

MT. PLEASANT TWP. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2011

The meeting of December 14, 2011, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Larry Grimm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Those present were: Larry H. Grimm, Vice-Chairman (LG), Arden B. McCartney, Supervisor (AM), William A. Johnson, Solicitor (WJ), Larry Chome, Zoning Officer (LC), and those citizens listed on the attached sheet. Mary Ann Stevenson, Manager/Secretary (MS) was absent as was Chairman William Dinsmore. Larry Chome is substituting for Mary Ann Stevenson and will take the minutes for this meeting.

Public Comments:

1. Joann Wagner, 1025 Lakeside Drive, McDonald, commented on the November Resolution 2011-W concerning House Bill 1950. She suggested that an official press release be sent from the township and the Marcellus Shale Coop. stating their opposition to HB 1950. LG stated that he thought that each of the municipalities had passed a similar resolution and that Rich Ward from Robinson Twp. was putting together a press statement. AM agreed that we should contact Rich Ward and find out what was being presented.
2. Bob Hanes, 107 Washington Ave. Hickory asked about the status of the subdivision for the Fulton Compressor station. LG stated that he wasn't aware of anything being done. LC stated that no further action had been taken but would make sure that it wasn't forgotten about. Bob stated that he would remind us.
3. Mr. Phil Biggs (PB) from MarkWest was present to give an update on the rail project. They are about ready to submit the application for the Grading Permit. Construction started in Chartiers Township near Westland for the rail yard. Construction has been going on for about 3 weeks. Last week construction had begun near Galati Road down to the Mt. Pleasant Twp. line. He went on to explain the construction, new bridge, and road detours that will take place in Cecil Township. He said that they have spoken to Chartiers Twp. about the possibility of working extended hours. The rail yard will be constructed in Chartiers Twp. but he explained that the noise will affect the residents of Westland. Chartiers has asked that they contact Mt. Pleasant Twp. and the citizens of Westland to get approval to work extended hours for a period of 30 days in order to shorten the time that it will take to complete the project. Recently they have had good weather and have been able to work every day. If the weather holds up and if they are granted permission to work extended hours, the project will be completed in a much shorter period of time. LG voiced his concern about the noise that the residents of Westland would have to put up with. PB said that they propose a meeting with the residents of Westland and the surrounding area to discuss citizen concerns about noise, back-up alarms on the vehicles, lights, extended hours, and other issues of concern. They are in the process of choosing a proper meeting place and sending letters to those residents affected. Mike Hoy has been hired by MarkWest to be the public relations person and all questions can be addressed directly to him. LG asked if drains were going to be put in the area around the Johnston railroad crossing. PB answered that there is water in that area and several drains will be put in along with 2 to 3 feet of stone to assist with the drainage. AM asked about the difference of time between the 7AM to 7PM hours of operation and the 24 hour operation. PB replied that depending on the weather conditions two 12 hour shifts would reduce the time from 60 days to 30 days.
4. Dencil Backus, 21 Walnut Road, asked about the status of the air, noise, dirt, debris ordinances that were to be looked at and possibly written. LG said that nothing was done yet and with MS being out it has been delayed, but not forgotten.
5. Supervisor AM mentioned that WD was not able to attend the meeting. AM wanted to thank WD for his service and for the many years that he was in office. LG said that WD has put in 18 years as Supervisor with a lot of dedicated work.

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 – 11/16/2011 – 12/13/11
- Public Works Report – Since last meeting
- Planning Commission Minutes – 11/7/11 & 12/5/11

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- Parks & Recreation Minutes – Board Inactive
- Municipal Authority Minutes – None
- Midway Sewage Minutes – None
- Cross Creek Valley Region Minutes – None
- Washington County Sewage Council Report - None
- MPT Volunteer Fire Dept. Report - November 2011
- Treasurer's Report - November, 2011

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

Action Items:

- AM motion to appoint Larry Chome to take minutes of the meetings until Mary Ann Stevenson's return to work. 2nd by LG. Both voted in favor.
- LG motion to authorize payment of invoices for the period of 11/16/11 – 12/13/11 as presented. 2nd by AM. Both voted in favor.
- LG motion to approve the minutes of the November 16th, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. 2nd by AM. Both voted in favor. *{previously distributed to Supervisors}*
- AM motion to adopt Resolution 2011-Y; a Resolution amending the Fee Schedule to include updated fees for residential building inspections and plan reviews. 2nd by LG. Both voted in favor.
- AM motion to adopt Resolution 2011-Z; a Resolution adopting a working budget required for the purposes of running the municipal government for the year 2012. 2nd by LG. Both voted in favor.
- LG motion to adopt Resolution 2011-AA; a Resolution setting the tax rates for 2012. 2nd by AM. Both voted in favor.
- AM motion to approve a new Lease Agreement with the Mount Pleasant Township Community Center for the lease of a multi-story brick building at 20 Wabash Avenue, Hickory for a period of 5 years, expiring December 31, 2016. LG said he couldn't 2nd the motion because he hadn't seen it. Rich McClain was present with a copy of the agreement which he said was written by the Township. He presented the agreement, signed by the members of the Community Center Board, to the Supervisor's. Rich said that they need a clarification on the paragraph that states the any alteration or remodeling that costs over \$300.00 should first be approved by the Board of Supervisors. Rich said that there is an ongoing project to replace the lights in the building. When the contractor has time he will come in and replace a few lights at a time. Each room will cost about \$450.00 each time. He asked if they would need to get approve before the contractor does each room? LG said "Yes, that is what it says." There was a general discussion. LG stated that they should present a proposed plan for the year about the remodeling that is planned for the year, present it to the Supervisor's for approval and they could approve the plan. Rich asked if this applied to the tenants of the building. AM stated that the tenants should not be making any structural changes to the building. Rich gave the example that the Old School House Players are planning on replacing the seats in the auditorium and Rich didn't want to have to run to the township every month to get approval for various maintenance and remodeling items. AM said that they should make a plan that would cover the entire year. LG stated that Rich should present plans for items that the tenants want to do. Both LG and AM stated that all the township wants is to be made aware of what is happening with the Community Center building. There was a further discussion concerning the replacement of the seats. AM asked LC if the new seats would require inspection. LC stated that they would not. WJ asked Rich if there were any permits required by Labor and Industry. Rich said that there was a thorough inspection by L&I when they took over the

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building in 1992. That inspection is valid until or unless there is an expansion of the theater or building. Rich said that the Community Center Board agreed with the paragraph and has stated that there will not be any problems. AM said that the township just didn't want to have any situations occur like the one that just happened. Rich said that he could give a plan for 2012. AM said that would be good. Rich then asked about emergency repairs. AM and LG both said that emergencies should be dealt with as needed and that the township should be informed immediately afterward. There was then a discussion concerning the recent issue with asbestos in the floor tile. Rich said that the only reason this became an issue was that someone call Rep. Jesse White's office and Jesse called the DEP. Rich said that the DEP has inspected the entire building and approved it. LG said that the township had to pay \$600.00 to get an air quality test done on the building because of the situation and we didn't want to have that happen again. Rich presented two copies of the agreement which was signed by the Community Center Board and asked that the Supervisors approve and signed both copies. Rich would then return one of the signed copies to the Community Center Board. LG 2nd the motion. Both voted in favor.

- Discussion on the approval of a Maintenance and Indemnification Agreement with MarkWest Liberty Midstream & Resources, LLC for a railroad crossing at Johnston Road. AM asked if we had received the signed copy from MarkWest. LC stated that we had not and suggested that if the supervisor's agree with it that they could vote to approve it and sign it once it was sent in by MarkWest. LG stated that he wanted to see it before they approve it. LC said that this is the agreement that the supervisor's wrote and sent to MarkWest and that MarkWest had approved and signed it but the signed agreement had not yet arrived. LG still wanted to see it. LC said that they could vote to approve it contingent upon no changes being made to it and after it arrives they could check to make sure no changes were made and then sign it. LC asked WJ if that was permissible. A discussion was conducted. WJ said that what LC proposed was consistent with his conversations with Mary Ann. AM motioned to approve the Maintenance and Indemnification Agreement with MarkWest Liberty Midstream & Resources, LLC for a railroad crossing at Johnston Road. 2nd by LG. Both voted in favor.

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

None.

Unfinished Business:

1. Main Street Project – Rep. White's office is still looking into reviving this project. Am asked that if Jesse White is no longer our representative who will pick this up? LG said he didn't have an answer. WJ said that what happens is that if there is a disagreement with the new boundary lines there could be an objection filed. AM asked about the cost. WJ stated that it would cost a lot. There was a discussion with no resolution.

Adjournment: LG motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm and AM seconded the motion. Both voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Chome
Acting Township Secretary
Mount Pleasant Township
Board of Supervisors