

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

MINUTES

July 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, Lehigh, PA 18235.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Ronald Wenrich, Supervisor

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Todd Wingert 270 Mahoning Drive East: present for update regarding slaughterhouse.

Discussion took place regarding slaughterhouse. An enforcement notice was sent on June 10, 2025. The Zoning Officer provided the Township Solicitor with information, which he would like to discuss with the Board of Supervisors in an executive session. The Zoning Officer did issue two permits, which are public record. One to the prior owner of slaughterhouse and retail store on September 23, 2024 and one to Alif Meat Packing LLC on December 12, 2024. Not certain if we will be able to prohibit them from running a slaughterhouse at this point. We may be able to limit what they do there.

Is the community allowed to have any input and how do we go about doing that? Do what you're doing right now. If they lied would that mitigate the permit? A cease and desist order to my knowledge was not issued; a violation notice was issued which is public record and they have thirty days to correct. It's too early for any answers. There is a strong feces odor and a large number of flies.

Holly Heintzelman 170 Mahoning Drive East: As of today, have they filed an appeal? Have they filed a waste management plan? Filed an odor management plan? Filed a manure management plan? If you gave them a permit to continue as a non-conforming use but the non-conforming use expired fifteen years ago, how is that defensible? It's not a nonconforming use.

Questions, the validity of the zoning ordinance if you approach it that way.

Tom shared we do not know all the facts.

Mrs. Heintzelman: My husband had an inspector every Monday; his name was Mr. Trinkle, he is now dead. Another inspector then came from Hazleton, he was ok. The smell comes up and over the hill and in my windows at night. The smell and fly situation is really bad.

Flies carry disease and bacteria. They are also advertising sheep and cows on social media.

Robert Slaw, we all emphasize with you; we are not an enforcement agency. We will discuss this in executive session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 11, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; Myron Blahy, yes and Ronald Reeser 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS:

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Deborah McGowan made a motion to approve the following transfers:

\$35,072.14 Payroll Checking to General Checking 6/12/25

\$17,779.62 Payroll Checking to General Checking 6/18/25

\$17,964.69 Payroll Checking to General Checking 6/26/25

\$16,740.33 Payroll Checking to General Checking 7/3/25

\$537.97 Residential Street Light to General Checking

\$595.20 Residential Fire Hydrant to General Checking

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

APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT:

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for June 2025. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes and Ronald Reeser, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLLS:

MOTION

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

Bill List #534 in the amount of \$622,183.88

General Check's #25311-#25343

State Check's #1884-#1887

Building and Land Check #1115

Subdivision Land Development Check's #1622-#1627

FCFCU Check #1001

LVH Check #152

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

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

MOTION

Deborah McGowan made a motion to approve the following reports:

Mahoning Township Road Department Reports June 9, 2025-6/28/25

Mahoning Township Road Department Equipment and Fuel Log for June 2025

Mahoning Township Police Department Fuel Log for June 2025

LTL Consultants Building Report June 2025

Mahoning Township Municipal Authority Meeting Minutes May 14, 2025

Mahoning Township Zoning Hearing Board Meeting Minutes June 10, 2025

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

Broke for an executive session for personnel at 6:35PM returned at 6:43PM

NEW BUSINESS:

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ULP Agreement

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to table the ULP Agreement. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes; 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Mahoning Township Police Department Notification to Commence Collective Bargaining for Contract beginning January 2026

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to accept the notification from Mahoning Township Police Department to commence collective bargaining for contract beginning January 2026. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes; 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Mahoning Valley Volunteer Tax Credit Incentive

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion for Tom Nanovic to draft amendment to tax credit incentive ordinance and forward to the Board of Supervisors for review. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes; 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Building and Land CD maturity July 14, 2025

MOTION

Deborah McGowan made a motion to roll Building and Land CD for another month. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes; 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Mahoning Township Historical Society Ordinance

TABLE

Protection of historic sites must be done by municipality through adoption of ordinance (criteria has been established)

Celebration of Community” event on Saturday, September 13, 2025 at MVFC#1

(motion to send letter acknowledging event and acceptable to road closure between Mill Road and Springhouse Road during said event from 8:00AM to 8:00PM)

MOTION

Deborah McGowan made a motion to send a letter acknowledging the event and acceptable to road closure between Mill Road and Springhouse Road during said event from 8:00AM to 8:00PM. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes; 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Radar Sign: Ronald Reeser shared picture of sign. Chief Mertz is having a small identification plate made.

2019 Pierce Rescue Pumper: Motion to fund yearly loan payments from the township mill fire

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tax fund

\$185,000 2% loan from state fire commissioners' office taken out for 15yrs. Yearly loan payments are to be paid by the township from the fire company fund.

\$200,000 donation used as down payment

\$25,000 fire company fund

\$5,000 fire relief fund

MOTION

Deborah McGowan made a motion to fund yearly 2% loan payments from the townships fire company fund. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

MOTION

Myron Blahy made a motion to accept and place the correspondence on file dated July 9, 2025, Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

***ECKART, MARY KATE THOMAS, HEALTHY, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER, SIBERLINE

RE: ANNUAL PUBLIC NOTICE OF SILBERLINE STORAGE OF REGULATED SUBSTANCES IN EXCESS OF 21,000. INVENTORY IS INCLUDED.

***LEHIGHTON AREA MEMORIAL LIBRARY, MELISSA E HAWK, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

RE: THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTION

***LTL CONSULTANTS, STEPHEN WANNER, ZONING OFFICER

RE: BUILDING PERMIT DENIAL, RAMALEY, 53 FLORAL LANE, INCOMPLETE SUBMISSION

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

RE: ALIF FARMS, 124 MAHONING DR E, NOTICE OF VIOLATION, SLAUGHTERHOUSE, FENCE CONSTRUCTION W/O PERMIT

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

RE: NOTIFICATION OF PERMIT DENIAL. WENTZ, 944 MAHONING DRIVE WEST

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

RE: NOTIFICATION OF PERMIT DENIAL, MEHMETI, 122 PLEASANT VIEW DR.

***LTL CONSULTANTS, PETER EISENBROWN, PE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

RE: SABOL SUBDIVISION, MINOR SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAN. ALL TECHNICAL ITEMS HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED

***PSATS JUNE 2025 NEWS BULLETIN

***WEST PENN TOWNSHIP, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RE: REQUEST FOR SERVICE, FIRE POLICE FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION & FIREWORKS DISPLAY

***MAHONING VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE CO. #1

RE: CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY EVENT SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

***NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS NANOVIC, TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS/DATA CENTERS ORDINANCE

***PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

RE: INSPECTION OF NOTIFICATION-NATIONAL BRIDGE INSPECTION STANDARDS

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Road Committee:

Paved Troxell Hill, we can use men to help with traffic control. Can we utilize fire police assistance? Mark Ebbert shared we have two men and they both work during the day.

Police Committee: Nothing

OFFICIALS:

Robert Slaw: Announced there will be an executive session at the conclusion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION

Deborah McGowan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08PM. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes and 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Natalie D. Haggerty
Secretary-Treasurer