

MT. PLEASANT TWP. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2014

The meeting of February 26, 2014, was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Chairman Smith with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Those present were: Bryan Smith, Chairman (BS), Gary Farner, Vice-Chairman (GF), Dencil Backus, Supervisor (DB), Neva Stanger, Solicitor (NS), Larry Chome, Zoning Officer (LC), Mary Ann Stevenson, Manager/Secretary (MS), and those citizens listed on the attached sheet.

Executive Session: BS announced that Two (2) executive sessions were held. February 5, 2014 to discuss personnel issues, and February 18, 2014 to discuss pending litigation with Range Resources.

Public Comments: None.

Reports

The following reports, if any, were submitted for the Board's review and are on file at the Municipal Office:

- Zoning Officer's Report – February, 2014
- Public Safety Report – 1/21/14 – 2/25/14
- Public Works Report – 1/23/14 – 2/26/14
- Planning Commission Minutes – 1/8/14
- Parks & Recreation Minutes – 1/13/14
- Municipal Authority Minutes – 11/13/13
- Midway Sewage Minutes – 1/7/14
- Cross Creek Valley Region Minutes – 1/16/14
- Washington County Sewage Council Report – None
- MPT Volunteer Fire Dept. Report - None
- Treasurer's Report - January, 2014
- Correspondence for the period of - 1/22/14 – 2/25/14

► DB motioned to accept the reports as given and GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Items:

1. **Bills:** GF motioned to authorize the payment of the invoices for the period of 1/22/14 – 2/25/14 as presented and DB seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. **Minutes:** DB motioned to adopt the minutes of the January 22, 2014 regular board meeting and GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Tax Collector Hours for 2014:** BS motioned to approve the tax collector's hours for 2014 as May 6, 8, 13 and 15 from 5:30 pm – 7 pm; Oct. 1, 7, 9, 13 and 15 from 5:30 pm – 7 pm and Saturday hours from 9 am – 11 am and GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Resolution 2014-E:** DB motioned to adopt Resolution 2014-E; a Resolution fixing the tax rate for fire hydrants for 2014 at \$33.60 per property within 780 feet of a hydrant and GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Resolution 2014-F:** DB motioned to adopt Resolution 2014-F; a Resolution fixing the tax rate for street light assessments for 2014 at \$34.96 per property within 350 feet of a street light and GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Ordinance 130:** DB motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 130, amending Chapter 200, Zoning, to add uses by right to the M-1 Light Industrial District, to remove certain conditional uses and to add area and bulk regulations for all industrial uses to the M-1 District and GF seconded the motion. Discussion: GF stated he was unclear on how this amendment affects the M-1 District verses all other districts and feels the Township should get Range Resources input and DB agreed. DB stated the temporary tanks to be utilized on-site as accessory uses are not precluded by this amendment but has some other concerns. GF suggested sending this back to the planning commission on 3/3/14 and to invite Range Resources to that meeting. DB added he'd like to hear what the planning commission has to say. GF amended the original motion to table the adoption of this amendment, Ordinance 130 and DB seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Discussion Items: (board members may elect to discuss items presented to them since the last meeting)

1. Date of the Easter Egg Hunt – DB stated that the Parks & Rec. Board and their volunteers have a conflict with the scheduled date of the Easter Egg Hunt. DB added that the board has requested that the date be changed from April 19th to April 12th. BS asked about the start time and a P&R board member stated this year it will start at 9 am.
▶ DB motioned to change the Easter Egg Hunt from Saturday April 19th to Saturday April 12th and GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. BS announced the Easter Egg Hunt will be April 12, 2014 at 9 am.
2. Mower Purchase – GF stated that the current mower used to cut the parks grass needs repaired again. GF stated that this one is 8 years old and the last repair cost \$800 and he would be in favor of getting a new mower this year. He added that he confirmed that there is money set aside for a new purchase and that 3 quotes were obtained and all were on the State contract. A Kubota for \$11,238; a John Deere for \$14,998 and a Toro for \$12,330. Bob Hanes, Washington Ave. stated he would like to see the mower pulled on a trailer instead of run on the road. BS stated the Township does have a trailer for it but not always a vehicle. BS stated he would like DB McCalmont (*parks seasonal employee*) to test it along with Bill Dinsmore to make sure they like it.
▶ GF motioned to purchase the Kubota mower from Murphy for \$11,238.19 and DB seconded the motion. Discussion: BS stated he would like to have it demoed. GF stated DB McCalmont could go to Murphy's and test it out. BS would like Bill Dinsmore to go also. GF amended the original motion to include purchasing it if it is approved by DB McCalmont. DB seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Jane Worthington, Main St. asked to speak. She stated that she is involved with Hickory baseball at the Community Center field and last season there was 700 people at a tournament with only 1 port-a-john. She asked the Board to consider building a unisex bathroom attached to the Community Center for them and that they would pay for the water and keep it clean. She also asked if the Township would run water to the concession stand for sanitation reasons and that they would pay for the water bill. The Board stated they would look into it. LC cautioned them that it would have to be ADA compliant which would increase the cost a lot. BS asked George Yonker how much the restrooms were that he built at the Westland Park and he responded \$50,000.

Unfinished Business: None.

Adjournment: DB motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm and GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Stevenson
Township Secretary
Mount Pleasant Township
Board of Supervisors