

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
MINUTES
October 9, 2019

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CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: John Wieczorek led the Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT:

John Wieczorek, Chairman; Bruce Steigerwalt, Vice Chairman; Myron Blahy, Supervisor; David Pollock, Supervisor; Thomas Nanovic, Solicitor and Natalie D. Haggerty, Secretary-Treasurer

ABSENT:

Robert Slaw, Supervisor;

CDBG PUBLIC HEARING:

David Bodnar, Carbon County Office of Planning and Development

Public Hearing is to receive input and comments by citizens for use of the 2019 CDBG funds. Public notice was placed in local newspaper on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 announcing the selected projects for 2019. The current anticipated amount for Mahoning Township for the FY2019 is \$76,537.00 in project costs and \$16,800.00 in administrative costs, with a total grant of \$93,337.00. The project selected for FY2019 is street improvements to Center Road (Mahoning Street to Maple Drive). Future CDBG funds will also be used to reconstruct other portions of Center Road. A demographic survey was complete to qualify this project, and it will benefit low to moderate income people.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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NONE

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

Conditional Use Request Application received from Lehigh Valley Health Network
Tim Siegfried, Council of LVHN gave explanation of exhibits. Will go before Planning
Commission on October 15, 2019 and scheduled conditional use hearing will be on November
18, 2019 at 6:00PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2019 Board of
Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by David Pollock. John Wieczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes;
Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS

MOTION

John Wieczorek made a motion to approve the following transfers:

\$537.97 Residential Street Light Money Market to General Checking

\$595.20 Residential Fire Hydrant Money Market to General Checking

\$16,238.69 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 10/3/19

\$17,023.15 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 10/10/19

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

TREASURERS REPORT

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for September 2019. Seconded by
Bruce Steigerwalt. John Wieczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David
Pollock, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLLS

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

Bill List #459 in the amount of \$104,221.91

General Check's #22546-#22585

State Check's #1673-#1676

Subdivision Land Development Check's #1100-#1101

Recreation Checks #1001-#1002

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

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

MOTION

John Wieczorek made a motion to approve the following reports:

Mahoning Township Road Department Activity Report for Sept 9, 2019-Oct 4, 2019

Mahoning Township Equipment Fuel Log September 2019

Mahoning Township Planning Commission Minutes for August 20, 2019

Mahoning Township SEO Report for July 1, 2019-August 31, 2019

Lehigh Canal Recreation Commission Minutes for August 29, 2019

Carbon County Council of Government Minutes for August 27, 2019

Mahoning Township Zoning Officer Report for September 2019

Mahoning Township Building Code Official Report for September 2019

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Police Scheduling

John Wieczorek shared at our recent police committee meeting we had asked Audie to put together a schedule. In addition to Audie; Zeke, myself and Barbara was working on one. Audie made the claim that we would continue with the current scheduling. What is the flavor of the Board as far as scheduling? Barbara prepared a 24-hour schedule. There's needs to be something done, the over time is overwhelming. Zeke requested a short executive session to review. Broke at 6:25 returned at 6:30PM

MOTION

John Wieczorek made a motion to adopt a schedule for the police on a trial basis, this schedule (make part of minutes) on a trial basis until the end of the year. Beginning October 27, 2019. Seconded by Myron Blahy. John Wieczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

MOTION

John Wieczorek made a motion to issue a directive to the Chief of Police that there will be no more over time for shift coverage except overtime caused by court appearances and emergencies

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and this policy will be revisited at the end of the year. Seconded by Myron Blahy.

OLD BUSINESS:

American Tower

Tom reached out to Kimberly Kutzler from American Tower. We can't enter a 99-year lease, Tom doesn't believe we legally can do this. Opinion is to forget about it.

Engineering proposal electrical and plumbing: New building

We have proposals from two individuals. Mr. Stoppi at a cost of \$7000 and Mr. Synoski at a cost of \$3000

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to use John Synoski for electrical and plumbing design and specs. Seconded by David Pollock. John Wieczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Police Vehicle

Hold off on police vehicle purchase at this point until we get into budget talks.

Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement (ordinance)

We need to beef up our current ordinance. Once you put it in an ordinance it applies to everyone. The Supervisors decided that going forward the ADA requirements will apply to all sidewalks in the Township.

CORRESPONDENCE:

David Pollock made a motion to accept and place on file the correspondence dated October 9, 2019. Seconded by Myron Blahy. John Wieczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

****PA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, RONALD YOUNG
RE: RELEASE OF REAL ID DEADLINE DATE, OCTOBER 2020

****PA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, KRIS BELLOTTI
RE: SAMPLE OF SIDEWALK AGREEMENT RESOLUTION

****LTL CONSULTANTS, PETER EISENBROWN
RE: CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN PA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, LTL CONSULTANT AND THE TOWNSHIP IN REFERENCE TO TRAFFIC SIGNAL PLANS SR 0443. IS THE TOWNSHIP OK WITH A NOTE BEING ADDED TO THE PLAN THAT

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WOULD INDICATE THAT PENNDOT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE O&M OF THE INLET AND PIPING?

****PA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION LTAP INFORMATION SHEET #195 FALL / 2019

****PA HARDWOODS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, PA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, D WAYNE BENDER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
RE: FOREST MANAGEMENT AND TIMBER HARVESTING IN PA., INFORMATION FOR CITIZENS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

****CARBON ENGINEERING, R MICHAEL TIRPAK II,
RE: SIERRA VISTA ESTATES SANITARY SEWER DESIGN DISCUSSION

***CARBON CONSERVATION DISTRICT, LUKE GRAVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT TECHNICIAN
RE: TIMES NEWS PARKING LOT EXPANSION PROJECT ADEQUACY REVIEW

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS NANOVIC
RE: AMERICAN TOWER

OFFICIALS:

Bruce Steigerwalt: Questioned when is Trick or Treat night? October 30, 2019. Questioned Lynwood Estates Escrow. I will forward last engineer review cost estimate.

David Pollock: Met with consultants of PennDOT regarding the replacement of bridge on Country Club Road (bridge that goes over the Mahoning Creek) which will occur in 2023.

John Wiczorek: Authorization to have repairs to 2009 Explorer

MOTION

John Wiczorek made a motion to authorize repairs of 2009 Ford Explorer for a cost of \$4000.00 or less. Seconded by Bruce Steigerwalt. John Wiczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, no 3-1 vote. Motion carried.

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Natalie Haggerty:

Teamster Contract

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to adopt Teamster Local 773 Agreement. Seconded by Myron Blahy. John Wieczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Sewage Planning Mailer for Lehigh Valley Hospital

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to forward the planning module mailer to Mahoning Township Municipal Authority. Seconded by John Wieczorek. John Wieczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise public notice that we are selling red dodge on municibid.

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to advertise public notice that the township is selling 1996 Dodge pickup on municibid. Seconded by David Pollock. John Wieczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

304 Twin Hill Dive Pipe Issue

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to get title search done on property on Twin Hill Drive. Seconded by David Pollock. John Wieczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Add Pocono Spray Patch Tar and Chip to next agenda.

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Audie Mertz: Questioned over time created by certifications for firearms and mandates done online.

ADJOURNMENT:

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David Pollock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Seconded by Myron Blahy. John Wiczorek, yes; Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalie D. Haggerty

Secretary-Treasurer