

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

MINUTES

December 14, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRESENT:

Myron Blahy, Vice-Chairman; Brian Reeser, Supervisor; Ronald Reeser, Supervisor; Deborah McGowan, Supervisor; Thomas Nanovic, Solicitor and Natalie D. Haggerty, Secretary-Treasurer.

ABSENT:

Robert Slaw, Chairman

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Robert Miller: Mahoning Valley Ambulance- We have \$18,000 in the bank and are running out of money. Present for suggestions. Our payrolls are \$9000.00 a week for our paid EMT.

Jake Arner: Sierra Vista. Introduce Joe Kresge Berks Homes, they will be partnering together.

Sierra Vista Phase 1A

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to grant extension to June 30, 2023 to complete improvements Sierra Vista Phase 1A. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 9, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes Ronald Reeser, yes; and Deborah McGowan, yes. 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS:

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to approve the following transfers:

\$14,717.18 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 11/10/22

\$14,843.82 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 11/17/22

\$13,785.12 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 11/23/22

\$14,113.11 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 12/1/22

\$14,552.46 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 12/8/22

\$537.97 Residential Street Light to General Checking

\$595.20 Residential Fire Hydrant to General Checking

Seconded by Brian Reeser. Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes. 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT:

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2022. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes. 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLLS:

MOTION

Deborah McGowan made a motion to approve the following bills and payrolls:

Bill List #500 in the amount of \$181,126.25

General Check's #24050-#24096

State Check #1791

Building and Land Check's #1063-#1064

Road Machinery Check #1063

Subdivision Land Development Check's #1340-#1355

Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes. 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

REPORTS

MOTION

Deborah McGowan made a motion to accept and place on file the following reports:

Mahoning Township Road Department Reports November 13, 2022-December 3, 2022

Mahoning Township Equipment and Fuel Log November 2022

Mahoning Township Municipal Authority minutes for October 19, 2022

Seconded by Myron Blahy. Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Adoption of the 2023 Budget-Resolution 2022-#24

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-#24 of the Township of Mahoning appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the municipal government, set forth during the year 2023. The total revenues for the fiscal year 2023 be in the amount of \$3,406,746.00 and the total expenditures for the fiscal year 2023 be in the amount of \$3,406,746.00. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Adoption of the 2023 Tax Levy-Resolution 2022-#25

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-#25: "A Resolution of the Township of Mahoning, fixing the tax rate for year 2023. Tax rate for General Purposes, the sum of 6 mills, For Fire Protection Purposes, the sum of .5 mills, For Road Machinery Purposes, the sum of .5 mills, For Building and Land Purposes, the sum of .75 mills. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Handicap Parking Request Mary Ellen Kelly 136 Jamestown Street

MOTION

Deborah McGowan made a motion to approve the handicap parking request of Mary Ellen Kelly. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

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Alex Hawk, Road Department hire full time January 1, 2023 (80% first six months Jan 1, 2023-June 30, 2023 \$20.30/hr. after six months 90% 22.84 100% 1/1/24 \$25.88

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to hire Alex Hawk as a full-time road department worker effective January 1, 2023. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Starbucks-Carbon Plaza (Revision date November 11, 2022: LTL letter dated December 9, 2022) Planning Commission recommended Starbucks-Carbon Plaza conditional preliminary plan approval.

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to grant conditional preliminary plan approval to Starbucks-Carbon Plaza. Seconded by Brian Reeser. Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Street Light Ashtown Drive and Route 443

Provide a list of residents that would be taxed. TABLE

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). **RECEIVED EXTENSION LETTER TO June 30, 2023 (MOTION GRANTED EARLIER ON AGENDA)**

CORRESPONDENCE:

MOTION

Deborah McGowan made a motion to accept and place on file the correspondence dated December 14, 2022 Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes. 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

***HANDICAP PARKING SPOT REQUEST / APPLICATION, TOWNSHIP RESIDENT, MARY ELLEN KELLY

***APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT FOR ROAD DEPARTMENT, LOGAN GRAVER

***AWESOME VIEW PROPERTIES, INC., JAKE ARNER, PRESIDENT

RE: EXTENTION LETTER REQUEST TO JUNE 30, 2023, SIERRA VISTA ESTATES PHASE 1A FINAL PLAN

***CARBON CONSERVATION DISTRICT, BRIANA FULMER, DISTRICT TECHNICIAN

RE: ADEQUACY REVIEW FOR CARBON PLAZA STARBUCKS PROJECT

***CARBON CONSERVATION DISTRICT, BRIANA FULMER, DISTRICT TECHNICIAN

RE: SECARA HOME PROJECT ADEQUACY REVIEW

***CARBON CONSERVATION DISTRICT, BRIANA FULMER, DISTRICT TECHNICIAN

RE: SRE & NEW HANGAR ADDITION ADEQUACY REVIEW FOR CC AIRPORT AUTHORITY

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***COSTARS CONNECTION, NEWSLETTER, AUTUMN 2022

***HOLLY HEINTZELMAN, ATTORNEY AT LAW

RE: RE-APPOINTMENT REQUEST FOR KIRSTIN SIMMONS, MAHONING TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

***LEHIGHTON AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INC. KEITH HECKMAN, ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

RE: DONATION REQUEST

***LTL CONSULTANTS, LTD., PETER EISENBROWNE, PE

RE: CARBON PLAZA STARBUCKS, PRELIMINARY LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN, 2ND LTL PLAN REVIEW

*** ACELA ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS, PC, DANIEL WITCZAK, PE

RE: ENGINEER / CONSULTANT SERVICES

****PA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, QTRLY REVIEW

***PA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, TWEOLDEMEDHIM D. RUSTU, SEWAGE PLANNING SUPERVISOR, CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

RE: APPROVAL LETTER – EXCEPTION – KELLY ANN FOLLWEILER SUBDIVISION

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS S NANOVIC

RE: OAK GROVE / TWIN HILL DRIVE ZONING ORDINANCE CONCERNS / REVIEW

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS S NANOVIC

RE: REMMEY THE PALLET CO, MILL RD, ZONING/NUISSANCE COMPLAINT

***RESIDENT REQUEST (WALLACE PUTKOWSKI) TO CONSIDER BLIGHT PROPERTY ON 209

Mr. Putkowski was present, and he wants the township to find money for blighted properties. Share with Zoning Officer first, to see if the property owner will take care of.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE COMMITTEE:

Walmart donating \$3,500 to police department for computer in the new truck. Truck is being outfitted for lights and markings.

ROAD COMMITTEE:

Looking to purchase Buffalo Turbine Blower \$8,095.00. TABLE add to next agenda.

OFFICIALS:

Deborah McGowan questioned who controls the loops on the Graverville Light? The light will be replaced within the scope of PennDOT improvements. Questioned the manhole covers on Center Road. Timothy Eckhart is aware.

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ADJOURNMENT:

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Deborah McGowan made a motion to adjourn the meeting 6:56PM. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalie D. Haggerty
Secretary-Treasurer