MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
May 27, 2020

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 (arrived 6:05PM); Myron Blahy, Supervisor; David Pollock, Supervisor; Brian Reeser, Supervisor Thomas Nanovic, Solicitor and Natalie D. Haggerty, Secretary-Treasurer

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 13, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

LVH Beck Family Trust Subdivision Plan

(Planning Commission recommend conditional preliminary plan approval for the Beck Family Trust Subdivision Plan conditioned on the County comment's and Peter Eisenbrown's review letter dated May 5, 2020)

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to grant preliminary plan approval of the Beck Family Trust Subdivision Plan. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Road Material Bid (Lehigh Asphalt)

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to accept the bid for road materials from Lehigh Asphalt. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Fuels Bid (Suburban Propane)

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to accept the bid for fuels from Suburban Propane. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

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Summit Ridge: TABLE

Sunny Hill Farms- Rick Bjorkman and Gregg Haas were present to discuss how this project can move forward, three different cost estimates. Tom will prepare an agreement as Nevin George submits bills, Pete will go and inspect and then the township will issue payment to Nevin George.

Verizon lease extension request (discussion) This is regards to an email received 3/10/20. They are looking to renew lease agreement. Our current contract is in place until 2032: TABLE

Traffic Signal Agreement PennDOT: TABLE

Chief Contract: Tom will send agreement to Audie

Part time police officers, report from chief: TABLE

Spraying License

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to authorize Nevin Frey to get public and right away spraying license and township will pay fees for the license. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Leasing Land to Plant Pumpkins

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to lease township field area to Chris Botek to plant pumpkins. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, no; Myron Blahy, yes; Robert Slaw, no; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 3-2 vote. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to accept and place on file the correspondence dated May 27, 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.

***TOM ZIMMERMAN IV, 15 CHAPEL DRIVE LEHIGHTON

RE: INTERESTED IN SERVING ON OUR ZONING HEARING BOARD MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to appoint Tom Zimmerman IV as a member of the Mahoning Township Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

***LTL CONSULTANTS LTD, PETER EISENBROWN, ENGINEER

RE: BECK FAMILY TRUST MAJOR SUBDIVISION PLAN 2^{ND} LTL PLAN REVIEW ***BENECON, PMHIC

RE: SURPLUS CLAIM FUND CHECK FOR THE 2019 PLAN YEAR

***PPL, THERESA LOGUS WITTER

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RE: PPL WILL BE EVALUATING AN ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE LOCTED IN OUR TOWNSHIP TO DETERMINE IF THERE ARE IMPROVEMENTS WHICH CAN BE MADE TO MAKE ELECTRIC SERVICE EVEN MORE RELIABLE

OFFICIALS:

Myron Blahy: Received several compliments from residents about Nevin out filling potholes but complain of lack of police presence. Residents are complaining about the residence in Pine Hollow that Carl Faust investigated and cited. However, there are other issues that need the police to investigate.

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to issue a directive to the police departments to have chief investigate the property on Pine Hollow Road and provide the Board with a written report. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

David Pollock asked when we are bringing back our road crew.

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to bring back our road crew on June 1, 2020. Seconded by David Pollock. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt have police department do patrolling, public presence. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Bruce Steigerwalt: met with Nevin and Dave. Established order of road work. We need to bring on two-part timers, Jeff Kirsch and Alex Hawk

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to accept Jeff Kish and Alex Hawk as summer seasonal part time workers. Seconded by Bruce Steigerwalt. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Bruce Steigerwalt provided Brian Reeser a copy of a monthly police report. I will provide to the rest of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalie D. Haggerty Secretary-Treasurer