

MT. PLEASANT TWP. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING OF AUGUST 25, 2010

The meeting of August 25, 2010, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Dinsmore with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Those present were: William L. Dinsmore, Chairman (WD), Larry H. Grimm, Vice-Chairman (LG), Arden B. McCartney, Supervisor (AM), William A. Johnson, Solicitor (WJ), Larry Chome, Zoning Officer (LC), Mary Ann Stevenson, Manager/Secretary (MS), and those citizens listed on the attached sheet.

Executive Sessions:

WD stated that an executive session was held on Wednesday, August 4, 2010 regarding pending zoning litigation with Range Resources.

WD stated that an executive session was held on Thursday, August 5, 2010 regarding pending zoning litigation with Laurel Mountain Midstream LLC.

Public Comments:

An unidentified person (believed to be Don Reed) stated that there is still excessive speed on State Route 50 and that there have been a couple of accidents at the Intersection of State Route 50 and State Route 519. He added that he contacted Rep. Jesse White's Office and was told that the Township Supervisors need to get involved and he would like to ask the BOS to get a 3 way stop sign at that intersection and to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph. LG stated, as he has in the past several meetings, that the Township has petitioned Penn DOT for a speed reduction on State Route 50 and for lights at 3 intersections and all have been turned down. LG added that they are State Roads, Penn DOT would have to give permission and the Twp. would have to pay for it. There was continued back and forth discussion amongst several unidentified residents regarding speeding.

Paul Battista (PB), 28 Johnston Road stated that visibility is everything and that the Police need to be seen more on the main road. LG stated that they are there but they also have many other roads to patrol and to do speed checks on. Again, multiple unidentified people were talking. An unidentified person stated that more tickets need written. LG added that for this past meeting month 55 citations for speeding were issued. PB then asked if there was communication between the Township and Range Resources regarding coordinating road work. WD stated that there are bi-monthly meetings between him and Range Resources specifically related to road work. There was a brief discussion between LG and PB regarding road damage / repairs and Range Resources and then discussion between everyone (unidentified) about damage to State Roads. PB then asked about the erosion problem on the side of the hill where the Hy Bridge demolition took place. WD stated that Penn DOT was consulted and their Engineer came out for a review and determined that the erosion was under control and should be settling soon and that there was nothing further that needed to be done and this was put in writing. PB stated that the Township spent money to try to correct the issue last year and it didn't work. WD agreed but added that the Township took extra measures as a precaution. PB then questioned an item from last month's agenda regarding a Resolution opposing the merger of local governments and he doesn't understand why we had to do that. LG stated that PSATS asked for townships support to oppose this legislation. PB asked why there wasn't grassroots efforts amongst the residents to get involved and AM stated that this came up very fast and PSATS needed as much support as possible and that they needed it quickly so the Township needed to act quickly.

Another unidentified person brought up solicitation permit requirements. WD stated that non profits do not need one. LC addressed this issue stating that permits are required and the company and employees are checked for legitimacy. The Police run vehicle, license and background checks if need be. LC added that if the information is legitimate than they are issued a permit. There was continued back and forth discussion amongst the audience regarding their concerns over peddlers.

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Reports

The following reports, if any, were submitted for the Board's review and are on file at the Municipal Office:

- Zoning Officer's Report – Since last meeting
- Public Safety Report – 7/25/10 – 8/24/10
- Public Works Report – 7/29/10 – 8/25/10
- Planning Commission Minutes – 7/12/10 & 8/1/10
- Parks & Recreation Minutes – None
- Municipal Authority Minutes – None
- Midway Sewage Minutes – 7/6/10
- Cross Creek Valley Region Minutes – None
- Washington County Sewage Council Report - None
- MPT Volunteer Fire Dept. Report - July 2010
- Treasurer's Report - July 2010
- Correspondence for the period of - 7/28/10 – 8/24/10

▶ LG motioned to accept the reports as given and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Items:

1. **Bills:** WD motioned authorize the payment of the invoices for the period of 7/28/10 – 8/24/10 as presented and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. **Minutes:** LG motioned to adopt the minutes of the July 28, 2010 regular board meeting and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Gary Barbour Subdivision:** LC presented the Barbour subdivision stating that he is dividing the property into 4 lots of 2+ acres each and added that the Twp. Engineers comments have been addressed and that the Wash. Co. and MPT Planning Commissions have both approved it. WJ asked about the right-of-way and Mr. Barbour stated it was 50 foot. LC added that it has passed the perk tests and requirements of the Sanitation Council. WD motioned to approve the Gary Barbour Subdivision #1 at 285 Southview Rd. and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Parks Board Vacancy:** AM motioned to declare the P&R position held by Lisa Karn vacant as she resigned via e-mail but failed to submit a written resignation as requested and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. LG stated we now have 2 openings if anyone is interested.
5. **Resolution 2010-O:** LG motioned to adopt Resolution 2010-O; a Resolution amending the fee schedule to accurately reflect the Township Engineers fees per their billing schedule and WD seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Resolution 2010-P:** WD motioned to adopt Resolution 2010-P; a Resolution amending and restating the MPT Pension Plan adding Arden McCartney as a Trustee effective January 1, 2010 and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items: *(board members may elect to discuss items presented to them since the last meeting)*

AM stated that someone is still parking behind the Primrose Memorial and he would like to put up a fence to prevent that from happening but that a survey will cost \$750. WD stated that a prior survey was done but we can't find the pins or drawing. LG stated that the property lines are very close. WD stated that we could check with HMT and LC stated that he did and they didn't do one. AM stated that if there are no other ideas to address this than he would suggest that the survey and fencing be budgeted for next year.

Unfinished Business: None.

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Executive Session: WD called an executive session at 7:01 pm regarding pending zoning litigation with Range Resources. The meeting Resumed at 8:01 pm.

Adjournment: WD motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Stevenson
Township Secretary
Mount Pleasant Township
Board of Supervisors