

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

MINUTES

May 10, 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:**

Paul Waddell, Mahoning Valley Ambulance: appointed recently as Director of Financial Operations and present to answer any questions regarding the ambulance company's financial situation. Presented a Letter of Support that they are asking the Board of Supervisors to sign to make a grant application with Goodyear. The grant is for a conversion kit to be able to convert a rig into a 4x4. We now have more coverage, providing 24-7, 365 days a year, so we are seeing if we can be the primary BLS provider for Mahoning Township. He shared Mahoning Valley Ambulance is out of Weatherly completely.

Cindy Gasper 1020 5<sup>th</sup> Street Palmerton, PA: present to drop off the building plans and to follow up on the historical packet provided to see if the township would consider this as a designated historical building. Architect on behalf of the Broney's Hotel renovation project spoke, advising the plans that were submitted with the zoning submission were architectural floor plans of the building. It's a level one alteration with minimal structural. Tom Nanovic shared that to designate a building historic, you need to pass an ordinance, appoint a historic commission, they put parameters to review buildings in place to see which ones are worthy of being historic. It's a very active committee. If the Board of Supervisors is interested in pursuing, I will get information. They have made an application to the state, but we need to be seventy-five percent complete.

Jake Arner, Sierra Vista: On the agenda

Barry Troutman: 570 Mill Road. Present with complaint of speeding on Mill Road. Shared there are a lot of accidents. The speed limit is 45mph; but they are flying and passing illegally. I received permission for the police to sit at the asphalt company.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION**

Deborah McGowan made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 12, 2023, Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; and Deborah McGowan, yes. 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS:**

**MOTION**

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Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the following transfers:

\$15,344.35 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 4/13/23

\$14,911.99 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 4/20/23

\$14,943.82 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 4/27/23

\$14,653.77 General Checking to Payroll Checking pay date 5/04/23

\$537.97 Residential Street Light to General Checking

\$595.20 Residential Fire Hydrant to General Checking

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

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT:**

**MOTION**

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for April 2023. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes. 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLLS:**

**MOTION**

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

Bill List #506 in the amount of \$119,253.16

General Check's #24272-#24314

Building and Land Check #1071-#1072

Subdivision Land Development Check's #1381-#1387

Special Equipment Check #1010

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

**REPORTS**

**MOTION**

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

Mahoning Township Road Department Reports April 09, 2023-May 06, 2023

Mahoning Township Equipment and Fuel Log April 2023

Mahoning Township Sewage Enforcement Officer Report 1/1/23-4/30/23

LTL Building Inspector and Zoning Officer Report March 29, 2023 – April 20, 2023

Carbon County Tax Collection Committee Report February 15, 2023

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolution 2023-18

Resolution Authorizing Compensation of the Members of the Zoning Hearing Board

Establishing Rate at \$50.00 Per Meeting

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Myron Blahy made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-18. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-2 Amending Section 2 of Chapter 16 Section 16.2 Composition, Appointment and Compensation of the Code of Mahoning Township

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-2. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-3 Amending Section 2(A) Meeting Compensation of the Code of Mahoning Township

MOTION

Deborah McGowan made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-2. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Sierra Vista Estates Extension to December 31, 2023 (Phase 1A)

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to grant Sierra Vista Estates Extension to December 31, 2023. Seconded by Robert Slaw. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Mahoning Valley Ambulance Grant Request (Letter of Support)

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to sign the letter of support in efforts of grants for the Mahoning Valley Ambulance Association. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to amend agenda to include Mahoning Valley Ambulance primary BLS for Mahoning Township. Seconded by Robert Slaw. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Mahoning Valley Ambulance Primary BLS Provider for Mahoning Township

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to have Mahoning Valley Ambulance serve as Mahoning Township's primary BLS Provider. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Opioid Settlement National Database (letter from Nanovic Law Office)

Tom Nanovic received permission to send letter

**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

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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)**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to accept and place on file the correspondence dated May 10, 2023. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Deborah McGowan, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes. 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

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

RE: NOTICE OF VIOLATION, SOUTH SIDE ROUTE 443. FERBER CONSTRUCTION SITE ACCESS / SOIL TESTING PROJECT

\*\*\*CARBON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, IVAN O MEIXELL, JR. PLANNER

RE: YENSER'S TREE FARM, LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW. RECOMMENDATION: CONDITIONAL PLAN APPROVAL

\*\*\*CARBON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, IVAN O MEIXELL, JR. PLANNER

RE: MAHONING VALLEY ACADEMY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ASSOCIATES, LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW. RECOMMENDATION: CONDITIONAL PLAN APPROVAL

\*\*\*K.L. FULFORD ASSOCIATES, INC. KENNETH L FULFORD

RE: NOTIFICATION OF FILING OF PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR THE SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITY SERVING NIS HOLLOW PARK

\*\*\*LEHIGHTON AREA MEMORIAL LIBRARY 2023 DONATION REQUEST

\*\*\*LTL CONSULTANTS, LTD, STEPHEN WANNER, MT CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

RE: NOTIFICATION OF REQUIRED PERMITS FOR RESERVOIR HOUSE REPAIRS

\*\*\*NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS S NANOVIC

RE: MAHONING TOWNSHIP/OPIOID SETTLEMENT/NATION DATABASE. REQUESTING SUPERVISOR AUTHORIZATION TO FOLLOW UP.

\*\*\*PENNDOT LTAP TECHNICAL INFORMATIN SHEET, SPRING 2023

\*\*\*PENNDOT LTAP QUARTERLY REVIEW, SPRING 2023

\*\*\*[TOWERNOTIFYINFO@FCC.GOV](mailto:TOWERNOTIFYINFO@FCC.GOV) – NEW TOWER SUBMISSION PROPOSAL; NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY CO, PACKERTON ALONG RAILROAD

JAKE ARNER

RE: SIERRA VISTA PHASE 1A EXTESNION REQUEST DECEMBER 31, 2023

\*\*\*CHUNG HSIUNG LEE AND KUEI LING LAI LEE-

RE: CARBON PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER STARBUCKS AGREEMENT REGARDING TWENTY FOOT PLANTING STRIP

\*\*\*PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

RE: INSPECTION NOTIFICATION NATIONAL BRIDGE INSPECTION STANDARDS

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**POLICE COMMITTEE:**

Deborah McGowan requested a short executive session at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss police matters. Myron Blahy shared the police department received a \$1000 donation to

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use towards the purchase a rifle. We will use the difference from the ammunition budget. Two license plate readers have been installed.

**ROAD COMMITTEE:**

Wally Putkowski is selling (5) Western Plow Blades at a cost of \$108.74 each. New blades cost \$217.48. Does the Board of Supervisors wish to purchase.

**MOTION**

Myron Blahy made a motion to purchase (5) Western Plow Blades a total for all five at \$543.70. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Wally Putkowski is also selling (2) steel plates at a cost of \$100.00 each. The township would be able to utilize these instead of plywood on our roads in emergency situations. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

**OFFICIALS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION**

Robert Slaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18PM. 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