

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

MINUTES

February 10, 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, Lehigh, PA 18235

PRESENT:

Bruce Steigerwalt, Chairman; Myron Blahy, Supervisor; Brian Reeser, Supervisor; David Pollock, Supervisor; Thomas Nanovic, Solicitor; Natalie D. Haggerty, Secretary-Treasurer and Peter Eisenbrown, Engineer

ABSENT: Robert Slaw, Vice Chairman

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rick Bjorkman 909 Iron Street: Questions regarding engineering and legal invoices. Asked to place questions in writing and submit to township.

Deb McGowan 212 Ashtown Drive: Question regarding placing a weight restriction on the bridge on Ashtown Drive. Concerns of amount of traffic and the speed of which they are traveling. Police presence helps, will check with the Borough of Lehigh regarding signage for bridge.

Jake Arner: Sierra Vista Estates Phase 1A extension of time until March 31, 2021.

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to accept the Sierra Vista Estates Phase 1A extension of time until March 31, 2021. Seconded by David Pollock. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes; Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 4, 2021 Board of Supervisors Organization Meeting. Seconded by David Pollock. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 4, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS:

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to approve the following transfers.

- \$33,248.42 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 1/14/21
- \$14,489.94 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 1/21/21
- \$14,811.49 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 1/28/21
- \$14,546.01 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 2/04/21
- \$19,003.68 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 2/11/21
- \$537.97 Residential Street Light to General Checking

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\$595.20 Residential Fire Hydrant to General Checking

Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT:

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2021. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLLS:

MOTION

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

Bill List #477 in the amount of \$254,190.24

General Check's #23168-#23213

State Check's #1716-#1718

Fire Company Check #1024

Subdivision Land Development Checks #1170-#1175

Building and Land Check #1017

LVH Check's #102-#103

Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

MOTION

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

Mahoning Township Board of Auditors Minutes from January 5, 2021

Mahoning Township Building Code Official Report for January 2021

Mahoning Township Zoning Report for January 2021

Mahoning Township Planning Commission Minutes for November 19, 2020

Mahoning Township Road Department Reports December 7, 2020-February 5, 2021

Mahoning Township Equipment and Fuel Log December 2020 and January 2021

Carbon County Council of Government Minutes November 24, 2020 and January 26, 2021

Carbon County Council of Government Treasurer Report Nov 24, 2020 to Jan 26, 2021

Mahoning Township Zoning Hearing Board Minutes December 1, 2020 and January 4, 2021

Mahoning Township Municipal Authority Minutes November 18, 2020

Mahoning Township SEO Report October 8, 2020-January 31, 2021

Mahoning Valley Vol. Fire Company 2020 Year End Fire Report and 2020 Profit and Loss Report

Seconded by David Pollock. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Award Bid: Mahoning Township Vol. Fire Co. #1 Rehabilitation Project Fire Company

MOTION

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David Pollock made a motion to award bid to F. J. Lesher General Contractor cost of \$59,500.00. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; David Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Blocker Enterprises Agreement Regarding Sewage Discharge into the Franklin Township Sewer System

TABLE (Wait for comments from the Mahoning Township Municipal Authority)

EIT Volunteer Credit Certificates 2020

MOTION

Myron Blahy Made a motion to approve the following EIT Volunteer Credit Certificates for 2020. Seconded by David Pollock. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; David Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

FIRE COMPANY

Kevin Connors	2210 Mahoning Drive West
Andrew Yenser	2239 Mahoning Drive West
Rickey Frey	2285 Mahoning Drive West
John A. Michalik	2986 Mahoning Drive West
Mark Ebbert	1037 Mahoning Drive East
Charles Pollock	2472 Mahoning Drive West
Clifford Klotz II	18 Chestnut Lane
Rob Frey	672 Mill Road
Neal Ebbert II	39 Brook Drive
Darrin Arndt	16 Mahoning Drive East
Alden Everett	3 Laurel Road
Jeffrey Miller	2264 Mahoning Drive West
Robert Brooks	122 Keiser Lane
Frank Mase II	581 Chapel Drive
William Boyd Henry III	1518 Hemlock Drive
Erik Reichard	2547 Mahoning Drive West

MAHONING VALLEY AMBULANCE

Robert W. Miller	983 Mill Road
Diane Miller	983 Mill Road
Beverly Zipp	973 Mahoning Mountain Road
Jeffrey Miller	2764 Mahoning Drive West
Brandon Ruch	1386 Twin Crest Drive

New Building Concept Site Plan

Discussion took place with regards to concepts 3ABC. Shared current interest rates. Opinion shared to revisit the Diaz Building with Peter and a structural engineer from LTL.

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to revisit the Diaz Building with Peter and a structural engineer from LTL. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; David Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

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Resolution #2021-15 Disposition of Records

Natalie Haggerty shared there are roughly ten township boxes, seven boxes from Pauline Homm and quite a few boxes of old tax records in the garage from the Swarchecks.

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-15 Disposition of Records. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; David Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

MOTION

Brian Reeser made a motion to use RRS Responsible Recycling Services for offsite document destruction, certificate provided. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; David Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Exonerations 2020

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to accept and place on file exonerations for 2020. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; David Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

LVH Ratify the acceptance of the amendment to the letter of credit and the Chairman's signature.

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion ratify the acceptance of LVH amendment to the letter of credit and chairman's signature. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; David Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Well Distance Exemption, Dorothy Miele Estate, 296 Fredericks Grove Road

TABLE (reach out to Scott Bieber and request a plot plan)

Well Distance Exemption, Gary Smith 1382 Packerton Dam Road

TABLE (reach out to Scott Bieber and request a plot plan)

The Shoppes of Mahoning Sketch (reject the sketch)

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to reject the Shoppes of Mahoning Sketch Plan based on LTL review letter dated November 17, 2020. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; David Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Breezewood Drive: Discussion of the deterioration of the road due to volume of heavy truck traffic. Questions regarding temporary occupancy permit issued to reside at the house, running a business from his home and if allowable and if there is a conflict with our zoning officer.

Resolution #2021-16 Scott Neeb Sewage Facilities Planning Module

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-16 Scott Neeb Sewage Facilities Planning Module. Seconded by David Pollock. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes;

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David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Secara Minor Subdivision (Planning Commission recommended granted conditional final approval conditions being setting two concrete monuments, and modifying the right of ways on the plan, providing the bearing and distances along the ultimate right of way on the property side, payment of the rec fee in amount of \$400.00, mylar, clarifying the outlet pipe information and the plan contains notarized owner signature).

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to grant conditional final approval based upon fulfilling the conditions on the agenda. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; David Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Air B&B Ordinance (Planners recommend the Board of Supervisors look to adopt such an ordinance)

TABLE

Resolution #2021-18

A Resolution of the Supervisors of Mahoning Township Authorizing Duties of Mahoning Valley Volunteer Fire Company No 1 Pursuant to Section 601 of the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Act. (allowing to participate in ancillary activities)

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-18, a Resolution of the Supervisors of Mahoning Township Authorizing Duties of Mahoning Valley Volunteer Fire Company No 1 Pursuant to Section 601 of the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Act. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; David Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Sierra Vista extension of time to March 31, 2021

Discussed earlier on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sunny Hill Farms and Lynwood Accounts

Discussed earlier on the agenda. No word on Lynwood

Mahoning Township Municipal Authority Recommend to the Board of Supervisors the appointment of Tod Winkert,

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to concur with the appointment of Tod Winkert to the Municipal Authority. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; David Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes. 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

DROP Proposed Ordinance (Audie will check with officers if they have any questions)

TABLE

American Tower (amendment to the lease)

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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. 2. 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

Sierra Vista Pre-Security Agreement: Thomas Nanovic asked to discuss in executive session.

Resolution #2021-17: Resolution Establishing Deadlines to Submit Documents Requiring Action by the Board of Supervisors

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-17, a resolution establishing deadlines to submit documents requiring action by the Board of Supervisors. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; David Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes. 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Police Vehicle Purchase

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to purchase FF150 Crew Cab SSV 4x4 from Rottet Motors & Kovatch at a cost of \$49,511.36 a 5-yr lease through Mauch Chunk Trust. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, no; David Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes. 3-1 vote. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to accept and place on file the correspondence dated February 10, 2021. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

***NANCY PETERSON, PROJECT DESIGNER FOR RKR HESS

RE: LVH REVISED LIGHTING, NOTING THE LIGHTS ALONG SR 443 WERE ELIMINATED IN LIEU OF DOUBLE HEAD LIGHTS IN THE MIDDLE ROW

Discussion of lighting. Was this a directive from PennDOT to change lighting.

MOTION

Brian Reeser made a motion to allow modification if light at signal requirements is met. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

***KELLY FOLLWEILER, 211 SEMMELS HILL ROAD

RE: LETTER OF CONCERN

***LTL CONSULTANTS, PETER EISENBROWN, PE

RE: WENDY'S ESCROW RELEASE

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Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to approve the Wendy's reduction of letter of credit. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS NANOVIC

RE: FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, PARRYVILLE BOROUGH AGREEMENT WITH BLOCKER ENTERPRISES TO PERMIT SEWAGE DISCHARGE

***TIM WENTZ, PE

RE: LETTER WITHDRAWING THE PREVIOUS NEEB SUBDIVISION PLAN SUBMITTED ON OCTOBER 8, 2020

***PSATS NEWS BULLETIN: JANUARY 2021

***CARL FAUST, BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL

RE: LETTER TO ACORN ESTATES REGARDING BILLBOARD SIGN, DENIAL OF ZONING PERMIT

***MAHONING TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, TIMOTHY ECKHART, CHAIRMAN

RE: WENDY'S 990 BLAKESLEE BOULEVARD EAST LEHIGHTON ADVISING THE GREASE INTERCEPTOR AND SANITARY SEWER PIPING APPEAR TO BE INSTALLED CORRECTLY

***CARBON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, IVAN MEIXELL, PLANNER

RE: CARBON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HAS MADE A REVIEW OF THE NEEB PRELIMINARY FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN RECOMMEND CONDITIONAL PLAN APPROVAL PROVIDED COMMENTS WITHIN LETTER (DATED JANUARY 19, 2021) ARE ADDRESSED

***JAKE ARNER, AWESOME VIEW PROPERTIES

RE: GRANTING AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNTIL MARCH 31, 2021 FOR THE REVIEW

***HOLLY HEINTZELMAN, ATTORNEY

RE: MTMA CAN FILL UNEXPIRED TERMS BASED ON THE MUNICIPALITIES AUTHORITIES ACT WHICH PROVIDES "IF VACANCIES SHALL OCCUR BY REASON OF DEATH, DISQUALIFICATION, RESIGNATION OR REMOVAL OF A MEMBER THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY SHALL APPOINT A SUCCESSOR TO FILL HIS UNEXPIRED TERM". NEW TERMS FALL ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Road Committee:

MOTION

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David Pollock made a motion to reimburse Nevin Frey \$28.99 for app on phone for address program. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Lions Recycling:

MOTION

Myron Blahy asked the township office to contact the Mahoning Valley Lions to relocate their recycling bins to their property over at Normal Square. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Police Committee:

Audie Mertz, chief shared with the Board a quote he got to make repairs to garage doors. The question was asked if we are going to allow the cars to be parked in the garage. Comment of to keep them out of the element.

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to fix the garage front door and put one opener on it at cost not to exceed \$2,100.00. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Audie Mertz made request to purchase one patrol rifle at a cost of \$1,500.00 plus training, cost would come out of firearms budget.

MOTION

David Pollock made motion to purchase patrol rifle at a cost of \$1500.00. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, no; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 3-1 vote. Motion carried.

OFFICIALS:

Brian Reeser: We could use another cinder shed and salt on other side. Work into next years budget.

Thomas Nanovic: Received a call from Attorney Symons, he is working on traffic signal agreement with PennDOT to try to resolve existing issue.

Mark Ebbert: Thanked the Board for their efforts with the LSA grant.

Bruce Steigerwalt: Announced there would be a brief executive session at the conclusion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 PM. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Natalie D. Haggerty
Secretary-Treasurer