

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

MINUTES

January 11, 2023

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

ABSENT:

Brian Reeser, Supervisor; Deborah McGowan, Supervisor

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sandra Palinchak, Zoning Hearing Board – would like to know the status of new zoning regulations. Per Robert Slaw he feels we are close to finalizing; less than 6 months. Per Natalie we adopted a draft zoning and subdivision land development ordinance for purpose of the Map Grant deadline. Mahoning Township will schedule a review before finalizing, Natalie will organize the meeting. Sandra's concern is a possible 2022 case (Movie Theater) arising in 2023; would we use the 2022 zoning ordinance; - it was determined that yes, we would use 2022 rules and regulations. Natalie will supply Sandra a copy of the preliminary ordinance and will invite her to all upcoming discussions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

TABLED

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS:

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the following transfers:

\$15,254.92 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 1/05/23

\$537.97 Residential Street Light to General Checking

\$595.20 Residential Fire Hydrant to General Checking

Seconded by Ron Reeser. Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Robert Slaw, yes. 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT:

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for December 2022. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Robert Slaw, yes. 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLLS:

MOTION

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

Bill List #502 in the amount of \$115,098.24

General Check's #24117-#24144

State Check #1793-#1795

Subdivision Land Development Check's #1356-#1360

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Road Machinery Check #1064

Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Robert Slaw, yes. 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

REPORTS

MOTION

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

Mahoning Township Road Department Reports December 11, 2022-December 24, 2022

Mahoning Township Equipment and Fuel Log December 2022

Mahoning Township Auditors Meeting minutes for January 04, 2023

Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Robert Slaw, yes 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Streetlight Route 443 and Ashtown Drive – Per Robert Slaw, the planning commission received two sketch plans for possible development across the street; that may take care of the concern of darkness. Tabled for future discussion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adoption of the 2023-1 Fee Schedule - Building Permits

Natalie met with LTL and went through the processes and reviewed our schedules. Fees for commercial had a minor increase.

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-#1 A Resolution of the Township of Mahoning to accept fee schedules for building permits for year 2023. Seconded by Myron Blahy.

Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Robert Slaw, yes 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

Adoption of the 2023-5 Fee Schedule – Zoning Permits

Minor increase from 2022, zoning applications will continue to be handled internally. Process and fees will be reviewed in six months.

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-#5: A Resolution of the Township of Mahoning, setting fee schedules for zoning permits for year 2023. Seconded by Ronald Reeser.

Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Robert Slaw, yes 3-0 vote. Motion carried

Appoint member to the Zoning Board

Letter of interest submitted by Ronald Wenrich. This position would replace Charles Polluck who is not being re-appointed because he holds an elected position as constable and cannot hold two elected or appointed positions.

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to appoint Ronald Wenrich for a three-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; and Robert Slaw, yes, 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

Natalie will inform Ronald Wenrich of his appointment and make him aware he needs to be sworn in.

Appoint member to the Planning Commission

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Ron Reeser made a motion to re-appoint Robert Slaw to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Ronald Reeser, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; and Robert Slaw, yes. 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

Add to the agenda a discussion, at the next board of supervisors meeting, to possibly pay the zoning hearing and planning commission members.

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

Ronald Reeser made a motion to accept and place on file the correspondence dated January 11, 2023. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Robert Slaw, yes. 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

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

RE: HOME PROJECT ADEQUACY REVIEW, MAPLE DRIVE, MEADOW CREST PARK, LOT 61

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RE: HOME PROJECT ADEQUACY REVIEW, MAPLE DRIVE, MEADOW CREST PARK, LOT 62

***CARBON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, IVAN MEIXELL, PLANNER

RE: MINOR SUBDIVISION – TODD & LISA BANNING – CORRECTED COMMENTS

***CARBON ENGINEERING, R MICHAEL TIRPAK, PRESIDENT

RE: MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING SERVICES PROPOSAL

***LEHIGH SOILS AND WETLANDS, SCOTT BIEBER, SEO

RE: RECOMMENDATION FOR IAN FARRELL FOR ALTERNATE SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR 2023

***LEHIGHTON AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INC. KEITH HECKMAN, ADMINISTRATOR

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT TO TOWNSHIP REGARDING MAHONING VALLEY AMBULANCE WILL PROVIDE EMERGENCY SERVICES TO OUR TOWNSHIP AT NO COST – WILL BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE

***LTL CONSULTANTS, LTD. PAUL LABE, CODE DEPARTMENT MANAGER

RE: SOLICITATION FOR ALTERNATES FOR SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS S NANOVIC

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RE: MAHONING VALLEY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION FUNDS DISCUSSION

***PSATS – PUBLIC OFFICIALS DAY AT THE PA FARM SHOW INVITATION

***PSATS – NOMINATION INFORMATION FOR AWARD PROGRAMS

***PSATS – SHOW ME THE MONEY

***PA DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, TEWOLDEMEDHIN D RUSTU, SEWAGE PLANNING
SUPERVISOR, CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

RE: APPROVAL LETTER, EXEMPTION – ACT 537 PLANNING, YENSER’S TREE FARM

***RONALD L WENRICH, LETTER OF INTEREST FOR THE POSITION OF MAHONING TOWNSHIP ZONING
HEARING BOARD MEMBER

***APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT, PART TIME SNOW REMOVAL. ANDREW J WENRICH

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.

Received a large grant for body cams, etc. A press release will be out soon.

ROAD COMMITTEE:

Steps are needed for the pickup truck, purchase will be made soon.

OFFICIALS:

Robert Slaw, being on the Planning Commission would be very helpful with the 7 year review. The review is happening in 2023 and Robert will join the Ag Security 7 year review. With joining Ag Security, Robert will step down from the Lehigh Canal Commission and recommended Deborah McGowan to join that commission in his place.

Natalie forwarded email to the Supervisors from Jeff Bean, Architect from Watkins. Robert Slaw suggested we have Tom review the email but also make Watkins prepared that although we are reviewing, our intent, without finding any issues during the review, we would like to put this out to bid in February. We give tentative approval, as long as Tom does not find anything to be concerned about.

Mark Ebbert requested to utilize the storage area in the Road Department to store the brush truck for 2023. 2022 pilot study was very successful. Approval was granted.

Robert Slaw announced there will be an executive session at the conclusion of the meeting, will not be returning for further business.

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ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to adjourn the meeting 6:35PM. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; and Robert Slaw, yes 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Prepared from recording