

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

MINUTES

May 11, 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; Myron Blahy, Vice-Chairman; Brian Reeser, Supervisor; Ronald Reeser, Supervisor; Deborah McGowan, Supervisor; Thomas Nanovic, Solicitor and Natalie Haggerty, Secretary-Treasurer.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jake Arner: Questioned the progress on the short-term rental ordinance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 13, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 27, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS:

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the following transfers:

\$16,058.47 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 4/14/22

\$17,843.00 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 4/21/22

\$18,175.98 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 4/28/22

\$15,857.52 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 5/5/22

\$537.97 Residential Street Light to General Checking

\$595.20 Residential Fire Hydrant to General Checking

Seconded by Brian Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes and Ronald Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT:

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for April 2022. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald 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 #493 in the amount of \$145,102.95

General Check's #23780-#23818

State Check's #1765-#1766

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

MINUTES

May 11, 2022

Building and Land Check's #1047-#1049

Subdivision Land Development Check's #1267-#1279

LVH Check #129-#130

Seconded by Brian Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes and Ronald Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

REPORTS

MOTION

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

Mahoning Township Road Department Reports April 10, 2022-April 30, 2022

Mahoning Township Equipment and Fuel Log April 2022

Mahoning Township Building and Zoning Report for March 2022

Mahoning Township Sewage Enforcement Report for March 4, 2022- May 2, 2022

Seconded by Brian Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes and Ronald Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tarone E. Blocker Subdivision Plan (grant time extension to June 8, 2022)

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to grant time extension of Tarone E. Blocker Subdivision Plan to June 8, 2022. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes and Ronald Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Botek Pumpkin Field Lease

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to sign agreement to lease township field to plant pumpkins. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Abandon Packerton Hollow Lane

Problem with dumping, install a couple of cameras.

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to table. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mahoning Speedway

Either pursue a settlement agreement, if not we will need an executive session to recommend alternative. Discussed in executive session.

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** TABLE

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
MINUTES
May 11, 2022

Sierra Vista Pre-Security Agreement TABLE

CORRESPONDENCE:

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to accept and place on file the correspondence dated May 11, 2022. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

*** PSATS NEWS BULLETIN May 2022, ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS, 2022 LEGISLATION PRIORITIES

*** BLUE RIDGE COMMUNICATIONS

RE: EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2022 INCREASED INTERNET SPPEEDS, PRICES REMAIN UNCHANGED

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS S NANOVIC

RE: UKRAINIAN HOMESTEAD

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS S NANOVIC

RE: LVH/INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS S NANOVIC

RE: VACATING OF PACKERTON HOLLOW ROAD

***CARBON ENGINEERING, R. MICHAEL TIRPAK II, P.E.

RE: SUBDIVISION PLAN FOR TARONE BLOCKER TIME EXTENSION UNTIL JUNE 8, 2022

***LEHIGHTON AREA MEMORIAL LIBRARY

RE: ASKING CONSIDERATION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE LIBRARY

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS S NANOVIC

RE: COPY OF LETTER SENT TO RON CORKERY, REQUESTING DATES TO MEET

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS S NANOVIC

RE: COPY OF LETTER SENT TO PAUL JARRETT REGARDING 424 MILL ROAD

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE COMMITTEE:

Tracker \$600

Portable Radio \$1481

Mobile Radio \$699

Rifle \$1500

License Plate Reader

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to purchase portable radio at a cost of \$1481.99 and a mobile radio at a cost of \$699.00 Seconded by Brian Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

MOTION

Deborah McGowan made a motion to purchase refurbished tracker at a cost of \$600.00. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

MOTION

Brian Reeser made a motion to purchase rifle at a cost of \$1500.00. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to purchase license plate reader, utilizing five-year lease to

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

MINUTES

May 11, 2022

purchase. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried. The township will pay when we receive it, backordered to March. (cost \$12,479.50)

ROAD COMMITTEE:

Jeff Kirsch, summer road department worker is available after June 13th Dirt and Gravel Road project is complete. Requesting to purchase a new weed wacker at a cost of \$200. Request to rent a Buffalo Wind Turbine at a cost of \$75/day.

OFFICIALS:

Natalie Haggerty:

Carson Helfrich requesting invoicing for ten additional hours for time present at public hearings regarding ordinances. Board gave ok.

Deborah McGowan shared there is an auction house called M&M Livestock being ran out of 817 Fredericks Grove Road. Send email to Paul to investigate.

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to amend agenda to add CDBG FY 2021 Cooperation Agreement. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to authorize chairman to sign CDBG FY 2021 Cooperation Agreement. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Broke for an executive session at 7:05PM for discussion of Mahoning Racetrack. Returned to record 7:17PM.

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to have Deborah McGowan and Ron Reeser meet with owner of racetrack and his attorney to try to negotiate an agreement later. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to adjourn the meeting 7:20 PM. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalie D. Haggerty,
Secretary-Treasurer