

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
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**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

Brian Reeser, Supervisor

**Youth Award Presentation to the Mahoning Valley 4H Club**

Kathy Radar, Upper Macungie Township Supervisor, Member of Executive Board of Pennsylvania Township Supervisors. On behalf of the association I am pleased to award the 2019 Youth Award to the Mahoning Valley 4H Club for their help with the rabies clinic. Club Members worked with the Mahoning Valley Lions Club which hosted a low-cost rabies vaccination clinic to pet owners. This is the third year the club has helped with the clinic. The Township Supervisors Association joins the Carbon County Association of Township Officials to commend the Mahoning Valley 4H Club for their ongoing service to the community. Presented \$500 and certificate of excellence.

Wayne Nothstien and Rocky Ahner, Carbon County Commissioners, thanked Township Supervisors for allowing to be present to honor these kids and their adult leaders. Great program it teaches responsibility and leadership and to be one of the four organizations in the state to be recognized is great. Rocky Ahner, it's not just one individual event that you did, its something you do year after year. You should be proud.

Bruce Steigerwalt, we enjoy having the club in the township. They don't only do the rabies clinic; but I see them help the Lions Club with dinners and such and the Ag Club. We need to

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get out and help them in their endeavors. Its positive to have them in our community. Thank you.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Greg Sander, Tri Valley Water Supply

Discussed water line improvement project that was started last fall and would like to continue. Aware of some discussion of we didn't get done what we wanted to get done as far as topping. I dropped off a contract at the office. Of course, with weather and schedule the work didn't get done. Trying to keep the potholes filled and wanted to ensure you that we are scheduled for the first week of March to get that project finished. Wanted to talk to you guys about your plans of future. We received a letter that that there is some improvements for this year coming up. Wanted to continue with some water line improvements pending were you're at. Bruce shared that we don't have any improvements in Meadowcrest for this year other than patching. Not certain when project will start. Project limited from Willard Street north to Maple Street and up Center Street to Woodlawn.

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:**

NONE

**APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS:**

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the following transfers.

\$26,241.23 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 1/16/20

\$14,783.57 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 1/23/20

\$13,995.79 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 1/30/20

\$13,520.17 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 2/6/20

\$14,050.16 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 2/13/20

Seconded by David Pollock. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 4-0 vote.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT:**

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2020. Seconded by

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Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 4-0 vote.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLLS:**

**MOTION**

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to approve the following bills and payrolls.

Bill List #464 in the amount of \$190,599.51

General Check's #22720-#22774

State Check's #1688-#1691

Building Land Check #1012

Subdivision Land Development #1110-#1114

Lehigh Valley Hospital #1001-#1002

Seconded by David Pollock. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 4-0 vote

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS:**

**MOTION**

David Pollock made a motion to approve the following reports:

Mahoning Township Road Department Activity Report for December 30, 2019-February 1, 2020

Mahoning Township Equipment Fuel Log January 2020

Mahoning Township Planning Commission Minute for December 17, 2020

Mahoning Township Sewage Enforcement Officers Report December 1, 2019-February 11, 2020

Mahoning Township Zoning Officer Report for January 2020

Mahoning Township Building Code Official Report for January 2020

Carbon County Council of Government Minutes for October 22, 2019, November 26, 2019 and January 28, 2020

Scoping Meeting Minutes LVHN from December 17, 2019

Mahoning Township Zoning Hearing Board Minutes from January 7, 2020

Mahoning Valley Volunteer Fire Co. 2019 Year End Fire Report and Profit Loss 2019

Mahoning Valley Ambulance Financial Report 2019

Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Pocono Spray Patching Inc. Addendum to the Contract

Chairman needs to sign

Availability of Disclosure Statement Pursuant to the Local Taxpayers Bill of Rights (Need to update Chairman) Chairman needs to sign

**OLD BUSINESS:**

ADOPTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MAHONING VALLEY FIRE COMPANY,

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INC (INCLUDING THE FIRE POLICE) AND THE MAHONING VALLEY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INC. DUE TO THE CHANGES IN THE WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION LAW, ARTICLE VI, and TITLES ADDITIONAL COVERAGE (added December 5, 1974, P.L. 782, No. 263, Section 601.): Tom had prepared a resolution

**MOTION**

Myron Blahy made a motion to adopt with the addition of language such other events fire company requests and supervisors approve. Seconded by Bruce Steigerwalt. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, abstain 3-1 vote. Motion carried.

Non-Uniform Pension Plan Agreement: Table  
Forward Toms letter to Diane Calhoun

**Summit Ridge Cost Estimate**

Discussion regarding Summit Ridge cost estimate. We got an estimate from Summit Ridge's engineer total of \$994,432.35 and then we have an email from Peter in the amount of \$1,208,657.45 Question of having a contractor provide a price for the work as a comparison of the engineers cost estimate. Is this something we would want or do we want to work with Peters estimate? Tom suggests that we have Peter work with Deanna. In a couple of areas quantities changed, Deanna's working from the drawings and Peter came up with different quantities not just unit price. What's the wish of the Board? Instruct Peter to work with Deanna, share with Deanna the cost estimate if you haven't already done so. If you should have any issues or questions you can discuss with planners on Wednesday.

**Building Demolition**

Bruce will provide a list of some demolition contractors.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

David Pollock made a motion to accept and place on file the correspondence dated February 12, 2020. Seconded by Robert Slaw. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 4-0 vote.

\*\*\* FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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RE: APPRECIATION LETTER FOR CHANGING PLANNING COMMISSIONS MEETING DATES

\*\*\*NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS NANOVIC  
RE: REVIEW OF AGREEMENT AND CONSENT TO REVISE SUBDIVISION PLAN, SUMMIT RIDGE DEVELOPMENT

\*\*\*NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS NANOVIC  
RE: BRUCE GEORGE PAVING & EXCAVATING INVOICE DISPUTE

\*\*\*NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS NANOVIC  
RE: PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, LV HEALTH NETWORK

\*\*\*PA DEP, JOHN WILLIAMS, SEWAGE PLANNING SPECIALIST I  
RE: REVIEW OF PLANNING EXEMPTION 3 FOR SIERRA VISTA ESTATES

\*\*\*PA DEP, THOMAS THOMPSON, PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST MANAGER  
RE: COPY OF NOTICE OF VIOLATION SENT TO RUCH REGARDING FUEL OIL RELEASE DUE TO OVERTURNED TRUCK

\*\*\*PA DEP, THOMAS THOMPSON, PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST MANAGER  
RE: COPY OF RESPONSE LETTER SENT TO AHNER IN REFERENCE TO FUEL SPILL INCIDENT

\*\*\*\*INCIDENT INFORMATION FORM, ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP & BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM, REGARDING FUEL SPILL INCIDENT

\*\*\* PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE, GREATER LEHIGH VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MICHELLE YOUNG, EXECUTIVE VP, THE CHAMBER  
RE: 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MAYORS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS RECEPTION INVITATION

\*\*\* FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, NIKKI ROBERTS, CHIEF, RISK ANALYSIS BRANCH  
RE: ENGINEERING MODELS & FIELD SURVEY NOTIFICATION FOR FLOOD RISK PROJECT CARBON COUNTY

\*\*\* HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DOYLE HEFFLEY  
RE: APPRECIATION LETTER FOR SUPPORT OF REDISTRICTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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\*\*\* PA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION

RE: IMMEDIATE RELEASE: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OF PENNDOTS DRAFT  
STATEWIDE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN NOW OPEN

\*\*\* LETTER OF CONCERN FOR MISUSE OF VACANT PROPERTY BY A MAHONING  
TOWNSHIP RESIDENT

\*\*\*PA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES, BUREAU OF  
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION

RE: NOTICE OF TECHNICAL AND GRANT ASSISTANCE, DCNR BUREAU OF  
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP, PARTNERSHIP AND SERVICE

\*\*\*ST. LUKES UNIVERSITY HEALTH NETWORK, PATRICK BOWER

RE: THANK YOU LETTER REGARDING HOME HEALTH CONTRIBUTION

\*\*\*NANOVIC LAW OFFICE, THOMAS NANOVIC

RE: TRUSTEES INSURANCE AND RETIREMENT SERVICES ADOPTION AGREEMENT

\*\*\*NANOVIC LAW OFFICE, THOMAS NANOVIC

RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DUTIES OF MAHONING VALLEY FIRE CO. NO 1

\*\*\* TRI VALLEY WATER

RE: RICHARD DIEHL PAVING

**OFFICIALS:**

Audie Mertz:

- Notice from Sheriff's Department that there will be a Glock Armor School held at the 911 Center at a cost of \$250.00.

**MOTION**

David Pollock made a motion to send an officer to Glock Armor School. Seconded by Robert Slaw. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

- Medical Marijuana Seminar no further information
- 2009 Ford Explorer going out to Fritz on Friday there's an issue with dial for heat and cold

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- Packerton Hollow dumping: is it the EPA contractor stockpile material from where the spill truck occurred. Is it still there? We will follow up on it.

Carl Faust:

- Went over building specs information. Bruce informed that go thru it and change and modify wherever you need. Make sure document is consistent with Scott's drawing.

David Pollock: Meeting with Nevin and Bruce for Dirt and Gravel Road at some time.

Bruce Steigerwalt: Commended fire company for their efforts with fire on Manor Lane East.

Tom Nanovic: Need to break for an executive session:

Bruce Steigerwalt announced that they are breaking for an executive session at 7:02 PM.

Returned 7:15 PM

Issue a directive to our police department for over time. There will be no more over time for shift coverage except overtime 1) caused by court appearances; 2) caused by emergencies; and 3) to cover hours (except between the hours of 3:00AM to 7:00AM ) where no police officer (including the chief) would be otherwise on duty.

MOTION

Dave Pollock made a motion to adopt directive to our police department for over time. There will be no more over time for shift coverage except overtime 1) caused by court appearances; 2) caused by emergencies; and 3) to cover hours (except between the hours of 3:00AM to 7:00AM ) where no police officer (including the chief) would otherwise be on duty. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried

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There will be an executive session at conclusion of meeting for contract negotiations and personnel.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM. Seconded by David Pollock. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and David Pollock, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalie D. Haggerty

Secretary-Treasurer