

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

MINUTES

March 10, 2021

**DRAFT**

**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, Lehigh, PA 18235

**PRESENT:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Deb McGowan 212 Ashtown Drive: Two part time snow plowers saved a life of a gentleman. Are you going to give them a commendation? They deserve to be thanked.

Nate Oiler, P.E. RKR Hess: Present on behalf of Lehigh Valley Hospital with a minor change to our parking lighting and want to make sure we are meeting the goals of previous plan approval and what the supervisors are looking for. The only change is there are four parking lights, the design pulled them back from the roadway which created a very low-level light on the shoulder of Route 443. We have not changed the intersection only on the shoulder. Moved them in to save cost. As built plans will be provided.

**MOTION**

David Pollock made a motion to allow the revisions to the plan for lighting. 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.

Brandon Bell is with the Second Amendment Sanctuary movement that is sweeping across Carbon County right now. This is the fifteenth municipality he approached, two have signed on as of tonight, 2,040 online supporters and there are paper supporters as well. Left a copy of Second Amendment Ordinance and Sanctuary Status Petition with the township office as a centralized point. Sanctuary protects firearm owners.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION**

David Pollock made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 10, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, abstain; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS:**

**MOTION**

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the following transfers.

- \$16,922.83 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 2/18/21
- \$16,194.91 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 2/25/21
- \$16,156.03 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 3/04/21
- \$14,774.92 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 3/11/21
- \$537.97 Residential Street Light to General Checking

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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.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT:**

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2021. 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.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLLS:**

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to approve the following bills and payrolls.

Bill List #478 in the amount of \$152,597.63

General Check's #23214-#23249

State Check's #1719-#1722

Building Land Check's #1017-#1018

Walmart Check #1004

Lynwood Estate Check's #1004-#1005

LVH Check's #104-#105

Subdivision Land Development Check's #1176-#1183

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.

**REPORTS:**

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to accept and place on file the following reports:

Mahoning Township Building Code Official Report for February 2021

Mahoning Township Zoning Report for February 2021

Mahoning Township Road Department Reports February 8, 2021-March 5, 2021

Mahoning Township Equipment and Fuel Log February 2021

Mahoning Township Municipal Authority Minutes for January 20, 2021

Mahoning Valley Ambulance Association 2020 Financial Report

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:**

Advertise to receive bids for road materials and fuels.

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to advertise to receive bids for road materials and fuels. 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.

Neeb Subdivision 90-day Extension Request

MOTION

Brian Reeser made a motion to grant a 90-day extension of time for the Neeb Subdivision.

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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.

Felten (Need a motion to reapprove plans, planners and supervisors' approval dates are prior to the County Planning date)

MOTION

Dave Pollock made a motion to ratify the approval date for the Felten Subdivision being March 10, 2021. 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.

Sage Meadows

Contact Mr. Strauss, First Northern Bank.

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Carbon County COG

MOTION

Dave Pollock made a motion to send a letter to the Carbon County Council of Governments advising we are no longer in a position to store the zipper or the street sweeper in our garage. 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.

Resolution 2021-#19 Authorization for Approving Operational Support Activities for Participating Members of Fire Company

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-#19 Authorization for Approving Operational Support Activities for Participating Members of Fire Company. 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.

Contact H. A. Thomson for a quote for auxiliary members.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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).

MOTION

Bruce Steigerwalt made a motion to reject the Sierra Vista Phase 1A Plan for conditions stated in LTL letter of October 20, 2020 unless the township receives an extension letter. 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.

Sierra Vista Pre-Security Agreement

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Diaz Building

Thomas Nanovic shared that we had an executive session prior to the start of the meeting for purpose of real estate discussion.

Sunny Hill Farms

Have not received anything from Mr. Bjorkman. Table

Blocker Enterprises Agreement Regarding Sewage Discharge into the Franklin Township Sewer System

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Well Distance Exemption, Gary Smith 1382 Packerton Dam Road

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Air B&B Ordinance (Planners recommend Board of Supervisors look to adopt such an ordinance)

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DROP Proposed Ordinance

Bargaining Committee of Myron and Brian to arrange to meet with the police department.

American Tower (amendment to the lease)

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**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Myron Blahy made a motion to accept and place on file the correspondence dated March 10, 2021. 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.

\*\*\*LUKE GRAVER, CONSERVATION DISTRICT TECHNICIAN, CARBON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

RE: FREYMAN HOME PROJECT ADEQUACY REVIEW, BEAVER ST., LEHIGHTON

\*\*\*LUKE GRAVER, CONSERVATION DISTRICT TECHNICIAN, CARBON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

RE: NEEB HOME PROJECT ADEQUACY REVIEW, ORIOLES DRIVE., LEHIGHTON

\*\*\*LUKE GRAVER, CONSERVATION DISTRICT TECHNICIAN, CARBON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

RE: SIERRA VISTA ESTATES TIMBER HARVEST PROJECT ADEQUACY REVIEW, FLAGSTAFF RD., MAHONING TOWNSHIP

\*\*\*CARL FAUST, MAHONING TOWNSHIP ZONING OFFICER

RE: VIOLATION NOTICE OF JUNK AND UNLICENSED VEHICLE AT 437 CHAPEL DRIVE, LEHIGHTON

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RE: ENFORCEMENT NOTICE FOR PERMITTED USE, PROPERTY LOCATION 291  
BREEZEWOOD RD., LEHIGHTON

\*\*\*YASSMIN GRAMIAN, SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, PA DEPT OF  
TRANSPORTATION

RE: NOTICE OF PAYMENT LIQUID FUELS

\*\*\*KAMLESH A ASHAR, PE, DISTRICT BRIDGE ENGINEER, PA DEPT OF  
TRANSPORTATION

RE: ANNUAL BRIDGE SAFETY INSPECTION MEMO

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Road Committee:

Scarpatti put in another driveway off Dieters Road to get into his solar field. Send him a letter.

Need a rear tire for the New Holland at a cost of \$900.00

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to purchase tire for the New Holland at a cost of \$900.00. 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.

Larry McCullion replace light on top of the police stairs and repaired ceiling fan in garage.

Victor Leidy wants to purchase delineators, advised no. 209 and Oak need to find out what is our responsibility.

Police Committee:

Myron shared that there is police presence on Ashtown Drive and hopes it slow speeders down.

The Ford Explorer is in the shop for the catalytic converter.

**OFFICIALS:**

Bruce Steigerwalt: Shared road crew did a fantastic job this winter. Send Ron Wenrich and Chris Moses a commendation letter.

Robert Slaw: Directed to David that he has nothing against the fire co.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION

David Pollock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11PM. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Bruce Steigerwalt, yes; Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; David Pollock, yes and Brian Reeser.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalie D. Haggerty  
Secretary-Treasurer

March10,2021minutes