20-2020. No construction to take place until pre-security agreement is approved and signed, and escrow fund for construction inspection and letter of credit for sewer main trench maintenance and Flagstaff Road overlay are submitted to the Township). TABLE

RECEIVED EXTENSION LETTER TO DECEMBER 31, 2021

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to accept extension for Sierra Vista Phase 1A to December 31, 2021. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; David Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Sierra Vista Pre-Security Agreement: TABLE

Sunny Hill Farms: TABLE

Sage Meadows: TABLE

Air B&B Ordinance: TABLE

CORRESPONDENCE:

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to accept and place on file the correspondence dated August 11, 2021. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

***BOROUGH OF LEHIGHTON, BRENDA KREITZ, BOROUGH SECRETARY

RE: FIRE POLICE REQUEST FOR HALLOWEEN PARADE, OCTOBER 2 W RAIN DATE OCT 3

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to approve said request. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; David Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

***CAROLETHERIDGE, RESIDENT

RE: INTRODUCTION TO PARTICIPATE IN KEEP PA BEAUTIFUL AND ADOPT AND CLEAN UP LOCAL ROADS

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***JAKE ARNER, AWESOME VIEW PROPERTIES, PRESIDENT

RE: GRANTING APPROVAL OF TIME TO MAHONING TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TO REVIEW SIERRA VISTA ESTATES 1A FINAL PLAN DECEMBER 31, 2021

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICE, THOMAS NANOVIC

RE: COPY OF LETTER AND AUTHORIZATION FOR NEWTON ENGINEERING GROUP TO APPLY FOR HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY PERMIT – WALMART R/W PLAN

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS NANOVIC

RE: RESPONSE TO EMAIL DATED JULY 16 IN REGARD TO SCHWALM / ZONING APPEAL

***PA DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, BHARAT PLATEL, PE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM MANAGER, CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

RE: APPROVAL LETTER-REVISION-COMPONENT 2 PLANNING MODULE, NEEB SUBDIVISION

***PA DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, SCOTT NOVATNAK, PLANNING SECTION CHIEF, CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

RE: APPROVAL LETTER – EXCEPTION – MILLER SUBDIVISION

***PA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION, QUARTER REVIEW, SUMMER 2021

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police Committee:

Received police truck and kind words commending police presence in area.

Road Committee:

Contact county to see when Center Road project is a go then send Greg Sanders a letter once we know

OFFICIALS:

David Pollock: Mentioned there are some nail pops on the roof of Diaz Building.

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to get an evaluation of roof. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; David Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Executive session at conclusion of meeting for contract negotiation discussion and will not return.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 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,

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Natalie D. Haggerty,
Secretary-Treasurer