

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

MINUTES

July 13, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRESENT:

Robert Slaw, Chairman; Brian Reeser, Supervisor; Ronald Reeser, Supervisor; Deborah McGowan, Supervisor; Thomas Nanovic, Solicitor and Barbara Kester, Clerk.

ABSENT:

Natalie Haggerty - Secretary-Treasurer.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 08, 2022, Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by Robert Slaw. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS:

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the following transfers:

\$16,538.31 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 6/09/22

\$29,476.31 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 6/16/22

\$15,779.06 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 6/23/22

\$16,272.49 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 6/30/22

\$17,227.90 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 7/07/22

\$537.97 Residential Street Light to General Checking

\$595.20 Residential Fire Hydrant to General Checking

Seconded by Robert Slaw. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes and Ronald Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT:

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for June 2022. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLLS:

MOTION

Ron Reeser made a motion to approve the following bills and payrolls:

Bill List #495 in the amount of \$201,512.26

General Check's #23852-#23890

State Check's #1770-#1776

Building and Land Check #1051-#1053

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Subdivision Land Development Check's #1288-#1296

LVH Check #133-#134

Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes and Ronald 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 Road Department Reports May 29, 2022-July 02, 2022

Mahoning Township Equipment and Fuel Log June 2022

Mahoning Township Financial Statements December 31, 2021

Mahoning Township SEO Report May 03, 2022 – July 06, 2022

Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes and Ronald Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

LVH Letter of Credit Release – Table – Waiting for road work to be completed and receipt of work completed.

Emergency Operations Plan 2022 – Table Waiting on promulgation page.

Chris Gerber

Hiring of legal assistance as needed.

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to hire Chris Gerber for additional legal assistance as needed. Deborah McGowan voiced concerned with the financial impact of hiring Gerber and questioned the need as we have current counsel. The Board feels his expertise in matters needed to be discussed will be beneficial. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, no. 4-1 vote. Motion carried.

Mahoning Valley Volunteer Fire Co. No 1.

Road closure acknowledgment between Mill Road and Springhouse Road.

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to acknowledge, by letter, the annual Celebration of Community event that will result in a road closure to all traffic between Mill Road and Springhouse Road on September 17, 2022, from 8am to 8pm. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes. 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Robert Moyer, letter of interest to join Planning Commission.

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to appoint Robert Moyer to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Tom will swear Robert in at the next planning meeting on Wed, July 20, 2022. Personnel information was collected after the meeting. Code of Township book must be given to Robert. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes, Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes. 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Air B&B Ordinance (tabled during workshop discussion)

This ordinance is tied into the zoning ordinance which has been approved but not adopted. Tom suggests we schedule a public workshop after he finishes reviewing the zoning ordinance so he can go over the ordinance and summarize it with all parties. Natalie will reach out to Pete and will set up a meeting with all parties to work on finalizing the ordinance. This will be a public workshop and Jake Arner is asking that we notify him of meeting time and place.

Fireworks Ordinance (tabled during workshop discussion)

Ordinance was tentatively ready to go but before it could be adopted Governor Wolf repealed the fireworks law on July 11, 2022. Tom would like to review the new laws to be sure they do not have an affect on our proposed ordinance.

Sierra Vista

Acceptance of extension request.

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to accept extension until December 31,2022. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes and Ronald Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Sierra Vista Pre-Security Agreement

Item to be removed from Agenda until Jake Arner instructs us to put back on.

CORRESPONDENCE:

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to accept and place on file the correspondence dated July 13, 2022. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

***CARBON CONSERVATION DISTRICT, CHRIS STORM, CONSERVATION DISTRICT MANAGER

RE: HAYDT HOME ADEQUACY REVIEW, ORIOLES DRIVE

***CARBON CONSERVATION DISTRICT, CHRIS STORM, CONSERVATION DISTRICT MANAGER

RE: SCHWALM FIELD RESTORATION PROJECT ADEQUACY REVIEW, BREEZEWOOD RD.

***CARBON CONSERVATION DISTRICT, CHRIS STORM, CONSERVATION DISTRICT MANAGER

RE: NWC, INC. HOME PROJECT ADEQUACY REVIEW, LOT 220, TELIHA AVE, UKRAINIAN HOMESTEAD

***CARBON CONSERVATION DISTRICT, CHRIS STORM, CONSERVATION DISTRICT MANAGER

RE: GENERAL NPDES PERMIT MINOR MODIFICATION AUTHORIZATION LETTER, LVH PROJECT – CARBON SOIL STOCKPILE REVISIONS

***CARBON CONSERVATION DISTRICT, CHRIS STORM, CONSERVATION DISTRICT MANAGER

RE: MICHENER HOME ADEQUACY REVIEW, ASHTOWN DRIVE

***RESIDENT CONCERN, CARNATION LANE, GARBAGE FENCE

***ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE CORP (QUOTE #1)

ESTIMATE TO INSTALL 60' X 36" PIPE, CULVERT REPLACEMENT, JAMESTOWN RD

***LTAP

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RE: NOTIFICATION TO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE 2023 STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD 6/15-6/30/22

*** MAHONING TOWNSHIP / THOMAS NANOVIC / RONALD CORKERY

RE: CORRESPONDENCE DISCUSSING THE RACETRACK SOUND MEASUREMENTS ALONG WITH THE REVISED OUTLINE SUGGESTIONS FOR THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

*** MAHONING TOWNSHIP, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RE: WAIVERS GRANTED FOR THE TARONE E BLOCKER PRELIMINARY FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN SECTION 99-10. G, H AND I; 99-17 STREET DESIGNS AND STANDARDS (CONDITIONS), SECTION 99-10.A(2); SECTION 99-10.F

*** PA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

RE: SURVEY INVITES PUBLIC FEEDBACK ON COMPONENTS OF PROPOSED STATE PLAN FOR NATIONAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE FORMULA PROGRAM.

*** RESIDENT REQUEST FOR FIREWORK ORDINANCE TO BE IMPLEMENTED

*** SILBERLINE, MARY KATE THOMAS, HEALTH, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER

RE: ANNUAL DOWNSTREAM NOTIFICATION OF SILBERLINE MFG CO., TAMAQUA FACILITY

*** SILBERLINE, MARY KATE THOMAS, HEALTH, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL MANGER

RE: ANNUAL DOWNSTREAM NOTIFICATION OF SILBERLINE MFG., TIDEWOOD FACILITY

*** MAHONING VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE CO, JAY MICHALIK ASST CHIEF

RE: NOTIFICATION THAT MILL ROAD AND SPRINGHOUSE ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FOR CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY EVENT SEPT 17.

*** PA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, THE LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM VENDOR UNIT

RE: VENDOR PARTICIPATION REQUEST

*** CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WAYNE NOTHSTEIN, CC COMMISSIONER

RE: INVITATION TO ATTEND DEDICATION OF POLICE TRAINING BUILDING AND FIRE TRAINING TOWER ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

*** CARBON COUNTY EMERGENCY TRAINING FACILITY

RE: PROGRAM BOOKLET SOLICITATION REQUEST TO SUPPORT THE EMERGENCY TRAINING FACILITY DEDICATION

MOTION – RON REESER MADE A MOTION TO DO A HALF PAGE ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE DEDICATION PROGRAM AT A COST OF \$100.00. SECONDED BY MYRON BLAHY. ROBERT SLAW, YES; MYRON BLAHY, YES; BRIAN REESER, YES; RONALD REESER, YES; DEBORAH MCGOWAN, YES. 5-0 VOTE. MOTION CARRIED. NATALIE TO DESIGN AD FOR BOOKLET

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE COMMITTEE: NOTHING

Still waiting on truck delivery, no date available

ROAD COMMITTEE:

Jamestown Drive sink hole. The road remains closed. Nevin Frey received two (of three) quotes requested to repair sink hole. Three quotes were requested one did not come in, in time of the meeting. Both contractors for which we did receive quotes from stated work will be completed before the start of the school year.

MOTION

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Myron Blahy made a motion to hire Hartman Contracting to perform the work to repair the sink hold. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes and Ronald Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

OFFICIALS:

Deborah McGowan:

Racetrack. Discussion of racetrack sound measurements resulting in an agreement amongst Board is that they will accept 70decibels at boundary line, the state law is 75. Tom will reach out to the Racetrack and confirm they agree with this, and it will then be approved at the next meeting.

Deborah McGowan:

Abandoned Structure.

Deb is requesting we submit an official form to Paul Jarrett stating concerns of abandoned building at 115 Mauch Chunk Street, Lehighton, she is requesting the site be inspected. It was brought to Deb's attention that this structure is empty but there are people going in and out. Resident stated attempts have been made to a non-emergency phone number to express concern.

Deborah McGowan:

Junk Cars

concerns of junk cars near Church Alley, where we made a one way. If the vehicles are not registered or inspected, they may fall under the nuisance ordinance, and we can then do something about it. Deborah would like us to investigate this and is going to talk with the police to see if they license plates could be run to determine if the cars are registered.

Ron Reeser

Diaz Building – Mapping the plumbing under the concrete of the bottom floor.

Ron and Craig spent most of the day with Barbosa Sewer and Drain, Inc. at the Diaz building. Very informative. They were able to spray on the concrete floor to identify much of the mapping found. Mapped what bathrooms go to what septic system (there are two septic systems) and what ties into what main and where they are. Barbosa has been maintaining this building for 20+ years. States if there is one thing he would suggest, it is to replace the old cast iron line that runs under Clinic Rd over to the cesspool under the stone parking lot. He said he would have to come to the building monthly to open that line. Also – the Pump that pumps it to the rear was put in so high and so deep, he'd suggest we buy another 500gal tank and move it down. Pump is good and was replaced about 7 years ago and is basically brand new. Barbosa scoped the system with Scott Beiber there and confirmed the Septic system is good and working properly. Again, the only flaw he sees is the line that carries from the existing tank over to the cesspool under Clinic Rd. Natalie is going to call the architect and Ron and Craig will meet with him at the Diaz building to go over everything.

Pilot study with brush truck kept here on property is working out well and they are asking if the brush truck can stay here. Feels the response time has been better and they are getting to scenes quicker. Ron made the suggestion that depending on what we were doing with this facility once we move to the Diaz building to consider allowing the Fire Company to use it as a permanent

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place to keep trucks and be substation to the fire company. Mark Ebbert agrees and also stated they would like the opportunity to be considered to either use the existing structure or to potentially erect a garage, if the existing building is not available.

Robert Slaw

Mahoning Drive In full weekend horror movie event advertised, wondering where we stand with the drive in. Argument was before Judge Matika three weeks ago, still waiting on decision. Drive In received a temporary PA Liquor Control Board License.

Architect update estimated completion date of Diaz building is Fall of 2023, at best.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting 7PM. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Brian Reeser, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; and Deborah McGowan, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M Kester
Clerk