

MT. PLEASANT TWP. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2011

The meeting of April 27, 2011, was called to order at 6:32 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.

Public Comments:

AM asked to discuss the lighting request from Chuck Harvey now (*currently listed under the discussion items section of the agenda*). There was a brief discussion amongst the board on this request. AM had questions but Mr. Harvey was not present to answer them. WD stated that the Fort Cherry Baseball Assoc. is requesting outdoor lighting for the Viking Fields behind the Community Center. LG stated he needs more information such as who is paying for them (owns them), who insures them. LC brought up needing inspections and possible shielding. WD stated that leaves on the trees would help. The discussion ended with the consensus being that more information is needed before any more discussion could take place.

Chris Lauff asked if the Township has received any contact from the School District regarding utilizing our Police Dept. since Officer Purdy is retiring. WD stated nothing official and that someone from the school administration spoke with the Chief. LG stated not at this time. Mr. Lauff then asked if the Township has heard from the School District regarding submitting an Air Quality letter to the Township or information on the access road. MS stated that a short letter was dropped off by Dr. Dinnen regarding safety of the children. WD stated there has been no further communication regarding the access road.

Paul Battista, Johnston Rd., McDonald, asked where the Township was with respect to the Parking Lot. WD stated that the grading is almost done and that we are close to paving at this point. Mr. Battista asked if we have to pay for this project up front and not get reimbursed from the RDA until the project is over. MS stated that we get reimbursed as we incur the cost and WD agreed. Mr. Battista then asked what the Township's objectives were with joining the MMC (Marcellus Municipal Co-op.). WD stated that one goal might be to develop a single, uniform ordinance to adopt. LG added issues related to a severance or impact fee and stated there was power in numbers. AM added that all the municipalities would now work together to address a broad variety of issues. Mr. Battista asked who was going to fund the co-op because he doesn't feel that the industry should, that should be paid for by the citizens. WD stated that there is no fee at this point and AM stated the co-op is in its beginning stages.

Mike Pascuzzi, Grandview Ave. stated that Grandview Ave. has heavy erosion on both sides of the road from storm water which is 6 or 8 inches deep and is coming close to coming under his paved parking area. He feels that this happened after the water lines were put in. The road is also falling apart. He asked WD to come and take a look at it.

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 – 3/22/11 – 4/27/11
- Public Works Report – 3/23/11 – 4/27/11
- Planning Commission Minutes – 4/4/11
- Parks & Recreation Minutes – 3/21/11
- Municipal Authority Minutes – None
- Midway Sewage Minutes – 3/1/11
- Cross Creek Valley Region Minutes – None
- Washington County Sewage Council Report - None
- MPT Volunteer Fire Dept. Report - March, 2011
- Treasurer's Report - March, 2011

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- Correspondence for the period of - 3/23/11 – 4/26/11

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

Action Items:

1. **Bills:** LG motioned to authorize the payment of the invoices for the period of 3/23/11 – 4/26/11 as presented and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. **Minutes:** LG motioned to adopt the minutes of the March 23, 2011 regular board meeting and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Ordinance #120:** WD stated this is standard language and LG added that this has already been done but we still need to have this in place. AM motioned to adopt Ordinance #120, an Ordinance providing for the regulation of Geophysical / Seismic Testing and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Appalachian Bicycle Racing Assoc.:** A request has been made by this association to hold a bike race on 7/23/11 utilizing Water Dam Rd., Walnut Rd., and Cherry Valley Rd. AM motioned approve this request and WD seconded the motion. LG opposed the motion. The motion carried.
5. **Resolution 2011-M:** AM motioned to adopt Resolution 2011-M; a Resolution authorizing Mt. Pleasant Twp. to participate in the MMC, the Marcellus Municipal Cooperative and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Delegates to MMC:** AM motioned to appoint William Dinsmore and Mary Ann Stevenson as delegates to the MMC (Marcellus Municipal Cooperative) and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
7. **LSA Transfer Concept:** *In order for the Redevelopment Authority to transfer the \$125,000 grant originally awarded to the Main Street Committee Project, the Supervisors have to approve the concept of the project.* WD motioned to approve the concept submitted by Rick Walsh (Tri-State Mgmt.) for his Phase 1 project for a Brick and Mortar LED Sign and his Phase 2 Project for a Hickory Commons Park located adjacent to the Subway Restaurant and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
8. **Street Sweeper Purchase:** AM motioned to officially approve an expenditure of \$7,258.50 from the Public Works Capital Purchases Budget for our portion of the Street Sweeper purchased by the Cross Creek Region in conjunction with a LSA Grant and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
9. **MOU for Street Sweeper:** LG motioned to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Cross Creek Township for the use of the Street Sweeper and WD seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
10. **Auditor Resignation:** WD motioned to accept the resignation of Eugene Leber from the Board of Auditors effective today, 4/27/11 as he will no longer be a resident of PA and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
11. **Auditor Appointment:** LG motioned to appoint Rick Walsh as an Auditor for the Board of Auditors to replace Eugene Leber effective today, 4/27/11 until the next municipal election and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
12. **Traffic Study:** WD motioned to officially approve a request for a traffic study on State Route 50 towards Main Street for safety concerns due to the increased volume and speed of traffic and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
13. **Sell 1982 International Truck:** LG motioned to approve advertising and selling the 1982 International Truck and WD seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
14. **Parks and Recreation Resignations:** WD motioned to accept the resignations of Ralph Gwilliam, Ben Maxin, Fred McGivern and Sandra Stark from the Parks and Recreation Board effective today, 4/27/11 and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
15. **P&R Board Inactive:** AM motioned to declare the Parks and Recreation Board inactive effective today, 4/27/11 due to lack of interest and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
16. **Gas Lease:** AM motioned to enter into a 5 year non-drill lease with Range Resources for the Primrose Park Property as part of the Chiarelli Unit with 16% royalty payments and WD seconded the motion. LG opposed the motion. The motion carried.

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17. **Municipal Authority Resignation:** AM motioned to accept the resignation of Ralph Gwilliam from the Municipal Authority effective today, 4/27/11 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)*

Westland Mine Zoning Hearing. There was a discussion on this issue amongst the board members that led to various questions that could not be answered at this time such as traffic routes, mine portals, lighting, treatment ponds and air shafts. WD stated he does not have a position at this time and LG added that he has a lot of additional questions. LC stated that they will be trucking the coal to a plant in Somerset traveling down Rt. 519 into Houston. WD added that this will not be long wall mining. WJ stated that the appeal is multi pronged. They are first asking for a variance, or they would be seeking a special exception or lastly a challenge to the validity of the ordinance. WJ stated that the Supervisors do not have to be a party to the case but that they could take a position on the matter. WJ added that the Township could appeal the ZHB decision if they chose to intervene at a later date. There was back and forth discussion amongst unidentified residents with the Supervisors. LC stated that the hearing is set for May 10, 2011 at 7 pm at the Fire Hall.

Don Reed, Main St. stated that there needs to be road studies done at least at 5 other places in the Township. LG responded that there have been requests made and Penn DOT turned them all down. Mr. Reed stated that was before all of the increased truck traffic. LG added that there have been more recent requests that were turned down and we can not request them every month. This led to a brief discussion about speeding vehicles amongst unidentified residents.

Paul Battista suggested that the royalties from the gas lease for Primrose Park be used for the Parks. His suggestion was to put the fence up at the Honor Roll. AM stated that was a good idea.

Unfinished Business:

1. Main Street Project – A project by Rick Walsh is being worked on.
2. Board of Auditors Vacancy – One position is available.
3. Municipal Authority Vacancy – One position is available.

Adjournment: LG motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm and WD seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Stevenson
Township Secretary
Mount Pleasant Township
Board of Supervisors