

**MT. PLEASANT TWP. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2014**

The meeting of August 27, 2014, was called to order at 7:02 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.

**Announcement:** BS announced a drug take back program sponsored by the police department to be held on Saturday, September , from 10 am – 2 pm.

**Public Comments and Comments Regarding the Agenda:**

Rick Walsh, 186 Main Street, commented on the speeding in front of the Community Center. MS stated this has been addressed with Penn DOT.

Rebecca Skirpan, Avella Road, agreed that sewage is needed but stated there are areas still in need of public water and would like Act 13 money to be set aside for those areas. She added that she supports the Police Dept. moving to the Corwin Bldg.

Don Reed, 25 Main Street, asked for an explanation on Resolution 2014-R. BS explained this resolution is setting forth the rules for running the meeting, typing the minutes and the agenda. Mr. Reed then stated that almost all of the Act 13 money should be for sewage.

John White, 32 Granview Ave., stated that the road work done on Grandview was a sloppy job and they need to fix it. He added that it is 4/10 of a mile for 23 families and the whole road should be paved.

Jamie White, 25 Grandview Ave., agreed with the condition of the road. He then added that some Act 13 money should be used to create a bike trail for the community.

Jeff Donati, Washington Ave., wanted to know who drafted the meeting rules resolution and added that there needs to be more transparency and that the residents want to have more input. NS responded that she drafts resolutions for the board at their direction. She added that meetings have to be conducted in public but that residents do not have input in agency business. Mr. Donati then stated that Act 13 money needs put towards the sewage project.

JoAnne Wagner, Lakeside Drive, stated she would like to see a longer public input process for the rewrite of the oil and gas zoning ordinance. GF stated that she could come to the planning commission meetings to make comments.

Bill Orton, Eberle Road, stated that Martin Road has shoulder areas that have big drop offs and that need attention.

Paul Battista, 28 Johnston Road, commented that the Township mowed the sides of Johnston Rd. but left the speed limit sign covered with tree limbs and bushes and it has been like that for 2 months.

**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 – August, 2014
- Public Safety Report – 7/29/14 – 8/25/14
- Public Works Report – 7/31/14 – 8/27/14
- Planning Commission Minutes – 7/7/14
- Parks & Recreation Minutes – None
- Municipal Authority Minutes – None
- Midway Sewage Minutes – 7/1/14

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- Cross Creek Valley Region Minutes – None
- Washington County Sewage Council Minutes – None
- MPT Volunteer Fire Dept. Report - July, 2014
- Treasurer's Report - July, 2014
- Correspondence for the period of – 7/30/14 - 8/26/14

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

**Action Items:**

1. **Bills:** DB motioned to authorize the payment of the invoices for the period of 7/30/14 – 8/26/14 as presented and GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. **Minutes:** GF motioned to adopt the minutes of the July 30, 2014 Act 13 special board meeting and DB seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Motion to approve the Jean H. Ferris Subdivision #1:** DB motioned to approve the Jean H. Ferris Subdivision #1 and BS seconded the motion. LC presented the subdivision as being on Woodland Rd. near Hornhead Rd. subdividing a 10+ acre parcel from an existing 95+ acre parcel for a single family home and that the planning commission recommended approval. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Samuel L. Fulton Trust Subdivision #1:** BS motioned to approve the Samuel L. Trust Subdivision #1 and sewage planning module and GF seconded the motion. LC presented the subdivision as being on Washington Ave. subdividing a 10+ acre parcel from an existing 129+ acre parcel for the Fulton Compressor Station operated by MarkWest Energy Partners. He added that the planning commission recommended approval contingent upon missing signatures. BS amended his motion to include it being contingent upon K2 Engineering and Washington County Sewage Council signatures. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Tri-State Mgmt. Holding Company Subdivision #1:** DB motioned to approve the Tri-State Mgmt. Holding Company Subdivision #1 and BS seconded the motion. LC presented the subdivision as being at 186 Main St. subdividing an 11+ acre parcel into 4 separate lots (post office, Subway Restaurant, Frontier and MarkWest) and the planning commission recommended approval. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Resolution 2014-R:** DB motioned to approve Resolution 2014-R; a Resolution adopting meeting rules, rules of conduct, rules of order and regulations for meeting minutes and the agenda and BS seconded the motion. There was discussion on public comment periods, the content of the minutes and how long the recordings are to be kept. GF opposed the motion. The motion carried 2 to 1.

**Board Discussion Items:**

1. Dollar General Land Development
  - a) Site plan review

Joe Johnston (JJ), Project Manager from Gresham, Smith and Partners was in attendance representing Dollar General. He stated he came to the meeting looking for site plan approval. NS stated that so far the only review done by the township engineer was for storm water and that a site plan review still needed to be done per the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. She added as far as the timeline went the township has until the October meeting to render a decision on the site plan.
  - b) Sewage planning module – component 2 resolution

JJ stated that he provided a sample resolution that would need passed for the sewage planning module. LC added that this would need to take place during the subdivision process which hasn't been submitted yet. JJ added he had to wait until the Tri-State Mgmt. subdivision was done first. NS stated that a holding tank agreement will also need to be done. LC agreed and he would get the necessary paperwork to JJ.

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c) Highway occupancy permit – agent authorization form

JJ explained that it is common practice for the agent to be authorized to fill out the paperwork for a highway occupancy permit (HOP) but the applicant's name has to be Mount Pleasant Township. NS responded that not only do they have to have escrow money posted between them and Penn DOT but they also have to have an escrow posted between them and the Township for the storm water portion of the HOP.

Discussions continued with respect to needing copies of reciprocal easement agreements, as well as, maintenance (developers) agreements and bonding. It was discussed that possibly, if everything was done, these issues could be placed on the September agenda.

2. Act 13 Allocations

Discussions took place regarding Act 13 allocations and the Supervisors debated several options. It was determined by NS that the allocations should be done in the form of a resolution. The board agreed to the following allocations: 900k to the municipal authority and a minimum of 50k for the next 5 years; 25k to the planning commission to finish the comprehensive plan; 75k to the fire department for a truck; 75k to the police department for equipment and a vehicle; 20k to the parks & recreation department for parks repairs and events and the remaining 230k into the capital reserve account.

**Unfinished Business:**

June 25, 2014 regular board meeting minutes.

GR motioned to approve the June 25, 2014 regular board meeting minutes and BS seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Penn DOT winter maintenance agreement

DB motioned to approve the Penn DOT winter maintenance through 4/30/19 with the following changes that Wabash, McCarrell and Pleasant be removed as recommended by William Dinsmore and BS seconded the motion. After discussion the motion was amended by BS to approve the agreement with Penn DOT except for the following changes; the Township will maintain from Route 50 down Wabash Avenue to Ridge Road only and From Route 50 down McCarrell Road to Elm Road only and to eliminate in its' entirety Pleasant Road. The motion carried unanimously.

GF stated that Brian Temple and the PC need more time to work on the oil and gas amendment. He added that they feel John Trant needs to visit industry sites in MPT. NS commented that originally this process was to take a year but then it was condensed twice and now it is being stretched out again. NS presented a longer timeline with a May 2015 tentative adoption date that will take into consideration stakeholder interests, Act 13 and the current ordinance. GF motioned to follow the John Trant extended timeline for the oil and gas ordinance with a May 2015 adoption date or sooner. DB seconded the motion. *Public comment: Jane Worthington stated the Township is trying to micromanage and trying to accommodate everyone and urged the board to stick to a timeline. Kathy Yonker, Baker Rd. recalled all parties at the PC meeting stating they needed more time. JoAnne Wagner stated she was in favor of extending the timeline. Jeff Donati questioned how many meetings were planned and NS responded 6 plus the public hearing.* The motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

GF questioned whether the Township was able to get Comcast phone service as he had heard several complaints regarding Hickory Telephone. MS stated that Hickory Telephone is claiming a rural exemption, and by doing so they did not have to allow any competitors the use of their poles. GF suggested that the Township file a complaint with the PUC. BS agreed.

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DB suggested having John Smith give an informational update to the BOS, the PC and the public since the Township was a party to the Act 13 challenge. Discussion ensued without a decision made.

GF asked if the hearing date had been set for the 3 Range Resources Conditional Use Applications. MS responded that there was not a date set yet. GF had concerns that the Apple Festival was fast approaching and the fire hall may not be available and wanted to have it scheduled soon. LC stated that the advertising requirements would have to be met. NS added that there is plenty of time.

**Public Comments:**

Paul Battista, thanked the board for their Act 13 allocation towards a sewage project. He added that public comments need to be recorded. NS responded that they are recorded in the minutes.

Don Reed commented that there needs to be a stop placed on Skyline Drive.

Jeff Donati, thanked the board for their Act 13 discussion but felt that the public should be able to give input into the drafting of resolutions. NS commented to the board that the public is invited to participate in the meeting and watch decisions being made and policies being adopted but they do not get a say in drafting those policies. Mr. Donati would like to see the agenda on the website before the meeting. The board instructed MS to put the agendas on the home page.

JoAnne Wagner stated the minutes need to be limited to what is required and that is what protects the Township.

**Adjournment:** DB motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 pm and GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Stevenson  
Township Secretary  
Mount Pleasant Township  
Board of Supervisors