

**MT. PLEASANT TWP. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING OF JUNE 24, 2015**

The meeting of June 24, 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), Larry Chome, Zoning Officer (LC) and Mary Ann Stevenson, Manager/Secretary (MS).

**Executive Session:** GF announced there was an executive session held 6/23/15 regarding the public works contract and on 6/24/15 prior to this meeting to discuss litigation.

GF welcomed Tom McDermott as the new solicitor from the firm of Gaitens, Tucceri and Nicholas.

**Matters Concerning Business of the Township:** Don Palo, K2 Engineering – Serenity Farms Road Dirt & Gravel Roads Project. Mr. Palo stated he spoke with Ashley Wilmont from the Washington County Conservation District who oversees the Dirt & Gravel Road Program and for a project this size they recommended breaking the project into two phases; the first being drainage, grading and fill and the second being the application of the DSA – Driving Surface Aggregate. The Board agreed to submit this in phases in order to get funding and get the project approved and instructed Mr. Palo to proceed with the application. The Board instructed MS to find out why Caldwell Road was turned down.

**Public Comments Regarding the Agenda:** None.

**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 – June, 2015
  - Public Safety Report – 5/22/15 – 6/12/15
  - Public Works Report – 5/22/15 – 6/18/15
  - Planning Commission Minutes – 5/4/15
  - Parks & Recreation Minutes – None
  - Municipal Authority Minutes – 5/6/15
  - Midway Sewage Minutes – 5/5/15
  - Cross Creek Valley Region Minutes – None
  - Washington County Sewage Council Report – None
  - MPT Volunteer Fire Dept. Reports – Call Log
  - Treasurer's Report – May, 2015
  - Correspondence for the period of – 5/15/15 – 6/18/15
- B. **Bills:** DB motioned to ratify the payment of the invoices for the period of 5/15/15 – 6/18/15 as presented and BT seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. **Minutes:** BT motioned to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2015 regular board meeting and GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. **Willy Subdivision:** DB motioned to approve the Michael and Janine Willy Subdivision off of Caleffe Rd., creating a 3.9 acre parcel for a building lot. LC presented the subdivision and sewage planning module and stated the changes recommended by K2 Engineering have been made and the MPT Planning Commission recommended approval. BT seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. **Sitarik Subdivision:** DB motioned to approve the Edward Sitarik Subdivision off of Skyline Dr. for the purpose of a line shift transferring .34 acres to Michael Wussick. LC presented the subdivision and stated the sewage planning module needs signed but will not be sent to the DEP per the Sewage Council. BT seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. **Dangerous Structure:** GF motioned to declare the structure owned by Lon Libert, located at 50 Fort Cherry Rd., as a dangerous structure per Chapter 65 of the Code of Ordinances and per the K2 inspection report and DB seconded the motion. LC presented pictures and stated he will either have to bring it up to code or tear it down. The motion carried unanimously.

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- G. **Ag. Security Area Addition:** BT motioned to approve the Daniel Paul property consisting of 11 acres located along Lynn Portal Rd. into the Agricultural Security Area as the application has passed the 180 day deemed approval period and GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- H. **Ag. Security Area Application:** GF motioned to acknowledge the application of David and Cynthia Simmons property consisting of 98.5 acres located at 55 Loffert Rd. as a request to be included into the Agricultural Security Area and BT seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- I. **Bill Dinsmore Resignation:** GF motioned to accept the retirement resignation of Public Works Director William Dinsmore effective June 19, 2015 and acknowledged his many years of service to the Township and his hard work over the years. DB seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- J. **Public Works Working Foreman:** BT motioned to appoint Michael (Micky) Maga as a working foreman for the Public Works Department and GF seconded the motion. DB asked if there will be a job description created and BT agreed that there should be one created. TM stated he was working on one. The motion carried unanimously.
- K. **Ordinance 132:** DB motioned to adopt Ordinance 132; an ordinance providing for definitions and procedures for the issuing of building permits related to sewage authorization and GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- L. **Ordinance 133:** BT motioned to adopt Ordinance 133; deleting & replacing Chapter 97, Floodplain Management, requiring all persons, partnerships, businesses and corporations to obtain a permit within areas of the Township which are subject to flooding and providing for the identification of floodplain areas in accordance with FEMA requirements and the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps and DB seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- M. **Public Works Dept. Collective Bargaining Agreement:** BT motioned to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 205 representing the Public Works Department for the term of 1/1/15 – 12/31/17 and GF seconded the motion. DB stated this was a long time coming and there was a previous tentative agreement that should have been adopted. GF agreed it took 3 ½ years which is too long. The motion carried unanimously.
- N. **Community Center Trees:** GF explained, from the last meeting, that there is a way to contain the snakes without cutting down the trees and that is by spraying foam into the holes. GF motioned to have Blue's Tree Service fill in the holes in the trees at an amount not to exceed \$1,000 and DB seconded the motion. BT added that this option leaves the trees as shade for the playground. The motion carried unanimously.
- O. **Zoning Officer Pay Rate:** DB clarified that at the organizational meeting in January the Township changed Larry Chome from a salary position to an hourly position which resulted in a \$6.41 reduction in pay and there was misinterpretation at the last meeting that the \$1 per hour increase was a raise and therefore did not pass. He added that it is not a raise; it is to restore \$1. DB motioned to restore \$1 per hour retro-active to June 1<sup>st</sup> for the Zoning Officer's wage and GF seconded the motion. BT opposed the motion. Motion carried 2-1.

**Discussion Items:**

- 1. Scheduling of the ball fields. BT stated there are three local teams that play on the Hickory field and the Pony League made the playoffs with home field advantage but the field was being used for practice by a traveling ball team and the community team had to play in Burgettstown because the traveling team would not change their schedule and give up the field. The Board discussed various options from charging a fee to traveling teams to use the field; monitoring the scheduling of the fields to passing a motion that the community teams should get priority over traveling teams. BT added that there has been Ball Association change over with respect to scheduling but felt that it would get better now that there is a stable board. There was much discussion; the board agreed the community teams should have priority use of the fields and recommended the teams come before the board at a future meeting to explain their concerns. GF stated to put this back on the agenda for July.
- 2. Parks & Recreation requests for removal of the bridge and funds for improvements. DB state the P&R Board has done a wonderful job planning activities for the community but doesn't understand that they need to bring improvement ideas and costs to the board for approval of funds. DB added he will explain this to the P&R Board members at their next meeting. GF agreed that the parks board needs to get quotes and present what they want to the Supervisors and ask for a disbursement of funds and then the Board could take action. GF stated the removal of the bridge is an item they want taken down immediately and to have the rocks removed.

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BT agreed and added that the rocks need to be taken away as well for safety reasons. There was discussion regarding the mulch needing re-done and whether to use rubber mulch, if approved by the State, and the bidding requirements.

► GF motioned to have the Public Works employees tear down the bridge, remove the rocks, replace with top soil and re-seed the area and to remove the mulch around the playground and replace it with State approved rubberized mulch. DB seconded the motion. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Dominic Piazza (DP) – Southview Park proposal. BT stated a letter has been submitted by Dominic Piazza and asked him to present his proposal. DP stated a Southview resident passed away and left money to the Guardian Angels Church to be used for the residents and community of Southview. He added that they have helped many families and created a scholarship fund. He would like to donate the money that is left to the Township to re-do the Southview Park. DP would like to see the parking lot paved, new playground equipment and benches and new mulch and if any money is left to make some improvements to the fire hall. GF stated he appreciated their offer. DB stated it is wonderful offer. There was discussion about coordinating both park projects to get better prices; having the Public Works employee's do the paving and having DP reimburse the Township for the costs. BT suggested having TM draw up an agreement that this money is to only be used for the Southview Park. GF suggested that he work with the P&R Board to coordinate this effort with the Hickory Park and possibly get better pricing through the State Contract. BT added that the Township should pay for a plaque to recognize the lady and the society for their donation out of the P&R budget. The Board agreed to this proposal and GF told DP to work with the Parks Board.

► BT motioned to authorize the Township staff to perform due diligence necessary for the acquisition of park equipment for Southview and DB seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Southview Ball Field – There has been no interest from the ball teams to be responsible for the improvements that are needed and the Township does not want to spend money on land that it does not own. There is no action on this item and the Township will not be entering into a lease at this time.
2. Transparency TV – TM stated he is reviewing the draft agreement.
3. Chapter 61, Buildings, Numbering of – TM stated he is working on this and should have something by the next meeting for review.
4. No Parking Ordinance – GF stated that the board submitted their suggestions on the roads for no parking and it is still not clear. He added there are places, like on Wabash, where people will have no place to park if limited to one side only. DB agreed. GF instructed MS to give the Supervisor's notes to the Police and Fire Chiefs for their opinion and recommendation and then TM can prepare an initial draft for review.

**Other New Business:** None.

**Public Comment on Matters of Concern:**

Jane Worthington, regarding the ball field scheduling issue. She stated the traveling team does have Fort Cherry players on it and that team had the field already scheduled. She agreed that play offs should get home field advantage, and suggested creating a protocol when conflict happens. There was discussion on the need for additional ball fields. She questioned her request for getting water and restrooms for the Community Center field being last on the priority list and asked if it has moved up on the list. DB stated the P&R Board may spend all of their money allocated before getting to that item and stated she may have to do a new request for future funding. BT added the Baseball Association will be coming to a meeting to address this issue but they were going to request water only.

Dennis Sarchet asked for a stormwater catch basin to be installed on Allison Avenue. GF stated the Public Works Department will take a look at it.

Don Reed asked if the Collective Bargaining Agreement was tentative and GF stated it was permanent. He complained about the condition of State Roads and asked the township to take them over. GF stated it would take too much money

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to repair and maintain them. BT stated the Township couldn't handle the new stormwater regulations either. He also asked who takes care of the dangerous structure issue. GF stated the Township Engineer and the Zoning Officer and they follow the ordinance requirements.

BT stated multiple trucks are going through inspections and not passing mainly due to needing new tires so he is getting quotes for new tires.

BT asked when Baker Road is going to get repaired. MS stated we were waiting for PA Water to approve the repairs. The Board instructed K2 to find out when repairs will be made and if not soon then temporary repairs need to be made.

**Adjournment:** GF motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm and DB seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Stevenson  
Township Secretary  
Mount Pleasant Township  
Board of Supervisors