June 5, 2017

A Special Meeting was held this evening at the Mahoning Township Municipal Building at 5:30 PM. To at the Municipal Building at 1101 Bloom Road.

Members of the Board present:

Ken Woodruff, Chairperson

Bill Lynn, Vice Chairman

T. S. Scott, Supervisor

Chief Sean McGinley

Joe Oberdorf, Secretary

Treasurer Ken Houck

Signing the attendance sheet were: Joe Sylvester, Danville News, Bryan Campbell, Molly Shultz, Chuck and Cathy Eyer, Joe and Sharon Diehl, Rose and Bill Purse, Beth Lynn, Deb Morris, Karen Gerst, Sara Curry, Danville Mayor Bernice Swank, Sue Kauwell, Marlene Gunther, Linda Forney, Barbara and James Roth, Debbie Williams, Jonathan Fellin, Sam Hunsinger, Dawn Brookhart, Jon Billet, Carolyn Dragano, John and Nancy Whelan, Kevin Young, Doug Kester, Leslie Young, Larry Robertson, and Jeff Dawson Jr.

Chairman Woodruff opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Woodruff then reported the first item on the agenda is the presentation of the new seal and recognizing our students. Supervisor Scott then presented the new Mahoning Township Great Seal to the community. On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisors Scott welcomed all here tonight. He thanked all the elected and appointed officials of the Township for their contribution towards the development of the seal. He then acknowledged Danville High School Art Teacher Jeff Lynch, art students Brooke Kester and Madi Vastine who created the seal. Jeff Lynch then said the art class is contacted by many businesses in the area for the art students’ skills. Jeff Lynch then called upon Brooke Kester, his best graphic designer and Madi Vastine, his most talented painter. She hand-painted the seal design which was given to her by Brooke. Scott then reported on the different items on the seal beginning with the Latin Regnat Populus which means the people rule and this is a reminder to elected and appointed officials, the olive branches symbolize peace; the clasp hands at the bottom signify cooperation; the white back-ground, transparency; the blue in the center, fidelity and the gold around the township name, prosperity. He also pointed out the red beads around the gold symbolize the individual contributions made by many people to further the township. The date 1786 on the Indian Chief is the date the Township was incorporated and the Native American chief is a reminder of the original inhabitants. Supervisor Scott then presented Certificates of Commendation to Jeff Lynch for his exceptional contribution toward the concept design and execution for the great seal.

Scott also presented plaques to each of the students. Supervisor Scott and wife, Karen are very pleased to give each student a check for $250.00 that they personally donated to go towards college.

Supervisor Scott then thanked Chief of Police Sean McGinley for his extensive search for officers to fill the open positions within the Department.

Montour County Prothonotary Sue Kauwell swore-in Mahoning Township Police Officer Jason Bedisky. After taking the Oath of Office, his son Van and Kate Bedisky Jason’s niece pinned on his badge. The Board of Supervisors then welcomed Jason and his family. Jason Bedisky, a Danville Native, worked as a detective with the Prince William County Police Department in Virginia for the past seven years.

Police Officer Matthew Gerst was introduced and he was being promoted to Mahoning Police Officer Department to Sergeant based upon Chief Sean McGinley’s recommendation. Montour County Prothonotary Sue Kauwell then swore -in Matthew Gerst, being promoted to Mahoning Township Police Department Sergeant. Pinning on his Sergeant badge was his girl-friend and his parents Jack and Karen Gerst pinned on his lapel stripes.

Supervisor Scott moved for adjournment which was seconded by Vice Chairman Lynn.

This meeting was recorded on tape.

Joe Oberdorf, Secretary