

**MT. PLEASANT TWP. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2011**

The meeting of September 28, 2011, 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.

**Public Comments:**

1. Duane Scott, 67 Main St. Hickory stated at the last meeting the request for advertising for an EMT wasn't voted on and asked AM whether or not any progress has been made into his investigation. AM stated that since it is budget time he wanted to see if the process could be streamlined but he was waiting for input from the Fire department which he has not received. Mr. Scott added that AM was invited to a meeting but couldn't attend and feels the board is dragging its feet for some reason and he is concerned as a citizen of the township. AM asked if there were any volunteer EMT's and Mr. Scott stated there were but they are working during the day. AM stated he does want an EMT and that he would like to have someone 24/7 but that is not possible. Mr. Scott asked if the taxes were being returned to the people and AM stated that the taxes were used for this position this year and will be used for the replacement position this year.
2. Don Reed (DR), 25 Main St. Hickory stated he has seen wage tax advertisements in the paper and asked what the township is doing. WD stated that the ordinances were already advertised in the paper. DR then asked why all other townships OPT is \$52 and we are still at \$10. AM responded that we are doing the \$52. WD then responded that the township in this advertisement has increased the LST (OPT) to \$52 for 2012. DR then stated that he saw the MMC hearing on television and questioned why Supervisor Grimm stated that per the solicitor the townships roads were better before the drilling began than they are now. LG commented that he's not sure what DR is referring to but that we have 2 types of roads, state and township roads and that he commented that the township roads were acceptable to the residents before drilling began. DR asked if that was his job to determine and commented that the township came across as second class and AM stated that is what we are a 2<sup>nd</sup> class township and DR stated that he didn't mean in the sense of population but that we looked like Hickory hicks and that he felt the township was misrepresented at the meeting. LG asked how else was he to comment to the industry people at the hearing who were stating everything is fine, that this is the best thing going and DR responded that he wouldn't have said that. DR added that if there is going to be a Marcellus Shale committee then there should be residents on it. There was a brief discussion by DR on the Township meetings and what takes place at them and LG stated that there are minutes taken at each meeting that he can read and DR said "and they don't change?" and LG stated they do not change, that the secretary has to write them as they happen.
3. Bob Hanes, 107 Washington Ave. Hickory would like to recommend the township purchase a monitoring device to monitor the sound at the Fulton Compressor Station. LG stated that the board is considering purchasing one. Mr. Hanes stated that maybe MarkWest would provide one for the Township and WD stated that we could ask them.
4. Don Reed asked if he could come down to the Township and purchase the minutes for \$0.25 per page and WD responded that he could.
5. There was back and forth discussion amongst unidentified people with each other not with board, with respect to the EMT position. AM stated he wanted what the fire department was looking for in writing and never received it and Bryan Smith (BS), MPT Fire Chief stated he wanted to advertise for a replacement with the same qualifications. AM asked if it was for an EMT with a CDL or without and BS stated the same as before. There was back and forth dispute / discussion regarding the CDL requirements for fire departments and whether or not they are needed. AM stated that his intentions are to work with the fire department in replacing this position. LG asked BS to clarify because based off of discussions that he had with BS, he thought possibly the fire department did not want to replace this position and that maybe we would utilize Fort Cherry Ambulance. BS stated that was just one of many options. LG asked if there were any part time people who could fill in until a replacement is hired and BS stated that there were a couple of them who were interested in the full time position and AM asked if they still were and BS stated that they were still interested but that MS thought it would be proper if the position was advertised. BS stated that he wants to advertise to hire a replacement with the same qualifications which would be firefighter, paramedic/EMT with a CDL requirement that if they currently do not have a CDL license that they get one within 6 months. After discussion it was determined that the CDL requirement won't be in the advertisement but will be a

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qualification of employment and that it must be obtained within 6 months of the date of hire. AM asked who was paying for this training and BS stated that it should be up to the employee to pay for it if he wants the job.

6. Don Reed stated he would like to see the minutes from the last meeting read at this meeting instead of taking it "in the back room". LG stated that once the minutes are approved they are on the Township website. DR stated that it is too late to talk about them when it is already on the website. He added that the minutes are as much for the residents as they are for the board. WJ responded that if DR's concern is having input on the content of the meeting, that DR would not. WJ added that the minutes are for the Board of Supervisors to approve as to what took place at the last meeting and that residents do not have any input in that decision but they are available on the website or that anyone can do a right to know request and the Township is obligated to furnish a copy of them within 5 business days.
7. Vickie Rodenski, 52 Washington Ave. Hickory stated she would like to see a motion to advertise for an EMT replacement now at this meeting as having an EMT on staff is an advantage to the Township.
8. Lee Robinson, 287 Ridge Road, asked AM if a 24/7 EMT is cost prohibitive and AM stated that it is. AM added that if there was a revenue source he'd like to see another person hired.

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 – 8/23/2011 – 9/27/2011
- Public Works Report – Since last meeting
- Planning Commission Minutes – 9/12/11
- Parks & Recreation Minutes – Board Inactive
- Municipal Authority Minutes – 7/13/11
- Midway Sewage Minutes – 8/2/11
- Cross Creek Valley Region Minutes – None
- Washington County Sewage Council Report - None
- MPT Volunteer Fire Dept. Report - August, 2011
- Treasurer's Report - August, 2011
- Correspondence for the period of - 8/24/11 – 9/27/11

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

Action Items:

1. **Bills:** WD motioned to authorize the payment of the invoices for the period of 8/24/11 – 9/27/11 as presented and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. **Minutes:** LG motioned to adopt the minutes of the August 24, 2011 regular board meeting and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Resolution 2011-Q:** AM motioned to adopt Resolution 2011-Q, a Resolution waiving the requirements for member contributions to the Police Pension Plan for the first 3 quarters of 2011 only and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Municipal Authority Member:** LG motioned to appoint Jan Sporter, 210 Cherry Valley Road to the Municipal Authority to fulfill Ralph Gwilliam's term through 12/31/2012 and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Statement of Support:** LG motioned to approve a Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve to show employer support for these volunteer services and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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6. **Non-Uniformed 2012 MMO:** WD motioned to accept and approve the 2012 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Township non-uniform pension plan at \$27,324 and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
7. **Police 2012 MMO:** LG motioned to accept and approve the 2012 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Township police pension plan at \$5,765 and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
8. **Range Resources MOU:** WD motioned to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Range Resources outlining the procedures for an expedited conditional use hearing process for gas well drilling and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
9. **Parking Lot Project:** AM motioned to approve paying the final costs to finish the parking lot since the LSA grant is depleted. It is estimated to be approximately \$8,000. WD seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
10. **Historical Library Account:** LG motioned to approve the transfer funds out of the Historical Library Account to the Historical Library Association for them to manage once they receive their non profit & tax exempt paperwork since this is solely their money and they now have a functioning board and members to manage it and WD seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
11. **Winter Bid Items Through Washington County:** WD motioned to award the winter items bid through Washington County as listed below and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Sodium Chloride – American Rock Salt, \$61.49 per ton  
Cold Patch – Hei-Way Inc., \$93.94 per ton  
Antifreeze – Windward Petroleum, \$32.83 per case  
Hydraulic Fluid – Windward Petroleum, \$415.95 per drum

12. **Adverting for EMT Position:** WD motioned to advertise for a full time Firefighter/Paramedic/EMT 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)*

1. AM stated that he got one quote from Gerald Mechtel for the Southview Pavilion roof and it came in at roughly \$5,000 so we will need to get a couple more quotes.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Main Street Project – Scaled down project ideas are being considered by Rep. White's office. LG asked MS where this stood and MS stated that Rep. White's office is sending out letters to the residents of Main Street to see if they would be interested in a scaled down project.

**Adjournment:** LG motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Stevenson  
Township Secretary  
Mount Pleasant Township  
Board of Supervisors