

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

MINUTES

June 14, 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; Deborah McGowan, Supervisor, Thomas Nanovic, Solicitor and Natalie D. Haggerty, Secretary-Treasurer.

ABSENT:

Brian Reeser, Supervisor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Barry Troutman presented two letters (Hartman, Remmey Pallet) requesting better police patrol Mill Road (State Road) concerning speed. Reached out to State Police and they direct the residents to Mahoning Township Police Department

Georgia Young, Meadow Crest. Water run off issues at property. New pavement and curbing work may contribute to the new water issues. Asking that properties to be looked at and determine why/ how the water is detoured. They have always had water but never this extreme. The Township was to the development on Wed June 14 to observe.

Lauren Hartright – storm drains clogged by Mr. Botek on Brooke Drive and drains up top. They cannot unblock the drains until the legal issues are resolved. Hartright was told by the township that once the paving is finished the township will go through and clean all the drains out, this has not been done. Requesting storm drains cleaned and opened. Presented videos showing water flow.

Ron stated that there never has been enough draining in that development. Natalie is going to reach out to Pete at LTL to visit the site and offer options, if any available.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 10, 2023, Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; and Deborah McGowan, yes. 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 17, 2023, Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, 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:

- \$19,893.71 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 5/11/23
- \$15,189.12 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 5/18/23
- \$15,075.01 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 5/25/23
- \$16,511.18 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 6/01/23
- \$14,881.96 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 6/08/23
- \$537.97 Residential Street Light to General Checking

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\$595.20 Residential Fire Hydrant to General Checking

Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, 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 May 2023. Seconded by Robert Slaw. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes. 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLLS:

MOTION

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

Bill List #507 in the amount of \$211,118.46

General Check's #24315-#24351

State Check's #1803-#1805

Building and Land Check #1073

Subdivision Land Development Check's #1388-#1399

LVH Check #143

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

REPORTS

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to accept and place file the following reports:

Mahoning Township Road Department Reports May 08, 2023-June 03, 2023

Mahoning Township Equipment and Fuel Log May 2023

Mahoning Township Municipal Authority minutes for March 15, 2023 and April 19, 2023

Mahoning Township Sewage Enforcement Officer Report 5/1/23-5/31/23

Mahoning Township Ambulance Association 2022 Financial Report Income and Expenses

LTL Building Inspector and Zoning Officer Report May 02, 2023 – May 24, 2023

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Brian Reeser, Letter of Resignation, Township Supervisor

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to accept Brian Reeser's letter of resignation as Township Supervisor. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; and Deborah McGowan, yes. 4-0 vote. Motion carried

Resolution 2023-#19 Adding Land to Agricultural Security Area and Readopting the Agricultural Security Areas with Additional Land.

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-#19. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; and Deborah McGowan, yes. 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

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CDBG Authorization to proceed with Technical Specs

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion for authorization to proceed with Technical Specs. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; and Deborah McGowan, yes. 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Directional Signs LVCC

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to approve the additional two parking lot directional signs to improve patients parking near the appropriate entrances at LVCC. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; and Deborah McGowan, yes. 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

SALDO and Zoning Ordinance

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to send SALDO and Zoning Ordinance to Carbon County Planning Commission and Mahoning Township Planning Commission. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Behavioral Health Land Development

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to grant waivers for items 1, 2 and 3 as listed. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

1. PC recommend granting waiver from Section 99-10.F(1), F(7)(a) and F(7)(c) Stormwater Management.
2. PC recommend granting waiver to SALDO Section 99-27.B(1)(q) Final Plan scale of less than one inch equals 100 feet. An E&S control plan or note lieu thereof as provided in Sec 99-10.F.(7)
3. PC recommend granting waiver to SALDO 99-6.A. submit combined preliminary and final plan
4. Request of Conditional Use in the R-1 and R-2 districts-Schedule Hearing

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to schedule and advertise conditional use hearing for July 12, 2023 5:30PM. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Jonathan Schneider, Letter of Resignation, Planning Commission

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to accept Jonathan Schneider letter of resignation. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

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Yenser Tree Farm

Extension of Time Request to December 31, 2023 (Yenser Tree Farm)

MOTION

Deborah McGowan made a motion to grant extension for the Yenser Tree Farm Land Development Plan to December 31, 2023. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Yenser Tree Farm Waiver Requests:

SALDO Section 99-6 Preliminary and final plans are required.

SALDO Section 99-10.F Stormwater runoff plan

SALDO Section 99-27.B (1)r Grading plan

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to grant waiver requests as listed. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Ralph Herbst 1820 Mahoning Drive East exemption from real property taxes approved by Pennsylvania State Veterans Commission.

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 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023)**

Broney's Hotel Designated Historic

TABLE

CORRESPONDENCE:

MOTION

Deborah McGowan made a motion to accept and place on file the correspondence dated June 14, 2023. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes. 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

***BOROUGH OF LEHIGHTON, CLARK RITTER, MAYOR

RE: FIRE POLICE ASSISTANCE FOR JULY 4TH FIREWORK EVENT

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion approve fire police assistance for Lehighon July 4th firework event. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

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

RE: ADEQUACY REVIEW, YENSER POLE BUILDING, MAHONING DRIVE EAST

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***CARBON CONSERVATION DISTRICT, BRIANA FULMER, DISTRICT TECHNICIAN
RE: ADEQUACY REVIEW, GOLDY HOME PROJECT, MAHONING DRIVE WEST
***CARBON CONSERVATION DISTRICT, BRIANA FULMER, DISTRICT TECHNICIAN
RE: ADMINISTRATIVE INCOMPLETENESS LETTER, LEHIGHTON DOLLAR GENERAL FOR NPDES GENERAL PERMIT
**CARBON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, IVAN O MEIXELL, JR. PLANNER
RE: LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW, LEHIGHTON DOLLAR GENERAL
****CARBON ENGINEERING, JOSEPH ZUCOFSKI, P.E.
RE: CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS
***LTL CONSULTANTS, LTD. STEPHEN WANNER, ZONING OFFICER
RE: DENIAL LETTER, SOLAR FARM PERMIT APPLICATION, ASHTOWN DRIVE (MELO)
***LTL CONSULTANTS, LTD. STEPHEN WANNER, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
RE: VIOLATION LETTER, FREDERICKS GROVE ROAD, UNPERMITTED HOME-BASED BUSINESS
***LTL CONSULTANTS, LTD. PETER EISENBROWN, P.E., TOWNSHIP ENGINEER
RE: PRELIMINARY/FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN, 1ST LTL PLAN REVIEW, DOLLAR GENERAL
***LTL CONSULTANTS, LTD. PETER EISENBROWN, P.E., TOWNSHIP ENGINEER
RE: MINOR SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAN, 1ST LTL PLAN REVIEW, ZELLNER
***LTL CONSULTANTS, LTD. PETER EISENBROWN, P.E., TOWNSHIP ENGINEER
RE: LAND DEVELOPMENT PRELIMINARY FINAL PLAN, 1ST LTL PLAN REVIEW, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
***LTL CONSULTANTS, LTD. MICHAEL R SCHWENT, TOWNSHIP BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL
RE: PERMIT REVIEW, MAHONING DRIVE EAST (WENTZ)
***LTL CONSULTANTS, LTD. PETER EISENBROWN, P.E., TOWNSHIP ENGINEER
RE: CARBON PLAZA STARBUCKS, LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN
***NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS S NANOVIC
RE: DRAFT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, STARBUCKS
***JONATHAN SCHNEIDER, LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM PLANNING COMMISSION
***PA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, ROBERT JEVIN, ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP MANAGER
RE: DRAFT INDIVIDUAL NPDES PERMIT FOR DISCHARGES OF STORMWATER
***UNITED VETERANS ORGANIZATION, THANK YOU LETTER FOR DONATION
***LTL CONSULTANTS, LTD. STEPHEN WANNER
RE: BUILDING-ZONING DENIAL LETTER 171 WESTSIDE ROAD
***SIBERLINE, MARY KATE THOMAS, HEALTH SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER
RE: DOWNSTREAM NOTIFICATION SIBERLINE MFG TIDEWOOD & TAMAQUA FACILITY
***LTL CONSULTANTS, LTD. STEPHEN WANNER
RE: BUILDING-ZONING PERMIT DENIAL LETTER 226 VELVET LANE DENIAL LETTER
***LTL CONSULTANTS, LTD. STEPHEN WANNER
RE: BUILDING-ZONING PERMIT DENIAL 2466 MAHONING DRIVE EAST
***LTL CONSULTANTS, LTD. PETER EISENBROWN, PE
RE: YENSERS TREE FARM RELATIVE TO WAIVER REQUEST

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE COMMITTEE:

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Myron Blahy to ask Audie to investigate the price of speed indicators to help deter speeding in areas of the Township.

ROAD COMMITTEE:

A small portion of millings were received from work at the LV Hospital

OFFICIALS:

Brief executive session at conclusion of meeting for personnel.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15PM. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalie D. Haggerty
Secretary-Treasurer