

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

The meeting of July 22, 2015, was called to order at 7:06 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), Larry Chome, Zoning Officer (LC) and Mary Ann Stevenson, Manager/Secretary (MS).

Executive Session: GF announced there was an executive session held before this meeting regarding legal matters.

Matters Concerning Business of the Township: Cypher & Cypher, CPA – 2014 Financial Audit. Steven Cypher gave a general overview of the 2014 financial audit stating there was a decrease in fund balance due to the large donation to the Municipal Authority. He added the remaining unassigned fund balance of \$351 thousand is roughly 25% of the operating budget which leaves the Township in a very good position should an emergency arise. He recommended creating a credit card policy. In conclusion, he stated there were no disagreements with management and no uncorrected misstatements which is exactly how it should be.

Public Comments Regarding the Agenda: Don Reed regarding letter (H); he questioned whether or not the Township could take over winter maintenance on Fort Cherry Road since last year Penn DOT did a terrible job. BT stated the Township can't take it over until Fort Cherry Road is fixed by Penn DOT. GF agreed and added the Township doesn't want to maintain the road but if fixed they will consider winter maintenance in the future.

Action Items:

- A. **Reports:** DB motioned to accept the reports as given and GF seconded the motion. BT stated a public works report has been turned in (noted below). 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 – July, 2015
 - Public Safety Report – 6/12/15 – 7/16/15
 - Public Works Report – None (*report dated 6/22/15 – 7/20/15 turned in after agenda prepared*)
 - Planning Commission Minutes – 6/1/15
 - Parks & Recreation Minutes – 6/8/15
 - Municipal Authority Minutes – 6/3/15
 - Midway Sewage Minutes – 6/2/15
 - Cross Creek Valley Region Minutes – None
 - Washington County Sewage Council Report – None
 - MPT Volunteer Fire Dept. Reports – Truck Fund – June 2015
 - Treasurer's Report – June, 2015
 - Correspondence for the period of – 6/19/15 – 7/16/15
- B. **Bills:** DB motioned to ratify the payment of the invoices for the period of 6/19/15 – 7/16/15 as presented. BT seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. **Minutes:** BT motioned to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2015 regular board meeting. DB seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. **Wussick/Kosarik Subdivision:** GF motioned to approve the Wussick/Kosarik Subdivision Plan No. 1 and Sewage Planning Module off of Skyline Dr., subdividing a 13+ acre parcel for the purpose of creating an additional building lot. LC presented the subdivision and sewage planning module, which will be kept on file since they are claiming a 10 acre exemption and stated the MPT Planning Commission recommended approval. BT seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. **Costanzo/Cox Subdivision:** BT motioned to approve the Costanzo/Cox Subdivision Plan No. 1 off of Eberle Rd., subdividing 10+ acres for the purpose of creating a building lot contingent upon the DEP approval of the Sewage Planning Module. LC presented the subdivision and stated the MPT Planning Commission recommended approval. DB seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. **Southern Beltway Cul-de-Sac Approval:** DB motioned to authorize the Township Engineer to approve the revised design of the Meriage St. Cul-de-Sac Line and Grade Report for the Southern Beltway Project including a waiver of the seven (7) foot shoulder requirement per Chapter 178, Section 45G, to a two (2) foot

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shoulder as recommended per the K2 Engineering letter dated July 14, 2015. BT seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- G. **Resolution 2015-K:** BT motioned to adopt Resolution 2015-K; a Resolution authorizing Chairman Gary Farnier to sign the Penn DOT winter maintenance agreement. DB seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- H. **Penn DOT Winter Maintenance Agreement:** DB motioned to accept the supplemental winter maintenance agreement with Penn DOT adding back the following roads that were removed in 2014 that will be the responsibility of the Township: Wabash Ave., and McCarrell, Pleasant and Southview Roads. BT seconded the motion. GF suggested adding Fort Cherry Road contingent upon repairs being made to acceptable Township standards. DB asked if there was enough man power. BT added that the department is short an employee. There was discussion on using part time employees and the union contract. MS stated that Penn DOT won't accept the Township adding language to the already prepared agreement. TM added that he agreed and recommended adopting this agreement and possibly doing another supplemental agreement down the road. The motion carried unanimously.
- I. **Resolution 2015-L:** GF motioned to adopt Resolution 2015-L; a Resolution providing for the receipt and appropriation of Act 13 revenue received July 6, 2015 for the year 2014. DB seconded the motion. GF announced the MA allotment of \$251,726.03. TM stated the resolution is written so that MS can transfer money to the Municipal Authority without needing further approval. The motion carried unanimously.
- J. **Part Time Police New Hire:** GF motioned to hire Daniel McMurtrie as a part time Police Officer effective July 22, 2015 at \$12.30 per hour with no benefits per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. BT seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items:

- 1. Southview Ball Field Lease – donations from the Yanosik family. Discussion took place regarding the offer from the Yanosik family to donate money to fix up the park (*they would like an estimate for renovations*) and the Parks Dept. & PW Dept. had not had time to work on a cost estimate. TM added he is waiting on a possible donation of some bleachers and a back stop and should have something within the next week. DB asked if they could get an estimate by the next meeting. MS stated the estimate would also depend on the donated items. BT stated we'd still need benches and fencing behind the benches and asked Mick Maga, PW Foreman, to have a cost estimate by the next meeting.
- 2. Side Door – problems with the door, lock and keys. MS stated she was having problems with the tumbler locks for the side door and the meeting room door and getting keys that work. MS added that new keys were just made for the side door and the meeting room door and they work so far but are not guaranteed to continue working and the meeting room door is difficult to open even with the new keys. She added the board may want to consider new doors with a different locking system. The board agreed to address this during budget sessions.

Unfinished Business:

- 1. Transparency TV – TM stated he is working on the draft agreement for next month.
- 2. Chapter 61, Buildings, Numbering of – GF asked if this was addressed in the IPMC. TM stated the requirements are the same as the IPMC and this addresses instances where there are no mail boxes, and homes aren't visible from the street. GF added that this is a safety issue for police and fire departments.
 - ▶ DB motioned to authorize the Township Manager to advertise this ordinance for adoption and GF seconded the motion. Public Comment: Paul Battista asked what the height requirements are and BT stated it is 4" x 1/2". The motion carried unanimously.
- 3. No Parking Ordinance – GF stated that Chief McQuillan and the Fire Chief have not had a chance to finalize their suggestions and that recommendations should be ready for the next meeting.

Other New Business: Simmons Hickory Farm Zoning Hearing Board Appeal. TM stated the Township is listed as a party and needs to sign off on the settlement proposal and asked for the following motion: a motion to authorize the Solicitor to execute on behalf of the Township a proposed settlement agreement for the Simmons Farm land use appeal, as unopposed, before the Common Pleas Court. ▶ DB acknowledged the motion and BT seconded the motion. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously.

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Public Comment on Matters of Concern:

Bill Orton, Eberle Rd. made the following comments: the shoulders on Martin Rd. are getting low again; suggested budgeting for a road rebuild program and not just patching roads; stated he has gotten complaints that the white light background on the Subway sign at night is blinding; suggested a stop sign on Wabash. It was suggested to ask Rick Walsh to turn the brightness down on the sign. GF stated Penn DOT turned down the stop sign request.

Dennis Sarchet asked about the stormwater catch basin on Allison Avenue that he brought up at last months' meeting. BT stated the Public Works Dept. did take a look at it and there is nothing that the Township can do because it would be outside of the Township's right-of-way.

Paul Battista, 28 Johnston Rd., commented on the door/lock issue and stated he has had trouble getting the door open at times and recommended an electronic FOB system or a key pad system; he questioned whether or not the Township is considering a "DOT stop" for weighing and inspections of trucks like in other communities. GF stated it is too costly for the materials and training but he will check with the Chief. There was discussion on hiring someone for a few hours a month like Smith Twp. does.

Don Reed asked about Transparency TV and GF responded that the agreement is still being worked on by the Solicitor. He asked how the sewage project is coming along and Paul Battista stated with this next Act 13 allotment they will be able to finish the design and DEP permitting phase around Dec. 2015; securing rights-of-way will be next. He added they will introduce maps at a public meeting and then start individual meetings with residents for securing the approximately 250 rights-of-way that are needed.

Adjournment: DB motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm and GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Stevenson
Township Secretary
Mount Pleasant Township
Board of Supervisors