

MT. PLEASANT TWP. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING OF JANUARY 27, 2016

The meeting of January 27, 2016, 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), Don Reed, Supervisor (DR), Tom McDermott, Solicitor (TM) and Karen Fein, Secretary (KF). Brian Temple, Vice-Chairman (BT) absent.

Executive Session: GF announced there was an executive session held on January 14, 2016 to discuss personnel issues. Also an informational meeting was held on January 14, 2016 with the Municipal Authority. There will also be an executive session after tonight's meeting for personnel reasons.

Matters Concerning Business of the Township: None

Public Comments Regarding the Agenda: None

Action Items:

- A. **Minutes:** GF motioned to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2015 regular Board of Supervisors meeting. DR seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. **Minutes:** DR motioned to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2016 re-organization Board of Supervisors meeting. GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. **Bills:** GF motioned to ratify the payment of invoices for the period of 12/11/15 – 01/21/16 as presented. DR seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. **Open Records Officer:** DR motioned to appoint Karen Fein as acting Township Open Records Officer. GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. **Planning Commission Vacancy:** GF motioned to table appointing a Planning Commission member to fill the vacancy until all three supervisors are present to vote. DR seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. **Reports:** DR motioned to accept the following reports, if any, as submitted for the Board's review. GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - Zoning Officer's Report – January 2016
 - Public Safety Report – 12/10/15 – 1/21/16
 - Public Works Report – 12/15/15 – 1/21/16
 - Planning Commission Minutes – 1/11/2016
 - Parks & Recreation Minutes – None
 - Municipal Authority Minutes – 11/4/15 & 12/2/2015
 - Midway Sewage Minutes – 12/1/15
 - Cross Creek Valley Region Minutes – None
 - Wash. County Sewage Council Report – None
 - MPT Volunteer Fire Dept. Reports – None
 - Treasurer Report – December, 2015
 - Correspondence – 12/11/15 – 1/21/16
- G. **Reapprove Willy Subdivision Plan No. 1:** GF motioned to re-approve the Michael and Janine Willy Subdivision Plan No. 1 as previously approved on June 22, 2015. Larry Chome (LC) stated they did not have it recorded, the Planning Commission signed it and it does not need to be re-evaluated by the township engineer because nothing changed on the drawing it just wasn't recording in the 90 day period. LC recommend that the township sign off on the subdivision. DR seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- H. **Hickory Telephone Advertisement:** GF motioned to authorize advertisement of a public hearing before the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 24, 2016, regarding the cable franchise renewal, to review the past performance of the cable operator, Hickory Telephone Co. and to identify the future cable-related community needs of the Township. DR seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. TM stated that this hearing will be an informational meeting on franchise operations.

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- I. **Transfer to CPI for Non-Uniform Pension Fund:** DR motioned to authorize the transfer of \$1,900.71 from the Township's general fund (to be effectuated by automatic-debit by CPI and the Plan Custodian on January 28, 2016), into the Board of Supervisors Purchase Money Pension Fund, in fulfillment of the Township's supplemental 2015 non-uniform plan allocation, as calculated by CPI. GF seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- J. **Payment to Darlene & Daniel Wright for damages to vehicle:** GF motioned to authorize payment to Darlene & Daniel Wright in the amount of \$629.08, based on the estimate received for alleged damage to vehicle by the Township mower in November 2015, upon execution of a full and final release of the Township regarding said claim. DR seconded the motion. DR questioned if anyone else looked at the estimate on the vehicle. TM stated the damages were under the deductible limit and most of it was for parts. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items: GF stated by the next meeting there should be an application for the Municipal Authority too. At February's meeting the vacancies on the Planning Commission and Municipal Authority should be filled.

Unfinished Business: None.

Other New Business: None

Public Comment on Matters of Concern:

Ben Scott, 19 Wabash Avenue, Hickory, stated he has lived in the township since 2005 and wanted to give feedback on Chief McQuillan and the Police Department. He stated he has had numerous interactions with the police over the past 11 years and he was recently pulled over by Officer Kanotz and wanted to say how professional and courteous Officer Kanotz was. He stated that Chief McQuillan is a good role model and his leadership shows through the professional and courteous police.

Chief Louis McQuillan stated that there has been a 16% increase in calls, a 45% increase in traffic citations and arrests are up by 43% and he credits that with finally having a fully staffed and functioning police department.

Lee Robinson, 287 Ridge Road, asked if the board of supervisors has a record of Act 13 money. GF stated that township follows the law when spending Act 13 money and in March meetings will be held to discuss what to do with the money that we have now. GF said last year the fire department and the police department received money and over the next 4 more years a good portion will be going to the sewage project to help bring some of the cost down.

Steve Balta, 3008 Shoreline Lane, wanted to introduce himself to the board because he submitted an application and a letter of intent for the Municipal Authority vacancy and wanted to make himself available if the board had any questions. GF stated that he felt it would be better to have all three board members in attendance and at the February meeting they will be making the appointments.

DR wanted to thank Mickey Maga and the road crew for clearing the roads during the snowstorm. GF made a comparison between township roads and Fort Cherry Road which is a state road and that there was a big difference. GF said that the police department and public works department are constantly complaining to the state about the condition of Fort Cherry Road. GF said the state subcontracts out the road and that he is hoping that by next fall the township can take it back over. That state contracts with the township to do some state roads but Fort Cherry Road would put too big a demand on the public works department because it's a road traveled by the buses and you have to constantly be out there spreading, plowing and it takes a lot of man hours for that.

Adjournment: GF motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:18 PM, and DR seconded the Motion. The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen Fein
Secretary-Treasurer
Mount Pleasant Township
Board of Supervisors