

MT. PLEASANT TWP. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2015

The meeting of January 21, 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), Neva Stanger, Solicitor (NS), Larry Chome, Zoning Officer (LC) and Mary Ann Stevenson, Manager/Secretary (MS).

Public Comments and Comments Regarding the Agenda:

Rick Walsh, Bud Osborne, Jeff Donati, Doug Caldwell, John Bedillion, Rich & Regina Schohn and Nedra Ursitz all stated they support Brian Temple for the vacant Supervisor position due to his background in planning and he and his family have lived here their whole life and he would make a good addition to the board.

Kim Forrest stated prior comments made by Brian Temple at a planning commission meeting regarding people not born and raised here alluded to a biased opinion and he cannot represent all of the people who live here.

Bill Forrest commented on the motion to appoint Timothy Berggren as the ZHB Solicitor. He stated after reviewing his biography he has no zoning experience at all and he has concerns that he is the right choice for this position.

JoAnne Wagner stated Brian Temple had a conflict of interest with being a Supervisor and his current job as having competing interests. She added that she was bullied by a resident at the RR hearing on 1/20/15 and that bully sat next to Brian Temple which concerns her.

Frank Fiori asked how many interested candidates and if they will address the board. GF responded there were 4 resumes submitted and there will be a discussion or a motion.

Amylyn Kyler, interested candidate for Supervisor, stated she has a non-biased, fresh perspective in dealing with current issues and loves the community and is interested in doing what is best for the Township. She added that she is a business owner and leader and desires to serve the people. She stated that there seemed to be a lot of people in attendance trying to influence the decision of the board and asked the board to use their own judgment.

Shane Maga, interested candidate for Supervisor, stated he had served as a Supervisor for MPT for 12 years in the past and feels his experience and supervisory knowledge would be beneficial.

Action Items:

- A. **Reports:** DB motioned to accept the reports as given and GF 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 – January, 2015
 - Public Safety Report – 12/4/14 – 1/16/15
 - Public Works Report – 12/5/14 – 1/16/15
 - Planning Commission Minutes – 12/1/14
 - Parks & Recreation Minutes – None
 - Municipal Authority Minutes – 11/7/14
 - Midway Sewage Minutes – 11/11/14 & 12/2/14
 - Cross Creek Valley Region Minutes – 1/8/15
 - Washington County Sewage Council Report – None
 - MPT Volunteer Fire Dept. Reports - None
 - Treasurer's Report – December 2014
 - Correspondence for the period of – 12/5/14 – 1/15/15
- B. **Bills:** DB motioned to authorize the payment of the invoices for the period of 12/5/14 – 1/15/15 as presented and GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. **Minutes:** GF motioned to adopt the minutes of the December 10, 2014 regular board meeting and DB seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. **Resignation:** DB motioned to accept the resignation of Supervisor Bryan Smith effective 12/31/14 and GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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- E. **Park & Recreation Appointment:** DB motioned to appoint Sommer Temple to the Parks & Recreation Board effective 1/12/15 for the 5 year term ending 12/31/19 and GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. **Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor:** GF motioned to acknowledge the appointment of Timothy Berggren from Berggren & Turturice as the new solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board at a rate of \$95 per hour and a fee of \$250 to attend each hearing (based off of the ZHB interviewing other solicitors and this is who they chose) and DB seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- G. **Cab & Chassis Purchase:** GF motioned to approve the purchase of a 2016 Western Star 4700sb standard (motion amended from automatic) cab and chassis truck from Fyda Freightliner, under the state contract, for a price not to exceed \$96,155 in which Fyda Freightliner agrees to have the cab and chassis delivered to the dump body/hydraulic installation vendor within 16 weeks or less of receiving this truck order. DB seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- H. **Dump/Hydraulic Purchase:** GF motioned to approve the purchase of a dump body/hydraulic installation from US Municipal Supply, under the State Contract, for a price not to exceed \$60,200 which includes a plow and spreader in which US Municipal Supply agrees to have the completed truck delivered to MPT in 14 weeks or less of receiving the cab and chassis from Fyda Freightliner (motion amended due to adding on-spot chains to purchase). DB seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- I. **Township Supervisor Appointment:** DB stated there are 4 qualified candidates and stated that time needs to be spent on what criteria should be used to make this decision. GF stated each candidate could make a brief statement except for Jane Worthington who was absent. Ms. Kyler stated she has lived here for 3.5 years and loves the community and is happy to be here. She added that she is interested in doing what is best for the Township in an unbiased way with a new fresh perspective and an open mind. She stated she may not have planning knowledge or have been a past supervisor but she does have leadership and communication skills and a desire to serve the people and all of those criteria should be looked at when making a decision. Mr. Maga stated he didn't have much to add and that all the candidates would do a good job. Mr. Temple stated he has served on the planning commission since 2007 and was born and raised here and lived most of his life here. He stated he worked at North Fayette Twp. for 12 years in the planning dept. overseeing commercial and residential development. He added that he does not have a conflict of interest at this time with the private company he works for (Imperial Land Development.) and they do not own any property in MPT only in Allegheny County but it is located in the Fort Cherry School District. He added that he has no conflict with the gas industry and the only business with them is gas leases on their property. GF explained that this is an appointment to fill the balance of the term through 2015 and if interested, this person will need to run in the 2015 election. GF added there will be 2 positions on the election ballot this year, a 2 year and a 6 year term, one for this vacancy and one for DB term. DB stated he felt there were 3 criteria to meet for this job in his opinion and they were –must demonstrate eagerness to serve (which they all have); all should have a background in leadership (which they all have); must be representative of the constituency represented. DB added, per the last census, the median age is 40 and there is an equal breakdown between male and female (1,700 each) and that it is time for a female on this board. He added that Brian Temple, as the chairman of the planning commission, is exactly where he should be, and that is the most important job right now in the Township due to drafting a new comprehensive plan and revisions to the O&G Ordinance. DB motioned that Amylyn Kyler be appointed as the 3rd. Township Supervisor. Motion died for lack of a second. GF stated he can't second that motion because the Township needs someone with Brian Temple's expertise. GF motioned to appoint Brian Temple to fulfill this year as Township Supervisor. Motion died for lack of a second. DB stated for the reasons mentioned above he cannot second the motion. After a brief discussion on a date and time, GF stated the Vacancy Board will convene on February 2, 2015 at 6 pm. There was back and forth discussion amongst unidentified people.

Discussion Items:

- 1. Penn DOT Winter Maintenance. GF asked if Penn DOT was contacted. Bill Dinsmore, Director of Public Works commented that Rick Marker from Penn DOT stated this needed to wait until the next winter season because by the time all of the paper work was finished it would be the end of March to beginning of April anyway. GF stated he has had a lot of complaints due to how bad the roads were taken care of and next season we need to consider taking them back.

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Unfinished Business:

1. Municipal Authority Vacancy – DB motioned to appoint Jeff Donati to the Municipal Authority for the unexpired term and GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: DB motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm and GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Stevenson
Township Secretary
Mount Pleasant Township
Board of Supervisors