

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

MINUTES

June 9, 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 Robert Slaw, Vice Chairman; Myron Blahy, Supervisor; David Pollock, Supervisor (left early 7:25 PM); Brian Reeser, Supervisor; Thomas Nanovic, Solicitor; Natalie Haggerty, Secretary-Treasurer; Peter Eisenbrown, Township Engineer and architect from Watkins.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Keith Drummond 125 Gilberts Hill Road: Present to follow up on last month's meeting regarding loud music and other matters at the Mahoning Valley Racetrack. There is extra racing occurring during the week.

Sheila Drummond 125 Gilberts Hill Road: Did the township acquire a device to measure noise.

Trina Steigerwalt 2372 Blakeslee Blvd Drive East: Present to follow up on last month's meeting regarding loud music and other matters at the Mahoning Valley Racetrack.

Robert Fetterman 805 Orioles Drive: Present for any information regarding a resident on Orioles Drive who owns several lots and plan for a campground. Bruce Steigerwalt provided campgrounds are allowed in R-1 as a conditional use. Nothing officially has come into the township office. Current zoning ordinance does not allow.

Nate Oiler, RKR Hess on behalf of LVH: Present to give update relative to LVH/Right of Way to PennDOT. PennDOT wants the issue of the property Wal-Mart conveyed to the Township which was conveyed from the Township to PennDOT in same deed as property that came from Beck. They would like it corrected by correction deed. Attorney Graham Simmons will get that revised and to Attorney Nanovic.

Deborah McGowan: 212 Ashtown Drive: There was an article in the Times News saying \$334,000 was given to various communities. Who is in charge of doing grants? 90% are given. Top notch police department with outdated equipment.

Terry Abrachinsky 2420 Blakeslee Blvd Drive West: Regarding racetrack concerns. Out of state drivers set up to camp for the weekends. Is it permitted in C-1 property zone. When they host special events they have huge bomb fires, is this allowed? Issue of alcohol at these events.

Cathy Abrachinsky 2420 Blakeslee Blvd Drive West: The noise needs to stop.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 12, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by David Pollock. Bruce Steigerwalt, abstain; Robert Slaw, yes; David

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Pollock, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS:

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to approve the following transfers.

\$16,233.52 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 5/20/21.

\$15,458.86 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 5/27/21.

\$18,607.09 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 6/3/21.

\$16,515.15 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 6/10/21.

\$537.97 Residential Street Light to General Checking

\$595.20 Residential Fire Hydrant to General Checking

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.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT:

MOTION

Brian Reeser made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for May 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.

PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLLS:

MOTION

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

Bill List #481 in the amount of \$188,486.94

General Check's #23328-#23365

State Check's #1729-#1732

Lowe's Check #1001

Building Land Check's #1024-#1025

Subdivision Land Development Checks #1196-#1204

LVH Check's #110-#111

Fire Company Check #1026

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.

REPORTS:

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to accept and place on file the following reports:

Mahoning Township Road Department Reports May 10, 2021-May 28, 2021

Mahoning Township Equipment and Fuel Log May 2021

Mahoning Township Zoning Permit Report for May 2021

Mahoning Township Building Permit Report for May 2021

Lehigh Canal Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes April 29, 2021

Mahoning Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan State Compliance Audit

Mahoning Township Police Pension Plan State Compliance Audit

Mahoning Township Zoning Hearing Board Meeting Minutes for May 4, 2021

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Carbon County Council of Governments Minutes for April 27, 2021

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:

Trevor and Carol Miller Minor Subdivision Waiver Request to SALDO Section 99-10F Stormwater Management

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to grant waiver request to SALDO Section 99-10 F as to such time house and impervious is known to Trevor and Carol Miller Minor Subdivision. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, abstain; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; and Brian Reeser, yes 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

Trevor and Carol Miller Minor Subdivision (Planning Commission recommend conditional approval) Conditions of mylar, recreation fees, note of waiver on the plan regarding stormwater, note on plan providing the driveway encroaches onto the northwest corner of lot three and Planning module approval from DEP.

MOTION

Brian Reeser made a motion to grant Trevor and Carol Miller Minor Subdivision conditional approval, conditions of mylar, note of waiver on the plan regarding stormwater, note on plan providing the driveway encroaches onto the northwest corner of lot three and planning module approval from DEP. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, abstain; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; and Brian Reeser, yes 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

Wendy's Paving

They opened at end of December and paved at own risk advising we will be evaluating before final wearing course. They put down final paving and did not call for inspection. What is the wish of the Board? Tom Nanovic advised it is a little different than a road in a subdivision; but suggests we want a release from the property owner.

MOTION

Brian Reeser made a motion for Tom Nanovic to prepare a release requiring a release from Wendy's owner for any issues to paving without inspection prior to releasing money. Seconded by David Pollock. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Award road material Bid to Lehigh Asphalt

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to award road materials bid to Lehigh Asphalt. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Fuel Bids

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to award fuel bid to Suburban Propane contingent upon review of bid bond. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron

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

Handicap Parking Space Sign Request (Martin & Lily Evans 224 Center Street)

MOTION

Brian Reeser made motion to grant handicap parking space sign to Martin and Lily Evans 224 Center Street contingent upon acceptance of location and paying of invoice for sign. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Covid Policies (sample from the Borough of Lehigh)

MOTION

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

Motion to Advertise Special Meeting (June 30, 2021, 10:00AM)

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to advertise special meeting for June 30, 2021 at 10:00AM. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Schedule meeting for Teamster Contract Negotiation
July 8, 2021 at 3:00PM (Robert and David)

OLD BUSINESS:

LVH:

Traffic Signal Easement on Beck Property: Discussed earlier under public comment.

TABLE

LOC for Offsite Improvements: TABLE

Diaz Building;

LTL Architect Cost: Discussion took place with architect, Peter Eisenbrown and Supervisors relative to cost analysis provided. Estimate provided to do our due diligence to move project forward.

Seitz- Release needed to be drawn up for Seitz to cut holes in the drywall to get a better assessment: Resend May 26, 2021 email. Wait to receive approval to notify to prepare release for Seitz Environmental to go into the Diaz Building and remove some areas of drywall to see what is behind there so they can properly provide mold estimates for where is necessary.

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).

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Sierra Vista: Letter time extension request to July 31, 2021

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion granting time extension to July 31, 2021. 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.

Sierra Vista Pre-Security Agreement: TABLE

Sunny Hill Farms: TABLE

Sage Meadows: TABLE

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

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

DROP Proposed Ordinance: TABLE

CORRESPONDENCE:

Myron Blahy made a motion to accept and place on file the correspondence dated June 9, 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.

***HOLLY A HEINTZELMAN, ATTORNEY AT LAW

RE: FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP/PARRYVILLE BOROUGH/770 STATE ROAD – SEWAGE SERVICE TO THE OLD BLOCKER HARLEY-DAVIDSON BUILDING

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS S NANOVIC

RE: LVN/RIGHT-OF-WAY TO PENNDOT – REVIEW OF DEED PROVIDED BY MAHONING TOWNSHIP: Discussion

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS S NANOVIC

RE: MAHONING TOWNSHIP/LVN/RIGHT-OF-WAY TO PENNDOT – SUBMISSION OF DEED TO REVIEW CONCERNING CONVEYING PROPERTY TO PENNDOT

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS NANOVIC

RE: PURCHASE OF DIAZ OFFICE BUILDING/ROUTE 443/MAHONING TOWNSHIP MAY 25 – DISCUSSION OF PARCELS ON DEED

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICERS, THOMAS NANOVIC

RE: PURCHASE OF DIAZ OFFICE BUILDING/ROUTE 443/MAHONING TOWNSHIP MAY 18 - SCHEDULE B2 OF THE PRELIMINARY TITLE INSURANCE COMMITMENT EXCEPTIONS 8,9,10

***DELAWARE & LEHIGH NATION HERITAGE CORRIDOR, CLAIRE WILDERMUTH SADLER, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

***UNITED VETERANS ORGANIZATION, KEVIN LONG, COMMANDER UVO

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RE: THANK YOU LETTER FOR DONATION

***PA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION, YASSMIN GRAMIAN, P.E., SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

RE: NOTICE OF PAYMENT STATE POLICE FINES AND PENALTIES, JUNE 2021

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

RE: OLIVER HOME PROJECT ADEQUACY REVIEW, BLAKESLEE BLVD DRIVE WEST, LEHIGHTON

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

RE: PENNDOT OPERATORS TRAINING FACILITY PROJECT ADEQUACY REVIEW, 1971 MAHONING DRIVE EAST (SR 902) LEHIGHTON

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

RE: GENERAL NPDES PERMIT MINOR MODIFICATION AUTHORIZATION LETTER, LVH – CARBON MINOR MODIFICATION, NPDES PERMIT

***COSTARS CONNECTION, VOLUME 15 ISSUE 2, SPRING 2021

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police Committee: Ford Taurus is down

Road Committee: Paver repair done at Kresleys

OFFICIALS:

Robert Slaw: Questioned Martins invoice.

Tom Nanovic: Brief executive session at conclusion of meeting for legal.

Bruce Steigerwalt: Parking issue with regards to church in Packerton. Wish of the Board to amend ordinance to post two no parking signs.

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to amend traffic ordinance to allow two no parking signs along Church Street. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalie D. Haggerty,
Secretary-Treasurer