

Mount Pleasant Twp. Municipal Authority

Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2015 7:00 PM
Mt Pleasant Twp. Meeting Room

Present: Paul Battista, George Yonker, Jan Sporter, Jim Englert, Jeff Donati, Steve Greenberg, Eric Betzner

In attendance: Gary Farner (BOS), Larry Chome (ZO)

Call Meeting to Order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:04pm

PB welcomed Jeff Donati to the MAB and motioned to nominate him to the fill the position of Secretary GY seconded, all approved - motion carried

Secretary's Report: Review Minutes from meeting of January 7, 2015

1. PB noted a correction to the minutes under the section of "New Business" change the word Appoint to Recommend in the following line: "PB motioned to Recommend Jeff Donati"
2. Comments on the Agenda: PB mentioned that he emailed correspondences to Twp. Manager and BOS concerning funding and all agreed to discuss later during Engineering Report.
3. JE motioned to accept Jan 7, 2015 minutes as corrected, JS second, all approved – motion carried

Correspondence: Submitted by GY

1. KLH Design and Permitting Services through Dec. 31, 2014 for \$87,500.00
2. State Ethic Commission forms due by May 1st with application and instructions on how to file electronically. PB discussed the need for all members to turn in their forms to the Twp. office.
3. KLH memorandum to Chartiers Natural Gas. Proposed sewer and sewer lines for Mt. Pleasant Twp. and parts of Cecil (Antil St.) and proposed lines for Westland.
4. Solicitation from Electro Scan for sewer utilities.
5. Solicitations (4) from Comcast Business.

Treasurer's Report:

Bills presented: \$90,185.35

- A. YC&L Retainer= \$200.00
- B. KLH Retainer= \$200.00
- C. KLH Act 537= \$1,487.35
- D. KLH Design & Permitting= \$87,500.00
- E. Land & Mapping Services= \$798.00
- F. Land & Mapping Services= \$2,400.00
- G. Land & Mapping Services= \$21,200.00

1. GY questioned YC&L amount of \$200 vs. \$400, EB stated that they left it at the old rate because he did not attend the last meeting. Rate will go to \$400.00 starting this month.
2. Two additional bills from L&M Serv. were received, SG stated that these were found during the audit of their services and were items that fell through the cracks.
3. A question arose of whether or not expenditures for mapping could be paid with Act 13 funding. GF stated that it could and EB confirmed. SG stated that mapping is now complete and we do not expect any further expenditures from this point forward.
4. EB questioned the large amount in the MAB Savings Account. GY and PB noted the transfer of 1,130,000.00 from BOS Act 13 Funding to the MAB as reflected in the Jan 2015 Treasurers Report. EB stated that this needs to be recorded in the MAB Minutes.
5. GY motioned to transfer \$111,100.00 from savings to checking to pay outstanding bills, JS seconded, all in favor – motion carried.
6. GY motioned to pay bills, PB seconded, all in favor – motion carried
7. JE motioned to accept Treasurer's Report, JS seconded, all in favor – motion carried

Solicitor's Report: no report

Engineer's Report: SG

1. Act 537 update: The meeting with Cecil Twp. did not occur it will be rescheduled for Feb. 24, 2015 at Cecil Twp. bldg. 7:00pm.
2. Aerial Mapping: KLH reviewed all work and invoices from L&M Serv. SG brought two final invoices for items the fell through the cracks. There work is now done and no further invoices are expected.
3. Design is on track
4. LSA funding: PB presented at 1/20/15 meeting requesting grant money for MAB.
5. PB discussed Line of Credit will not be needed as long as Act 13 money continues at predicted rate. He reviewed the email sent to Twp. Mgr. and BOS pertaining to Pennvest funding.
6. GF suggested that the MAB schedule a meeting with Wash. Co Planning's Jeff Lighthouse to be at one of the scheduled monthly meetings to discuss our project and communicate our goals to them.
7. PB made note of discussion with Brian Temple concerning the need to find office space in the future for the MAB within the Twp. It may be beneficial to the Twp. to rent space from them vs. from private entity. GF mentioned that the BOS previously discussed renting space in the old Fire Station for a Public Safety/Police Station. He thought it may be a good idea to share that space with the MAB.
8. PB asked SG and KLH to look into the possibility of funding from the Legacy Fund for the MAB.
9. GY motioned to accept the Engineer's Report, PB seconded, all in favor – motion passed.

Zoning Officer's Report:

1. LC stated that there was one mobile home removed from Westland resulting in one fewer household in Mt. Pleasant Twp.
2. LC mentioned Range Resources withdrew three Permit Applications for wells within the Twp.

Citizen's Comments:

1. One property owner raised a question of how close the proposed lines would be to his property. A discussion arose regarding the DEP regulation mandating connection to the system if the residence is within a certain distance to the lines. SG stated that this resident's property was not near enough to be connected.

Sub-Committee Reports: No sub-committees

Old Business:

1. PB discussed the Act 13 Impact Fee distribution deposit amount for 2014

New Business:

1. There was a discussion about what the requirements will be for abandonment/closure of septic and holding tanks after tapping into new sewerage system. The consensus was that there is a mandate to formally disconnect, collapse and/or fill the abandoned tanks. EB stated that the MAB will need to formally write regulations governing this issue and that the BOS will need to grant enforcement powers to the MAB.
2. EB suggested the Treasurer put forth the prepared budget for the MAB approval
3. GY motioned to adopt 2015 budget prepared by KLH. PB seconded, all in favor – motion carried.
4. GY stated the need to complete and Audit for 2014. In 2013 the MAB approved an expenditure of up to \$2,400.00 for the 2013 Audit and that should be sufficient for this year. A discussion took place concerning the use of Houston Associates vs. Cypher & Cypher. All agreed that Houston Assoc. would be more economical. GY stated he will request a proposal from Houston Associates CPA to complete the 2014 Audit.

Next regular meeting will be March 4, 2015

Adjourn: JE motioned to adjourn, JS seconded, all approved – motion carried.