

MT. PLEASANT TWP. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING OF OCTOBER 22, 2014

The meeting of October 22, 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), Larry Chome, Zoning Officer (LC), Mary Ann Stevenson, Manager/Secretary (MS), and those citizens listed on the attached sheet.

Executive Session: BS announced that an executive session was held today from 4 pm – 6:45 pm for personnel issues.

Public Comments and Comments Regarding the Agenda:

Paul Battista thanked the board for the website and the email notifications and the ease of using it and had concerns with the set-up of the conditional use hearing.

Chief Louis McQuillan stated the Drug Take Back was the largest collection to date and the Drug Summit at Fort Cherry SD has been tentatively scheduled for Nov.11th.

Debbie Hanes stated the website and its enhancements are great.

Jeff Donati questioned the agenda item for Hapchuk to clean up a wildcat sewer system. GF responded that this is a broken storm sewer pipe.

Don Reed thanked the board for the fast response in putting up the stop sign on Skyline Dr.

Nikki Sarchet, Parks & Rec. Vice-Chairman stated the trunk-or-treat is Sunday as is a softball tournament and was concerned for the safety of the children with so many cars for both events. She added that their event was already approved at the August meeting well in advance of the event and they need the entire park. Discussion ensued and will continue during the discussion section.

Jane Worthington suggested hiring a part time employee to act as a liaison between the township, the residents and the gas industry as a place for information and to bring unity back into the community.

Action Items:

- A. **Reports:** GF motioned to accept the reports as given and DB seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The following reports, if any, were submitted for the Board's review and are on file at the Municipal Office:
 - Zoning Officer's Report – October, 2014
 - Public Safety Report – October, 2014
 - Public Works Report – 9/19/14 – 10/16/14
 - Planning Commission Minutes – 9/8/14
 - Parks & Recreation Minutes – 9/8/14
 - Municipal Authority Minutes – None
 - Midway Sewage Minutes – 9/2/14
 - Cross Creek Valley Region Minutes – None
 - Washington County Sewage Council Minutes – None
 - MPT Volunteer Fire Dept. Report - None
 - Treasurer's Report – September, 2014
 - Correspondence for the period of – 9/19/14 – 10/16/14
- B. **Bills:** DB motioned to authorize the payment of the invoices for the period of 9/19/14 – 10/16/14 as presented and GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. **Minutes:** DB motioned to adopt the minutes of the September 24, 2014 regular board meeting and BS seconded the motion. GF opposed the motion. The motion carried 2 to 1.
- D. **Professional Insurance Renewals:** DB motioned to approve the following 3 insurance renewals all effective 11/15/14 – 11/15/15 the Public Officials and Employment Practices Insurance for \$4,340, the Police Professional Insurance for \$5,867 and the property and equipment insurance with MRM Trust at a cost of \$29,401. GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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- E. **Health-Vision-Dental Insurance Renewals:** DB motioned to approve the renewal of other Township insurances, which can change from time to time based off of enrollment, and they were: health insurance with UPMC at a cost of \$125,146.80; vision insurance with UPMC at a cost of \$1,093.32 and dental insurance with MetLife at a cost of \$8,744.40. GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. **Hapchuk, Inc. Agreement:** GF motioned to approve Hapchuk, Inc. to make a repair to a wildcat sewer system starting at 11 Brown St., for \$2,857 and BS seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- G. **Ratify the PennDOT Winter Maintenance Agreement:** DB motioned to ratify the 5 year PennDOT revised Winter Maintenance Agreement to cover Lynn Portal Rd., Eberle Rd., Cherry Valley Rd. and Hornhead Rd. and BS seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items:

- 1. Bills for black top from Lane Construction and from Commercial Precast for a concrete riser and bike safe grate for the Fire Dept. BS stated this should be approved by the board. GF stated these items were needed for the Apple Festival due to safety issues.
 - ▶ GF motioned to approve paying the Lane Construction black top invoices out of Liquid Fuels for paving the fire dept. lot and the Commercial Precast bill out of the General Fund and BS seconded the motion. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Ball Team request for restroom facilities and public water at the Community Center. DB stated that the Parks & Rec. Board has created a list of priorities for the Act 13 allocation and while this request is on the list, it is at the bottom of the list. DB added that a real priority is the foot bridge near the lower pavilion BS stated that Drew McCarty would donate time & materials to tear it down and build a new one only if he has engineered drawings to work off of. GF stated Jaime White might be willing to do that. Discussion ensued.
 - ▶ GF motioned to have township personnel take the bridge down as soon as possible and BS seconded the motion. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3. Issue of the softball tournament at the same time as the trunk-or-treat. BS stated that he wasn't aware that the trunk-or-treat needed the entire park and that additional police would be in attendance. GF stated the ball teams need to check with the township before scheduling any events to make sure there is not a conflict.
 - ▶ DB motioned that as a matter of policy, we establish that any entity wishing to use the facilities that belong to Mount Pleasant Township, make sure that they receive approval and get the event on the calendar. BS seconded the motion. BS asked if every practice and rescheduled practice etc. needs approval from the Township. GF stated everything has to go through Karen and be checked for availability and put on the schedule. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion carried unanimously. There was a brief discussion on the tournament and the trunk-or-treat being over by 3:30 pm. BS stated he will check into getting the last game postponed until 4 pm.

Unfinished Business:

- 1. Municipal Authority Vacancy. There have been no applicants. Paul Battista stated whoever fills this position will need to be the secretary and that in January they will be meeting every month on the 1st Wednesday.

Adjournment: DB motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm and GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Stevenson
Township Secretary
Mount Pleasant Township
Board of Supervisors