

ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting February 11, 2020

The meeting opened at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken. Members present: Sean Giblin, Chair; Jim Mayberry, Vice Chair; Dan Stout, Member; Pete Rich, Member; John Paine, Alternate; Dee Tripp, Secretary.

Jim Mayberry made a motion to accept the minutes of the 1/14/2020 Regular meeting and Reorganization meeting as submitted. Pete Rich seconded the motion. Roll call vote to accept was unanimous.

Guest Speaker

Sean Giblin introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Pat Ginnetti, Mahoning County Engineer.

Pat described his credentials and his background which include being a Registered Professional Engineer and a Registered Professional Surveyor. His areas of responsibility are the County Engineer's Office and the County Sanitary Sewer Office, and he serves as the County's Surveyor and Civil Engineer.

Artie Spellman explained to the group the meetings that have been taking place between Mr. Ginnetti and Ellsworth, and the joint community sessions to discuss ways to work together to maintain the roads.

Mr. Ginnetti explained that most people think that their property taxes are used to maintain the roads; however, it's the gas tax and license plate fees that create his budget. Plus, there are grants available but they require local matching at some level – usually 80-20. His annual budget is \$11M and he has 500 miles of roads. To fix every mile would cost around \$70M. His budget has not changed in almost 20 years, and his workforce dropped from 177 to 65. Pat reported that according to the ODOT Scoring System, several roads scored D or F. He has a huge problem but a small budget and is open to new ideas and willing to go outside the box in order to accomplish his goal to have safe roads throughout Mahoning County. The public is able to phone his office to file a complaint. Some people in the audience said that they did call his office but nothing was done. Pat took their names and numbers. He answered many questions from the audience, and acknowledged that he knows he can't give the answers the people want to hear but the bottom line remains budgetary constraints...but he isn't giving up.

This concluded our meeting. Jim Mayberry made a motion to adjourn. Pete Rich seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Dolores Tripp, Secretary