

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

MINUTES

April 9, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

Robert Slaw called the meeting to order at 6:00PM at the Mahoning Township Building 2175 Blakeslee Blvd Dr. West, Lehighton, PA 18235.

PRESENT:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Colin Rehrig 132 Ashtown Drive Lehighton: Addressed the Board with several concerns. Speeding on Ashtown Drive, litter on Mall Road and with regards to solar panels when the developer walks away who cleans it up.

Chairman Slaw suggests we send a letter to Lowes with regards to the litter on Mall Road. Advised there is a condition within the Solar Farm Decision regarding the clean up if abandoned.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 12, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, abstain; Deborah McGowan, abstain; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser and Ronald Wenrich, yes 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS:

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to approve the following transfers:

\$15,935.98 Payroll Checking to General Checking 3/13/25

\$16,285.46 Payroll Checking to General Checking 3/20/25

\$16,812.20 Payroll Checking to General Checking 3/27/25

\$16,838.63 Payroll Checking to General Checking 4/3/25

\$537.97 Residential Street Light to General Checking

\$595.20 Residential Fire Hydrant to General Checking

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

APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT:

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2025. Seconded by Ronald Wenrich. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Ronald Wenrich, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLLS:

MOTION

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

Bill List #531 in the amount of \$239,202.18

General Check's #25214-#25245

State Check #1875

Building and Land Check's #1110-#1111

Subdivision Land Development Check's #1599-#1602

Fire Co. Check # 1044

Road Machinery Check #1068

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

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

MOTION

Deborah McGowan made a motion to approve the following reports:

Mahoning Township Road Department Reports March 3, 2025-March 28, 2025

Mahoning Township Road Department Equipment and Fuel Log for March 2025

Mahoning Township Police Department Fuel Log for March 2025

Mahoning Township Municipal Authority Minutes January 15, 2025, February 19, 2025

Mahoning Township Zoning Hearing Board Minutes April 1, 2025

LTL Consultants Building Report March 2025

Mahoning Township SEO Report March 11, 2025-March 26, 2025

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2025-#1 Fritz Valley Road Reduction of Speed Limit 35mph to 25mph

Myron Blahy made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-#1 Fritz Valley Road Reduction of Speed Limit 35mph to 25mph. Seconded by Ronald Wenrich. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Wenrich, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Motion to Award Bids for Road Materials and Fuels

Ronald Reeser made a motion to award the bid to Lehigh Asphalt for road materials.

#1	800 ton	9.5 MM wearing course	FOB	\$70.75	\$ 56,600.00
#1-A	2100 ton	9.5MM wearing course	Delivered	\$78.75	\$165,275.00
#2	800 ton	25 MM base course	FOB	\$58.75	\$ 47,000.00
#2-A	800 ton	25 MM base course	Delivered	\$66.75	\$ 53,400.00
#3	500 ton	AASHTO No. 8	Delivered	\$31.50	\$ 15,750.00
#4	1500 ton	AS2, AS3, AS4	Delivered	\$23.65	\$ 35,475.00
#5	500 ton	2A	FOB	\$14.40	\$ 7,200.00
#5A	500 ton	2A	Delivered	\$20.90	\$ 10,450.00
#6	500 ton	#3	FOB	\$17.25	\$ 8,625.00
#6-A	500 ton	#3	Delivered	\$23.75	\$ 11,875.00
#7	500 ton	#1 stone	FOB	\$17.25	\$ 8,625.00
#7-A	500 ton	#1 stone	Delivered	\$23.75	\$ 11,875.00

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#8	500 ton	#57	Delivered	\$24.00	\$ 12,000.00
#9	100	R-4 Rip Rap	Delivered	\$31.50	\$ 3,150.00
#11	100	R-6 Rip Rap	Delivered	\$33.50	\$ 3,350.00
#12	200	Wash bituminous sand	Delivered	\$25.50	\$ 5,100.00

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

Ronald Reeser made a motion to award the bid for fuels to Suburban Propane.

5500 gals	lead free gasoline delivered to the township tank	\$2.5375	\$13,956.47
	(87 Octane)		
500 gals	#2 heating fuel delivered	\$2.6090	\$ 1,304.50
5500 gals	Low sulfur diesel delivered	\$2.7441	\$15,092.77
2000 gals	Propane more or less delivered to township tank	\$1.6600	\$ 3,320.00

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

Motion to Advertise to Receive Bids for Roof and Dehumidification System

Ronald Reeser made a motion to advertise to receive bids for roof and dehumidification system. Seconded by Ronald Wenrich. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Wenrich, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

Motion to adopt Resolution #2025-20 Disposition of Records

Deborah McGowan made a motion to adopt Resolution #2025-20 Disposition of Records. Seconded by Ronald Wenrich. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Wenrich, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

Schedule Recycling Event Spring 2025

Robert Slaw made a motion to schedule a recycling event for May 22, 2025, 3:30PM-5:30PM Mahoning Township residents only. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Wenrich, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Looking into the cost of inserts or advertisement, make the public aware.

Quote for Website Design Package \$2397

Ronald Reeser made a motion to accept quote from Enter.net at a cost of \$2397 to revamp the township's website. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Wenrich, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried
Discussion with regards to ADA compliance of websites will be mandated in 2027.

Remmey Pallet Requesting Waiving Formal Land Development

Peter Eisenbrown, Twp. Engineer recommends the township consider waiving the need for formal Land Development Planning with conditions.

Myron Blahy made a motion approving Remmey Pallet's request due to its not being a land development as defined in our ordinance. As part of this approval conditions of obtaining

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zoning and building permit, perform maintenance on existing stormwater facility and obtain review by fire chief relative to building separation and access/circulation around the facility where the new features are proposed. Seconded by Ronald Wenrich. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Wenrich, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

Mahoning Manor Estates Requesting Waiving Formal Land Development

Peter Eisenbrown, Twp. Engineer recommends the township considering waiving the need for formal Land Development Planning. A 16'x 25' covered/enclosed carport type structure is being proposed that would house two above ground water storage tanks. The existing underground ground tank would remain in place and be abandoned per PADEP requirements.

Ronald Reeser made a motion approving Mahoning Manor Estates request due to its not being a land development as defined in our ordinance. As part of this approval conditions of obtaining zoning and building permit. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Wenrich, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Sabol Minor Subdivision Plan

Planning Commission recommends approval conditioned upon addressing LTL Consultants review letter of March 17, 2025

Ronald Wenrich made a motion to grant conditional approval to Sabol Minor Subdivision Plan conditioned upon addressing LTL Consultants review letter of March 17, 2025. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Wenrich, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Angela Iwasiuk 1061 Fredericks Grove Road Tax Refund 2019-2024 Real Estate Taxes

Ronald Reeser made a motion to approve Angela Iwasiuk 1061 Fredericks Grove Road Tax Refund 2019-2024 Real Estate Taxes. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Wenrich, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Building and Land CD

Ronald Reeser made a motion to roll building and land CD for 3 months. Seconded by Robert Slaw. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Wenrich, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Route 902 and Country Club Road Mirror: TABLE

The township will purchase and erect the mirror if PennDOT will assist. We cannot close a state road. Reach out to PennDOT, table and bring back next month.

Leighton Area Heritage Alliance Request Designating Mahoning Township Union Sunday School as an Official Historical Property: TABLE

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OLD BUSINESS

Appointment of a Chairman to the Vacancy Board (1-year)

Prepare oath will need to be sworn in.

Robert Slaw made a motion to appoint Yvonne Reeser as Chairman to the Vacancy Board. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, abstain; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Wenrich, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Generator Maintenance Proposal (Diaz Building)

Robert Slaw made a motion to accept Powerton Generators proposal to service Mahoning Township Admin/Police generator at a cost of \$ 512/yr. Seconded by Ronald Wenrich. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Wenrich, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Perhaps they can service fire company generator at same time. Mark will forward information to the township office.

DUI Trailer Donation

Deborah McGowan made a motion to gift the DUI trailer to DUI Task Force subject to approval we can gift. Seconded by Robert Slaw. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Wenrich, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Bodycam Usage

Deborah McGowan made a motion discontinue the use of body cams at the end of the grant period, returning to vendor. Send them back. Seconded by Ronald Wenrich. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Wenrich, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Warehouse Ordinance

RV Ordinance

A Large Vehicle may be stored, unoccupied, upon private property, including but not limited to storage on private roads owned by or leased to the owner of such Large Vehicle. All such stored Large Vehicles must be located on the side or rear of the property on a crushed stone, black top or concrete surface capable of supporting the vehicle. All parking areas and access roads or areas that are created or expanded after the adoption of this Ordinance shall be constructed of a hard, homogeneous, all-weather surface such as cement or asphalt or equivalent; shall be graded to provide convenient vehicular access and proper drainage; and shall be maintained in good and usable condition. All existing parking areas and access roads or areas shall be constructed and maintained with an aggregate base, cement or asphalt all-weather surface. The parking of Large Vehicles on any surface or the accessing of parking areas across any surface that is not constructed in accordance with these regulations is strictly prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any Recreational Vehicle to be occupied for living purposes within the Township, whether located on a public street, public property or private property.

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Robert Slaw made a motion to schedule and advertise Zoning Workshop for May 7, 2025 at 4:00PM. Seconded by Ronald Wenrich. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Wenrich, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to accept and place the correspondence on file dated April 9, 2025. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; and Ronald Wenrich, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

***LTL CONSULTANTS, STEPHEN WANNER, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER,

RE: NOTICE OF VIOLATION, UNSECURED DANGEROUS STRUCTURE, JUNK VEHICLE, AND ACCUMULATION OF JUNK/RUBBISH, G. ATIYEH, 1081 MILL ROAD

***LTL CONSULTANTS, STEPHEN WANNER, ZONING OFFICER

RE: PERMIT DENIAL, M KISTLER, 1171 MAHONING DRIVE E.

***LTL CONSULTANTS, STEPHEN WANNER, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

RE: COURTESY NOTICE JUNK AND VEHICLES NOTICE, EVERGREEN LAKE PARTNERSHIP, 492 ASHTOWN DR

***LTL CONSULTANTS, STEPHEN WANNER, ZONING OFFICER

RE: PERMIT DENIAL, F FANTANEX, 544 SPRINGHOUSE ROAD

***LTL CONSULTANTS, STEPHEN WANNER, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

RE: COURTESY NOTICE, LIGHTING AND GLARE, D REMMEY, 523 MILL RD

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS S NANOVIC

RE: CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REVIEW AND REQUEST FOR HIGH-SPEED INTERNET AT ADMIN AND ROAD LOCATIONS.

***RESIDENT CONCERN: (ANONYMOUS) PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERN REGARDING LACK OF AID AND ASSISTANCE WITH NEIGHBORING/CLOSER FIRE COMPANIES.

***LETTER OF INTEREST, BLOCKER'S COLLISION CENTER, 335 N 7TH ST., LEHIGHTON.

RE: REQUESTING CONSIDERATION TO ADD BLOCKERS TO THE TOWNSHIP TOWING ROTATION NEEDS.

***PSATS MARCH 2025 NEWS BULLETIN

***LTL CONSULTANTS, STEPHEN WANNER, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

RE: COURTESY NOTICE, UNPERMITTED SIGN AND BUSINESS, 910 MAHONING DRIVE WEST

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS NANOVIC, SOLICITOR

RE: USED PIERCE PUMPER TRUCK

COMMENT: Mark shared he will inspect truck if it is in good condition will need money to place down.

***LEHIGHTON AREA HERITAGE ALLIANCE, TODD WEAVER

RE: REQUESTING MAHONING UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL BE DESIGNATED AS AN OFFICIAL HISTORICAL PROPERTY

***LTL CONSULTANTS, PETER EISENBROWN, TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

RE: MEMO REGARDING MAHONING MANOR ESTATES REQUEST FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING WAIVING

***LTL CONSULTANTS, PETER EISENBROWN, TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

RE: MEMO REGARDING REMMEY PALLET REQUEST FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING WAIVING

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***PSATS

RE: 2025 PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND NOMINATIONS REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police Committee:

Place 2013 Ford Taurus Police Car on municibid

Deborah McGowan made a motion to advertise the intent to sell 2013 Ford Taurus Police Interceptor on municibid. Seconded by Ronald Wenrich. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Deboarh McGowan, yes; and Ronald Wenrich, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Road Committee:

Nevin Frey shared sweeping is complete, cleaning catch basins. Local businessman wants some dirt from our pile down back. See no issue, need to sign waiver. Mention of a neighbor of 2685 Mahoning Drive East that has pallets stacked and does target shooting.

OFFICIALS:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35PM. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Deboarh McGowan, yes and Ronald Wenrich, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Natalie D. Haggerty
Secretary-Treasurer