

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
MINUTES
July 8, 2020

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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, Lehighton, PA 18235

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: Thomas Nanovic, Solicitor

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sharon Shipwash 856 Upper Nis Hollow Drive, 40-year resident. Present not as a complaint against neighbors but to give information and facts regarding fireworks. Trucks with trailers come in every weekend and set off fireworks, we have been monitoring the booms as far as the peak value and saturation however, you would need an industrial audiologist to measure accurately. I know fireworks are legal and they say they have permits and stay 150 feet away from structures, but my question is can we have the professional setting them off pay for an industrial audiologist. The Board will provide materials given to the Chief of Police and have discussion. Will ask for a response back.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 24, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, abstain 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS:

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to approve the following transfers.

\$27,985.90 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 6/18/20

\$19,293.87 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 6/25/20

\$15,471.82 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 7/2/20

\$15,852.60 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 7/9/20

\$537.97 Residential Street Light to General Checking

\$1,785.60 Residential Fire Hydrant to General Checking

Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes and David Pollock, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT:

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for June 2020. 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.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLLS:

MOTION

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

Bill List #469 in the amount of \$167,535.49

General Check's #22914-#22947

State Check's #1697-#1699

Subdivision Land Development Checks #1135-#1137

Walmart Traffic Signal Check #1003

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.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to approve the following reports:

Mahoning Township Road Department Activity Report for June 8, 2020-July 2, 2020

Mahoning Township Equipment and Fuel Log June 2020

Mahoning Township Planning Commission Minutes for May 20, 2020

Mahoning Township Financial Statements year end December 31, 2019

Mahoning Township Sewage Enforcement Report April 4, 2020 to July 1, 2020

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

PennDOT Winter Maintenance Agreement

Resolution 2020-22

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to enter PennDOT 5-yr Winter Maintenance Agreement and adopt Resolution 2020-22. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blay, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Heart & Lung Request Tyler Meek

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to approve Tyler Meek, Police Officer request for Heart and Lung, start date of June 29, 2020. Seconded by Robert Slaw. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blay, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Poconospray Patch (TABLE)

Lynwood Estates (provide last cost estimate) TABLE

Wendy's Planning Module

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to authorize the signing of the Wendy's Planning module. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, no; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blay, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-1 vote. Motion carried.

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Permanent Easements (Dirt & Gravel Road Project) TABLE

Extension Request from Collective Bargaining Unit regarding Detective Position.

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to grant the request to extend filling the position of detective until Tyler Meek returns from leave. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blay, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried. Question was asked due to granting the extension due to manpower how this will work if we always have people out on leave.

OLD BUSINESS:

Summit Ridge Phase 1

Update given by Deanna Schmoyer and Richard Strauss. The multi owner agreement which has been reviewed by your solicitor has been signed by eight of the thirteen homeowners. I am expecting to meet with two others and will go to the homes of the last remaining. We are fine with Pete's cost estimate for financial security. Bruce questioned if any construction would take place this year? Richard Strauss shared that they have two developers interested in both Summit Ridge and Sage Meadows.

Mildred Felten Subdivision requesting a waiver for no perc tests to be done on the residual tract (lot one there is an existing system and did a perc test and lot two is the residual tract). The planning commission recommended testing on lot two, because of possible building lot in future. Motion failed on June 24, 2020 meeting asked to table.

MOTION

Brian Reeser made a motion to require perc testing on lot two (residual tract) of the Mildred Felten Subdivision. Seconded by David Pollock. Bruce Steigerwalt abstain; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blay, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Part time police officers

Bruce Steigerwalt advised that Myron, Dave, Audie, and I interviewed Kai Apel for the position of part time officer.

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to hire Kai Apel as a part time police office contingent on passing drug screening. 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.

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to advertise in the Times News and Indeed for part time police officers. 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. Reach out to Pocono Record to get rates, Audie is to make attempt at Allentown and Lackawanna Police Academies.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

David Pollock made a motion to accept and place on file the correspondence dated July 8, 2020. Seconded by Robert Slaw. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS S NANOVIC
RE: COPY OF LETTER SENT TO ATTORNEY YURCHAK WITH REGARDS TO UCC
JOINT BOARD OF APPEALS QUORUM DISCUSSION

***TOM NANOVIC
RE: FELTEN SUBDIVISION / VOTING CONFLICT

***WSP, KYLE M SPAYD, PE, MANAGER, SITE CIVIL POWER PLANNING &
PERMITTING
RE: NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR NPDES PERMIT FOR STORMWATER
DISCHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH CONTRUCTION ACTIVITIES. PROJECT NAME:
SIEGFRIED – HAUTO #1 & #4 TRANSMISSION LINE REBUILD PROJECT

***BOROUGH OF LEHIGHTON, BRENDA KREITZ, BOROUGH SECRETARY
RE: EXTENSION GRANTED FOR MAP GRANT

***RAPA LAW OFFICE, JASON M RAPA, ESQUIRE
RE: APPEAL OF ENFORCEMENT NOTICE, S. COLLOTY, PINE HOLLOW DRIVE

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS NANOVIC
RE: COPY OF LETTER SENT TO AMERICAN TOWER REGARDING LEASE
AGREEMENT

***PA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, CHRISTINE MILLER
RE: RECIEPT OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO REMEDIATE LEHIGHTON ELECTRONICS

***SIBERLINE MFG, MARY KATE THOMAS, HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGER
RE: DOWNSTREAM NOTIFICATION

OFFICIALS:

Robert Slaw: Commented on all the injuries within the police department. Perhaps more training, find a way to mitigate. Review procedures.

David Pollock: Green Dodge is leaking oil, take to Fritz to look at and get estimate. The old mowers do we want to sell them? Nevin place on municibid as a lot or sell at COG Sale.

Request and electronic version of plans for building.

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Bruce Steigerwalt: Did Mark Ebbert report back to us regarding racetrack. Meet down back for next supervisors meeting, meet in municipal building for planning.

ADJOURNMENT:

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Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalie D. Haggerty
Secretary-Treasurer