

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

MINUTES

March 9, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRESENT:

Robert Slaw, Chairman; Brian Reeser, Supervisor; Ronald Reeser, Supervisor; Deborah McGowan, Supervisor; Thomas Nanovic, Solicitor and Natalie Haggerty, Secretary-Treasurer.

ABSENT:

Myron Blahy, Vice-Chairman

PUBLIC COMMENT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 2, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 9, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Robert Slaw, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

MOTION

Deborah McGowan made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 23, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by Robert Slaw. Robert Slaw, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS:

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to approve the following transfers:

\$17,952.18 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 2/10/22

\$15,496.58 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 2/17/22

\$16,322.43 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 2/24/22

\$18,266.40 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 3/3/22

\$537.97 Residential Street Light to General Checking

\$595.20 Residential Fire Hydrant to General Checking

Seconded by Brian Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Reeser, yes 4-0

APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT:

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2022. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Robert Slaw, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLLS:

MOTION

Deborah McGowan made a motion to approve the following bills and payrolls:

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Bill List #491 in the amount of \$171,455.28

General Check's #23692-#23736

State Check's #1758-#1761

Subdivision Land Development Check's #1257-#1259

LVH Check #127

Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

REPORTS

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to accept and place on file the following reports:

Mahoning Township Road Department Reports 2/7/22-3/4/22

Mahoning Township Equipment and Fuel Log February 2022

Mahoning Township Building and Zoning Report for February 2022

Mahoning Valley Ambulance Association 2021 Financial Report

Mahoning Township Zoning Hearing Board Meeting minutes February 1, 2022

Mahoning Township Annual Audit and Financial Statement 2021

Mahoning Township SEO Report 12/3/21-3/2/22

Seconded by Brian Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2022-2 Ordinance amending sections 4 (vesting) 5 (normal retirement benefit formula) and 8 (retirement date) of chapter 12 of the code and deleting section 6 (early retirement) of chapter 12

MOTION

Deborah McGowan made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-2 Ordinance amending sections 4 (vesting) 5 (normal retirement benefit formula) and 8 (retirement date) of chapter 12 of the code and deleting section 6 (early retirement) of chapter 12. Seconded by Robert Slaw. Robert Slaw, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

LVH Deed

Resolution 2022-16 Authorizing Chairman to execute the LVH Corrected Deed Fee Simple (contingent upon receiving the Record Oner Lien Certificate and indemnification form LVH)

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to table Resolution 2022-16 Authorizing Chairman to execute the LVH Corrected Deed Fee Simple. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Resolution 2022-17 Carbon County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-17 Carbon County Mitigation Plan.

Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Resolution 2022-18 Resolution of Disposition of Records

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Brian Reeser made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-18 Resolution of Disposition of Records. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Motion to Advertise to Receive Sealed Proposals for 2022 Paving Project Spring Hill Road

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to advertise to receive sealed proposal for 2022 paving project of Spring Hill Road. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Motion to Advertise to Receive Sealed Bis for Road Materials and Fuels

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to advertise to receive bids for road materials and fuels. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

CDBG Project FFY 2022

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to stay in Meadowcrest. Seconded by Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Robert Slaw, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Lehigh Canal & Recreation Commission Weissport Overflows Project Letter of Support

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to send letter of support for the Lehigh Canal & Recreation Commission Weissport Overflows Project. Seconded by Robert Slaw. Robert Slaw, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Generator Maintenance Agreement

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to accept generator maintenance agreement for township generator only. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Award Bid of 2009 Ford Explorer XLT

(Bid received from Raymond Abboud in the amount of \$2660.00)

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to award bid for the 2009 Ford Explorer to Raymond Abboud in the amount of \$2660.00. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Robert Slaw, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

LVH PennDOT LOC Release

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to table. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes and Ronald Reeser, yes. 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

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Wendy's Professional Fees Escrow and Letter of Credit Release

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to table. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes and Ronald Reeser, yes. 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

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). **RECEIVED EXTENSION LETTER TO June 30, 2022**

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to table. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes and Ronald Reeser, yes. 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Sierra Vista Pre-Security Agreement

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to table. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes and Ronald Reeser, yes. 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to accept and place on file the correspondence dated March 9, 2022. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Robert Slaw, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

***MAHONING VALLEY NURSING & REHABILITATION CENTER, 397 HEMLOCK DR.
LEHIGHTON

RE: THANK YOU LETTER RECEIVED FROM MIKE MICKEY REGARDING THE FIRE
AT THE VILLA BUILDING ON JAN 27, 2022

***CHARYN AYOUB, SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ONLOT SOLUTIONS, 376
BOWERS RD KUTZTOWN, PA

RE: LETTER OF RESIGNATION AS ALTERNATE SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
FOR MAHONING TOWNSHIP AS OF 2/14/22

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS NANOVIC

RE: INVESTIGATION AND FINDINGS TO THE COMPATIBILITY OF ZONING
HEARING BOARD MEMBER AND CONSTABLE. (INCOMPATIBLE)

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS NANOVIC

RE: REVIEW AND CONCERNS TO DISCUSS OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AGREEMENT

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS NANOVIC

RE: SALDO REVIEW AND SUGGESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

RE: PERMIT TRANSFER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER, SHERRY MINOR
SUBDIVISION PROJECT

***MICHAEL S GREEK, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

RE: LETTER FOR CONSIDERATION TO REGIONALIZE POLICE FORCE AND REVIEW
THE REGIONAL POLICE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT

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

RE: NOTICE OF PAYMENT, MARCH 2022 LIQUID FUELS

***BLUE RIDGE, JOE LORAH, DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

RE: REQUEST BY BLUE RIDGE TO ADDRESS CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TO DISCUSS BROADBAND NEEDS

***LETTERS OF SUPPORT (1) FOR MAHONING DRIVE-IN OVERNIGHT PASSES

***SIERRA VISTA, JAKE ARNER

RE: SIERRA VISTA PHASE 1A PLAN EXTENSION JUNE 30, 2022

OFFICIALS:

Deborah McGowan: Home Comfort Solutions moved left, and they are parking in neighboring yard.

Mark Ebbert: Requesting help form the Board of Supervisors in a pilot study to park a brush truck at the township to see if it would improve a quicker response time.

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to allow fire department to utilize bay space in road crew garage as applicable. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Will the township support our efforts in making application for LSA Grant rehabilitation phase two?

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to support efforts in making application of LSA Grant. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Robert Slaw, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalie D. Haggerty,
Secretary-Treasurer