

MT. PLEASANT TWP. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2015

The meeting of December 16, 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), Tom McDermott, Solicitor (TM) and Karen Fein, Acting Secretary (KF).

Matters Concerning Business of the Township: None.

Public Comments Regarding the Agenda:

1. Paul Batista, 28 Johnston Road, McDonald asked for clarification on Item G the Associated Pipeline Agreement. GF stated the agreement is to repair Ridge Road.

Action Items:

- A. **Motion to appoint Karen Fein as acting Secretary for the typing of the minutes:** DB motioned to appoint Karen Fein as the acting secretary for this meeting to take the minutes and BT seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously
- B. **Reports:** BT motioned to accept the reports as given with the following changes the Public Works Report dated November 17 through December 14 and the Fire Department report dated December 10, 2015. DB seconded the motion. GF mentioned there was a donation of 3,000 from the Yanosik family to go towards the repair of the Southview Ball Park. 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 – None
 - Public Safety Report – 11/12/15 – 12/10/15
 - Public Works Report – None
 - Planning Commission Minutes – 11/2/15
 - Parks & Recreation Minutes – None
 - Municipal Authority Minutes – 10/7/15
 - Midway Sewage Minutes – 11/10/15
 - Cross Creek Valley Region Minutes – None
 - Washington County Sewage Council Report – None
 - MPT Volunteer Fire Dept. Reports – November Call Volume
 - Treasurer's Report – November, 2015
 - Correspondence for the period of – 11/13/15 – 12/10/15
- C. **Bills:** DB motioned to ratify the payment of the invoices for the period of 11/13/15 – 12/10/15 as presented. GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. **Minutes:** DB motioned to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2015 regular board meeting. GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. **Resolution 2015-N:** GF motioned to adopt Resolution 2015-N a resolution adopting the general fund budget in the amount of \$1,683,535. DB seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. **Resolution 2015-O:** DB motioned to adopt Resolution 2015-O a resolution fixing the tax rate for 2016 at 14 mills General Fund, 3.0 mills Fire Protection and ½ mill EMS. GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- G. **Associated Pipeline Agreement:** GF motioned to the Associated Pipeline Agreement for the repair of Ridge Road in the amount of \$5,000. BT stated that also covers Dairy Road and Miller Road. TM wanted to acknowledge the efforts of the DPW director Mr. Maga with this agreement. DB seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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- H. **Community Development Block Grant:** BT motioned to approve a Community Development Block Grant administered through the Redevelopment Authority of Washington County for 2016 titled "Belgium Hollow Road Improvement Project" from Noblestown Road to Bowen Road for approximately 4,641 feet and to utilize all funds allotted for Mount Pleasant Township for this project. DB seconded the motion. BT stated it was for a grant for \$50,000. GF stated that improvements won't be made until the Spring of 2017. BT stated the township will receive the money in August of 2016, it will go out to bid in October 2016 and paving will start in the spring of 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items:

1. Cost estimate for repairs to Darlene & Daniel Wright's vehicle due to an accident involving the Township mower when mowing the Community Center Property. GF stated the estimate was for \$629.08. Donaldson McCalmont (DM) stated the damage on the pickup truck amounted to the cap that goes over the receptacle for the plug. He suggested that in the future cars should park on the other side of the parking lot. He stated that the damage could not have been as high as what the estimate says that the cover for receptacle was the only thing that came off the vehicle. TM recommended tabling this and taking another look to make sure the township received a fair estimate.
2. LSA funding request from the Old School House Players. GF stated that the township received a letter that the Old School House Players applied for LSA funds. GF said his concern is that people pay to go see the plays, the board's position should not give out public money to a private organization. GF questioned whether or not this is something the board is allowed to do. DB questioned whether or not anyone else used the auditorium. GF stated the Lion's Club uses the auditorium for a Veteran's Day and a Memorial Day service. BT stated the township owns the building but we have a lease with the organization that runs the community center that they're in charge of everything inside and the township is responsible for everything outside.
3. BT stated that action was taken at November's meeting to advance money to Heritage Public Library but this money is no longer needed because they received a donation from Mark West. BT stated the full contribution will be made in 2016. GF stated that the board will be appointing two residents in 2016 to the library board and any interested residents should submit a letter to the township.
4. GF stated that the solicitor and the auditor suggested that changes be made to the convention expense reimbursement policy immediately. The board agreed to make the following changes: change the name of the policy, delete spouse from #1 and #3, delete #5 in its entirety. GF motioned to make the changes to the policy. DB seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business: None.

Other New Business: .

Public Comment on Matters of Concern:

Dennis Sluciak, 47 Grudevich Road, Canonsburg, stated that he owns 90 acres on 519 that is zoned agricultural. The property across the street is zoned light industrial. He said he approached the township a few years ago to get the property zoned light industrial, he asked what steps he would have to take to change the zoning. BT said he would have to apply for a zoning change to the planning commission and the planning commission would make a recommendation to the board of supervisors. BT stated that the planning commission is in the process of having a comprehensive plan done and that the consultant recommended expanding the light industrial districts. BT suggested he wait until the comprehensive plan has been completed and when the public hearings is held to come to that. DS inquired about the status of the sewage project in Westland. GF stated that Westland is included in the sewage project. BT stated that it's in the design stage right now and he's not sure what the time frame is right now. GF stated it will be at least a year or a year and a half after the design stage and the funding. GF said sewage will go to Westland and there will be a plant in Westland.

Kim Staub, 101 Walnut Road, inquired about the status of the consent order for the Carter Impoundment which had a closure date of November 15th. KS stated it's now a month past that date and the impoundment is drained but not

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reclaimed per the agreement with the township and Range. KS asked if the township had reached out to Range or the DEP about why it's not closed and asked if the township plans on enforcing the consent order. GF stated the consent order is with the DEP and the DEP is the one who needs to enforce it. TM stated that there were steps that Range has to take first in order to do the actual take down of the site. TM stated there was various processes that they needed to do first and from there put together a plan and that time progression would take them into February. TM and KS went back and forth about what was discussed during the August 26th, 2015 meeting and her concerns about the Carter Impoundment and what happened when GF and TM visited the impoundment and her request to visit the site.

GF thanked DB for his service and asked him to submit a letter of interest to be appointed to the library board. DB thanked him and said he enjoyed his time on the board.

Adjournment: BT motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:38 PM, and DB seconded the Motion. The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Fein
Acting Secretary
Mount Pleasant Township
Board of Supervisors