

**MT. PLEASANT TWP. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING OF AUGUST 22, 2012**

The meeting of August 22, 2012, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Grimm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Those present were: Larry H. Grimm, Chairman (LG), Arden B. McCartney, Vice-Chairman (AM), Bryan Smith, Supervisor (BS), William A. Johnson, Solicitor (WJ) was absent, Larry Chome, Zoning Officer (LC), Mary Ann Stevenson, Manager/Secretary (MS), and those citizens listed on the attached sheet.

**Casey Road Project:**

- LG motioned to close the bidding process and to open the bids and BS seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Harvey Treschow (HT) from the Township's Engineering firm, HMT & Associates opened and announced the following bids:
  1. Morgan Excavating - \$95,412.80 (has Penn DOT Pre-Qualification and Bid Bond)
  2. Folino Construction - \$104,833.30 (has Penn DOT Pre-Qualification and Bid Bond)
  3. El Grande Industries - \$92,178.00 (has Penn DOT Pre-Qualification and Bid Bond)
  4. Ellis Asphalt - \$96,913.28 (has Penn DOT Pre-Qualification and Bid Bond)
  5. Protech Asphalt - \$98,128.48 (has Penn DOT Pre-Qualification and Bid Bond)
  6. East Coast Paving - \$108,845.00 (has Penn DOT Pre-Qualification and Bid Bond)

LG asked if the board would like to have Bill Dinsmore give a price to have the road crew do the job. BS stated that with our department there is no guarantee of the price and LG agreed. AM added that he would like to see one of the bidders get the job. HT stated that the Supervisors can either award the bid now or they have 30 days in which to make a decision which would be the next meeting but cautioned the BOS that another month delay will push this job till sometime in October which might be too late. He added that they could approve it conditioned upon the approval of the Township Engineer and Solicitor.

- BS motioned to accept the lowest bid from El Grande at \$92,178.00 based on approval of the Township Engineer and Solicitor and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments:** Marcie Deiseroth, Grandview Ave., asked how the BOS can make such a big decision based off of a bid and HT stated that there were engineered drawings with a set of criteria and specifications to follow so that all the bidders were bidding on the same thing.

Paul Battista (PB), 28 Johnston Rd., asked about future road plans and whether or not the Township would be putting money towards better road repairs such as on Casey Road. LG stated that is their plan and added that if anyone has noticed the Township is not tarring and chipping, which LG stated is a waste of money. PB asked if there would be just a top layer of black top on it or more in depth repair and HT responded that it is much more than a top coat that it has a three (3) inch overlay consisting of a leveling course and a wearing course with surface preparation and berms. PB agreed that money is better spent doing repairs like this verses spot repairs. Next, PB stated he noticed the road dept. patching portions of Mungai Road that then had frac and water trucks traveling them and his concern was that the entire amount of black top was lost and LG agreed that it probably was. BS stated he is attempting to get a handle on the road repairs and come up with an educated plan so that doesn't happen again. PB then stated that on Johnston Road the shoulders are all washed out and there are areas that have a good drop off such as the intersection with Hornhead Road on the Westland side. BS stated there are several issues with Johnston Road that are being addressed including the narrowing of the road and the blind bend and added that he will have Bill Dinsmore will look into the shoulder work. HT stated that Township specifications state that the road must be 20 feet wide and that the area that narrows to 17 feet will be addressed and that they are aware of the blind spot as well. PB concluded that he appreciates the Township having road plans for the future. AM asked what happened to the new products where you put a top coat on the road and it's supposed to last for 5+ years and HT responded that these products have not been proven to work as of yet because they are just a seal coat not an asphalt overlay.

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Don Reed, 25 Main St. asked who is overseeing the construction on Skyline Drive that is pretty bad near Mungai Road where the truck got stuck. BS stated that it will be inspected by Bill Dinsmore and all repairs have to be to Township road specifications.

**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 – August 2012
- Public Safety Report – 7/23/12 – 8/21/12
- Public Works Report – 7/26/12 – 8/22/12
- Planning Commission Minutes – 6/4/12 & 7/2/12
- Parks & Recreation Minutes – Board Inactive
- Municipal Authority Minutes – None
- Midway Sewage Minutes – 7/3/12
- Cross Creek Valley Region Minutes – None
- Washington County Sewage Council Report - None
- MPT Volunteer Fire Dept. Report - July 2012 Financials
- Treasurer's Report - July, 2012
- Correspondence for the period of - 7/25/12 – 8/21/12

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

**Action Items:**

1. **Bills:** LG motioned to authorize the payment of the invoices for the period of 7/25/12 – 8/21/12 as presented and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. **Minutes:** LG motioned to adopt the minutes of the July 25, 2012 regular board meeting and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Resolution 2012-M:** AM motioned to adopt Resolution 2012-M, a Resolution authorizing the destruction of one (1) box of Adelphia Bankruptcy information and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Resolution 2012-N:** BS motioned to adopt Resolution 2012-N, a Resolution adopting and approving an Agricultural Security Area Addition for John C. Dinsmore and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Resolution 2012-O:** LG motioned to adopt Resolution 2012-O, a Resolution adopting and approving an Agricultural Security Area Addition for Edward Strnisa and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Resolution 2012-P:** BS motioned to adopt Resolution 2012-P, a Resolution adopting and approving an Agricultural Security Area Addition for Robert & Allene Lash and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
7. **Burn Ban Lift:** LG motioned to officially lift the burn ban retro-active to August 10, 2012 and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
8. **Transitional Work Assignment Policy:** AM motioned to adopt a MPT Transitional Work Assignment (light duty) Policy effective immediately and BS seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
9. **Part Time Police New Hire:** AM motioned to officially hire Brian Farkas as a part time Police Officer effective August 13, 2012 at \$11.50 per hour with no benefits and BS seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
10. **Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Switch:** LG motioned to approve switching the MPT Non-Uniformed Pension Plan from The Hartford since they are no longer providing retirement services, to CPI Qualified Plan Consultants, Inc. effective immediately and BS seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- Kress Pool Issue: Two options: Either come across Mr. Sherwin's bridge and stay on the Bill Kress right-of-way and access the bank property and use the bank property dirt as fill or, enter via Floyd Kress' driveway directly onto the bank property and use the bank property dirt as fill. LC presented these two (2) options and stated that he and Bill Dinsmore went out to the property and that Floyd Kress will allow the Township to use his driveway but he will not sign an agreement that way we would not have to use Mr. Sherwin's bridge and that he recommends this option. LC added that Bill Kress already filled in his side of the pool. BS stated he is uncomfortable taking dirt without an engineering study. LC added that Bill Dinsmore was comfortable using the dirt that was there. LC also stated that he received a call from an Attorney from Clearview, the company that owns the Floyd Kress side of the pool and that they'd be willing to reimburse us for this service in lieu of paying the fine that the Magistrate issued and that Bill Johnson will look into this. There was a brief discussion on using the dirt and grading and seeding.
  - ▶ AM motioned to have Bill Dinsmore use the backhoe and utilize Floyd Kress' driveway and to use the bank property dirt to fill in the pool and to grade and re-seed the area and to keep track of time, equipment and material usage and LG seconded the motion. BS opposed the motion. The motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Fulton Subdivision – Deadline to comply with the Township Ordinance was February 29, 2012. Mr. Fulton has contracted with Attorney Saxton to address this matter. Per Mr. Saxton, they intend to fully comply with Township Ordinances. Mr. Saxton stated he will address any concerns with Bill Johnson. As of 4/17/12, Mr. Saxton is working with Mr. Fulton and needs a little more time. LG stated this had gone on long enough. BS stated they should have a deadline. WJ will contact Mr. Saxton to settle on a deadline. Attorney Saxton was contacted by Attorney Johnson and given a deadline of May 15, 2012 for definitive action. WJ stated he talked with Mr. Saxton who said he has been out of the office but reiterated that they are not planning on a challenge of our requirements. WJ added that he feels they are working in good faith. Mr. Saxton is still working on this issue per Bill Johnson. Attorney Bill Johnson gave Attorney Saxton until August 1, 2012 for a subdivision application to be filed or a citation will be issued. *A subdivision application was not filed with the Township by 8/1/12 and therefore a citation has been issued but a hearing date has not been set yet.*
2. Yanosik (Ann Stuhler) Ball Field Lease – Expires May 31, 2012. No lease agreement at this time. Supervisor Smith did receive a call from Mr. Stuhler and they would like to renew the lease. MS stated that DB was still cutting the grass and BS stated that was fine and for now since we do not have to cut down the trees. Mr. Stuhler came into the Township Office and called Supervisor Smith (August 2012) directly wanting to enter into a lease agreement. *BS explained to Mr. Stuhler that after contact the various ball teams that no one was interested in playing there because there is not enough parking and it's out in the middle of nowhere. BS also explained to him that a lot of work needs done to the field and the back stop area and we do not have the funds nor does the Township own the property. Mr. Stuhler said that the ball field sign needs removed and he wasn't sure who owned the fence. BS said the sign will be removed. He also stated they didn't want to sell the property because of the mineral rights and BS stated they could just sell the Township the surface rights but there was not further discussion on that issue.* ▶ AM motioned to not renew the Yanosik (Southview) Ball field lease with the Stuhlers and to remove the sign. LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Zoning Hearing Board Alternate Vacancy. LG announced the vacancy. Marcie Deiseroth asked what this position does and LG responded that the ZHB meets to hear zoning ordinance appeals and there are three (3) sitting members and two (2) alternates and I alternate position is vacant. She asked if you have to know laws and AM stated that they have an attorney that guides them through the process. She also asked how often they meet and LC responded one (1) time a month if needed. Marcie Deiseroth said she would be interested and LG thanked her. LC said he will get in touch with her to explain things in more detail.

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LG called an executive session to discuss personnel issues.

**Adjournment:** LG motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Stevenson  
Township Secretary  
Mount Pleasant Township  
Board of Supervisors