

MT. PLEASANT TWP. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING OF APRIL 22, 2015

The meeting of April 22, 2015, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Farner with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Those present were: Gary Farner, Chairman (GF), Dencil Backus, Vice-Chairman (DB), Brian Temple, Supervisor (BT), Neva Stanger, Solicitor (NS), Larry Chome, Zoning Officer (LC).

Executive Session: GF announced that there were 2 executive sessions held on 4/6/15 and 4/15/15 regarding the public works contract.

Matters Concerning Business of the Township:

Sam Yeager (SM), Heritage Public Library – gave the Board paperwork showing donations and financial status of the library. Inquired as to how to be involved in the budget process in order to request more funding from the township.

Public Comments Regarding the Agenda:

Chief Lou McQuillan informed the Board that the annual Bike Rice that they previously approved will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015 and will affect the following roads: Fort Cherry, Walnut, Waterdam and Cherry Valley. The organization is responsible for signs and traffic control.

Action Items:

- A. **Reports:** DB motioned to accept the reports as given and BT 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 – April, 2015
 - Public Safety Report – 3/19/15 – 4/16/15
 - Public Works Report – 3/21/15 – 4/16/15
 - Planning Commission Minutes – 3/2/15
 - Parks & Recreation Minutes – 3/9/15
 - Municipal Authority Minutes – 3/4/15
 - Midway Sewage Minutes – 3/3/15
 - Cross Creek Valley Region Minutes – 4/2/15
 - Washington County Sewage Council Report – 11/5/14
 - MPT Volunteer Fire Dept. Reports – Call Log Only
 - Treasurer's Report – March, 2015
 - Correspondence for the period of – 3/20/15 – 4/16/15
- B. **Acting Secretary:** DB motioned to appoint Karen Fein as the acting secretary for this meeting to take the minutes and GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. **Bills:** BT motioned to authorize the payment of invoices for the period of 3/20/15 – 4/16/15 as presented and DB seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. **Minutes:** DB motioned to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2015 regular board meeting and BT seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. **Officer Collin Griffith Resignation:** GF motioned to accept the resignation of part time officer Collin Griffith effective immediately and BT seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. **County Summer Bid:** DB motioned to award the County summer bid item to Culverts, Inc. (authorized distributor for ADS) for 15" plastic corrugated pipe for \$6.57 a foot delivered and GF seconded the motion. BT inquired who the bid was through and Director of Public Works William Dinsmore stated it was through the county and they were the lowest bidder. The motion carried unanimously.
- G. **Resolution 2015-H:** DB motioned to adopt Resolution 2015-H; a Resolution prohibiting the use of tobacco in recreation areas, ball fields, parks and playgrounds of the Township in conjunction with "Young Lungs at Play" who will provide all appropriate signage at no charge and BT seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- H. **Precision Copy Lease:** BT motioned to approve a 60 month fair market value lease agreement with Precision Copier for \$71.46 per month plus copy charges and DB seconded the motion. GF said there was another bid but it came in much higher. The motion carried unanimously.

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- I. **Planning Commission Vacancy:** GF motioned to appoint Jack Merckle to fulfill the Planning Commission vacancy for the unexpired term through 12/31/2017 per the Planning Commission's recommendation and BT seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- J. **Job Descriptions:** GF motioned to approve the following job descriptions to become effective immediately and to supersede any and all others: Parks Seasonal Maintenance, EMT/Fire Fighter; Administrative Assistant; Chief of Police and Zoning and Code Enforcement. GF stated that the only change was to the Chief of Police being allowed to spend up to \$1,000.00. DB seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items:

1. Antill Street, Southview. BT stated that a gentleman from Antil Street was complaining because Cecil Township had paved the entire street, half of which is in Mt. Pleasant Township, and only curbed the Cecil Township side. The road is crowned and there is a swell on the Mt. Pleasant Township side, but this resident is upset that water runoff off is on or near his property. BT stated that the runoff is not affecting his yard or residence, but he wants something done. BT stated that the township engineer looked at this as well and agreed the present swell is sufficient and that some landscaping or planting of grass would help. BT stated that a culvert or pipe would not help because there is nowhere for that to drain to. There was discussion and it was tabled until all three supervisors have a chance to inspect the area themselves.
2. No Parking Ordinance. GF stated that the Police Department along with the Fire Department and the Road Department came up with a list of streets that may need some parking restrictions. GF recommended that between now and next month that each member of the Board go out and drive the listed streets. BT stated from a public safety perspective in order to get fire trucks and ambulances through then one side of the road should be made no parking. This was tabled until next month.

Unfinished Business:

1. Transparency TV – GF received an email with the contract and there were some changes made. Transparency TV will cover 50% of the camera cost and they will provide a switch to suspend power. GF said he would get copies to the rest of the Board. BT stated that it should be reviewed legally and GF stated that the township will have to develop a policy.

Additional Discussion Items:

1. DB mentioned a list of maintenance items for the parks that was submitted by Donaldson McCalmont. Discussion revealed that many of the items had already been approved through Act 13 funding or they are regular maintenance items. Phone bids would be needed for the mulch for the playgrounds since there's a specific wood chipping that's needed for playgrounds. Approval was made for routine maintenance around the parks. Discussion ensued as to who was responsible for outside maintenance of the Community Center and dug outs. The honor roll in Primrose was discussed, it was mentioned that it could be considered for an Eagle Scout or senior project.
2. BT discussed possible road work, he received prices from the engineer and they are as follows: Donaldson - \$58,889; Elm - \$69,265; Kelso - \$66,513 & Belgium Hollow - \$61,671. Discussion followed as to what exactly was included in the bid. BT said it included ditch cleaning along the roadway in the appropriate areas. BT mentioned he would make copies so that the Board can review it. BT stated he has the contact information for the company that got the region bid and he would get in contact with them.

Public Comment on Matters of Concern:

Jane Worthington, 135 Main St. stated that there will open hearings being conducted by the DEP on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 6:00 pm at W&J on proposed changes to Chapter 78 & 78A and questioned why the township wasn't moving forward with drilling ordinances. There was a discussion and GF and DB stated that the township needs to have its comprehensive plan finalized because that will effect any new ordinances and that they are also watching a lawsuit that Robinson Township is involved in regarding drilling ordinances. GF stated that at the state convention, many townships are watching this case before proceeding with their ordinances.

Adjournment: DB motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm and BT seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Fein
Acting Secretary
Mount Pleasant Township
Board of Supervisors