

MT. PLEASANT TWP. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING OF JUNE 25, 2014

The meeting of June 25, 2014, was called to order at 7:00 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), Mary Ann Stevenson (MS) was absent, Larry Chome, Zoning Officer (LC), Karen Fein, Acting Secretary (KF), and those citizens listed on the attached sheet.

Public Comments and Comments Regarding the Agenda:

Rick Walsh (RW) 186 Main Street, Hickory, inquired about the policy and deadline for being put on the agenda for the board of supervisors meetings. BS recommended RW call the township office and ask Mary Ann Stevenson (MS) what the deadline is to get on the agenda.

Paul Battista (PB), 28 Johnston Road, requested that an email chain be added to the new website so that people can be made aware of what is going on in the township. BS said that was discussed when the township started work on the new website and that the website should be ready by the end of June. PB asked if the township had an ordinance in regards to when election signs can be put up and when they have to be taken down. LC stated that is part of the sign ordinance, political signs are exempt but they have to be taken down within 30 days after the election. PB stated that there is a Jesse White sign still up on Route 18. LC stated he would take it down. PB asked about resolution 2014-O regarding Act 13. GF stated the resolution originated with the county and that it opposes any amendment that will reduce the amount or allocation of unconventional gas well fees paid to municipalities. GF said that if the legislature adopts a severance tax then the impact fee paid to municipalities will go away. BS stated that the township does not want the state to take money away from municipalities. PB stated that Act 13 is good for municipalities and he wanted to make sure the township is supporting it. BS said the township supports keeping the impact fee.

Lee Robinson (LR) thanked the township for mowing the banks on his road but he would like the banks mowed to the top. BS stated the township is mowing in the right-of-way because there have been issues in the past when mowing outside the right-of-ways.

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 – June, 2014
- Public Safety Report – 5/26/14 – 6/24/14
- Public Works Report – 5/29/14 – 6/25/14
- Planning Commission Minutes – 5/5/14
- Parks & Recreation Minutes – None
- Municipal Authority Minutes – None
- Midway Sewage Minutes – 5/6/14
- Cross Creek Valley Region Minutes – None
- Washington County Sewage Council Minutes – None
- MPT Volunteer Fire Dept. Report - May, 2014
- Treasurer's Report - May, 2014
- Correspondence for the period of - 5/28/14 – 6/24/14

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

Action Items:

1. **Motion to appoint acting secretary:** DB motioned to appoint Karen Fein as the acting secretary in order to take the minutes and GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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2. **Bills:** GF motioned to authorize the payment of the invoices for the period of 5/28/14 – 6/24/14 as presented and DB seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Minutes:** DB motioned to adopt the minutes of the May 28, 2014 regular board meeting and BS seconded the motion. GF stated that he wants to expand the minutes so that there's more detail. DB and BS both said the minutes were pretty long. DB stated that the Sunshine Act itemizes four things that need to be put in the minutes; the date, time and place of the meeting, names of the members present, the substance of all official actions, a record of individual members and roll call votes, and the names of all citizens that appear officially and the subject of their testimony. BS stated that the abbreviated Roberts Rules, as well as parliamentary procedure, calls for just the basic topic of conversation to be included in the minutes. DB suggested that in the future the board devise a policy that states what should be included in the minutes and to only include those four things that the Sunshine Act requires. BS suggested having a revised agenda order also. DB said the point of the minutes is to keep a record of what actions were taken and that the board was not going to make a decision right now. The motion carried 2-1. GF being opposed.
4. **Brown Subdivision No. 1 and Sewage Planning Module:** DB motioned to approve the Brown subdivision No. 1 and Sewage Planning Module, subdividing a 23.84 acre parcel off an existing 94 acre parcel along Rt. 50 near 1483 Millers Run Road and BS seconded the motion. LC stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the subdivision contingent upon the signatures being added. GF motioned to approve the Brown subdivision pending the signatures. BS said that's a revised motion, DB made the first motion. DB rescinded his motion. BS seconded GF motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Resolution 2014-M:** GF motioned to approve Resolution 2014-M; a Resolution amending the fee schedule to incorporate K2 Engineering residential inspection fees and DB seconded the motion. GF asked what fees changed, LC stated that the changes were in the wording from what K2 does vs what HMT did. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Resolution 2014-N:** BS motioned to approve Resolution 2014-N; a Resolution entering into a holding tank agreement with Deeter Farms located at 1157 Burgettstown Road, Hickory. GF seconded the motion. BS asked if the holding tank was just put in or if it was existing. LC stated that it's been in but it has taken a while to get the holding tank signed. The motion carried unanimously.
7. **Resolution 2014-O:** DB motioned to approve Resolution 2014-O; a Resolution opposing any amendment to Act 13 of 2012 that would reduce the amount or allocation of unconventional gas well fees to municipalities and GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Discussion Items:

1. Request to change the street name from Valleyview Lane to an extension of Sunrise Lane in CVLD. BS motioned to change the street name from Valleyview Lane to an extension of Sunrise Lane in the Cherry Valley Development. DB seconded the motion. DB said he tested the address with his GPS and it took him directly to the residence. LC said he wanted the resident requesting the name change to state his case to the board but he was unable to make it to the meeting. LC recommended that the resident be told that there is no guarantee changing the name will fix his problems with UPS and FedEx deliveries. LC recommended tabling this until the resident attends and makes his own plea. NS suggested letting the motion fail. Motion failed.

Unfinished Business:

1. Planning Commission vacancy appointment – BS stated two applications were turned in, one from Jane Worthington, 135 Main Street and the other from Frank Fiori, 191 Walnut. GF asked why a previous member had to resubmit his application. LC said it was because he resigned. DB recommended that the three interested residents attend the July Planning Commission meeting. BS tabled this item until the July board meeting.
2. Southview ball field lease – BS asked if the insurance issue was resolved, if not then the issue should be tabled. NS stated that it's just a matter of contacting the insurance company and making sure it gets on the

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schedule. NS stated the bigger problem is that there is no resolution to the tree issue. BS stated the trees were the biggest issue regarding the previous lease. GF stated the township doesn't know what it would cost to get the ball field straightened up in order to be used. BS stated the township needs to figure out who will be responsible for taking care of the ball field once the insurance issue is settled. BS tabled the motion.

3. House numbering ordinance amendment – GF stated the ordinance states that the numbers are to be 3" x ½" and should be of a color material and should be visible from the street and that the international code says it should be 4" with a minimum stroke width of ½". Police Chief Louis McQuillan (LM) stated that the international code is a good starting point but it may not work in our municipality because we have houses that aren't even visible from the road. LM stated that mailboxes should have numbers on both sides and on the front. GF asked LM if he thought the 3" x ½" numbering was okay as long as it was on all three sides of the mailbox. LM recommended something reflective so that it's easily seen when responding to calls. GF recommended standardizing the size of the letters on the mailbox and making sure all three sides are marked.

GF questioned what the township has spent in attorney's fees so far this year. GF stated he would like to get a monthly year to date budget comparison to see what has been spent. GF also questioned a line item on an invoice from the labor attorney Christopher Gabriel and why GF was not included in any calls that were made regarding the current police negotiations. GF discussed doing the R4 zoning ordinance change at the same time the board does the oil and gas changes. There was discussion about the Planning Commission and the upcoming town hall meetings and possibly discussing the comprehensive plan during this process in order to streamline things. GF discussed having a meeting to discuss the allocation of Act 13 money and advertising for the meeting. BS suggested that it be held an hour before the next board meeting in July. GF mentioned he wanted to change the date of the next board meeting from July 23rd to July 30th because he will be out of town. GF inquired about the status of the negotiations for the Public Works Department contract and about scheduling negotiations for the new Public Safety Department contract.

Adjournment: DB motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm and BS seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.