

MT. PLEASANT TWP. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2012

The meeting of January 25, 2012, was called to order at 6:29 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), Larry Chome, Zoning Officer (LC), Mary Ann Stevenson, Manager/Secretary (MS), and those citizens listed on the attached sheet.

Public Comments: LG started the meeting by welcoming new supervisor Bryan Smith to the board. AM stated he would also like to welcome Bryan and stated he has known BS a long time and feels he will make a good addition to the board.

- 1.) JoAnne Wagner, Lakeside Drive, stated that per the Township Manager, Robinson Township has Chevron drilling there and they were willing to put vapor recovery units on their wells and that the DEP although they don't control it highly recommends them. MS stated that the Township tried to work this into the ordinance with Range Resources but they wouldn't do it. Mrs. Wagner said maybe the Township could try again to get a verbal agreement from Range Resources since we didn't make it mandatory in our ordinance they might be more willing to incorporate them voluntarily. LG said we could try again. BS asked if it was on future wells only and Mrs. Wagner stated they were retrofitting existing wells.
- 2.) Paul Battista, Johnston Road, questioned why the Police Department has a union contract being voted on and what is the benefit to the Township and did the Township want this. LG stated "no" but once they picked representation the Township negotiated a fair contract. Mr. Battista didn't understand why a small department would need a union. AM responded that they are exercising their right to unionize. WJ stated that the Township has no control over whether or not they unionize, that is their right and we can not interfere with that process. Mr. Battista asked if this was normal practice for the Police Departments in this area to have unions and WJ stated that there are a lot of Police Departments represented.
- 3.) Bob Hanes, Washington Ave., asked if this union contract would change the relationship with the Township. LG responded that it basically lays out the pay and benefits and discipline policies. Mr. Hanes asked if it was a yearly contract and LG responded that it is a 3 year contract. BS asked WJ what would happen if the contract was not approved and WJ stated that we would still have to negotiate in good faith. AM stated that the Township worked really hard to get a fair agreement.
- 4.) Brian Temple, Dire Drive asked if their pension was through the union now or the Township. MS stated by state law they have to have a Police Pension and Mr. Temple agreed.

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 – 12/13/2011 – 1/25/12
- Public Works Report – 1/2/12 – 1/25/12
- Planning Commission Minutes – 1/9/12
- Parks & Recreation Minutes – Board Inactive
- Municipal Authority Minutes – 11/9/11
- Midway Sewage Minutes – 11/1/11
- Cross Creek Valley Region Minutes – None
- Washington County Sewage Council Report - None
- MPT Volunteer Fire Dept. Report - December, 2011 Financials
- Treasurer's Report - December, 2011
- Correspondence for the period of - 12/14/11 – 1/24/12

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

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Action Items:

1. **Bills:** LG motioned to authorize the payment of the invoices for the period of 12/14/11 – 1/24/12 as presented and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. **Minutes:** LG motioned to adopt the minutes of the December 14, 2011 regular board meeting and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Minutes:** LG motioned to adopt the minutes of the January 3, 2012 organizational meeting and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Resignation:** AM motioned to accept the resignation from Robert Heinz, EMT effective 1/12/12 and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Advertisement:** BS motioned to advertise for an EMT/Fire Fighter position immediately and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Ag Security Area Acknowledgement:** LG motioned to acknowledge receipt of an application from Robert and Allene Lash, 123 Beechnut Road into the Agricultural Security Area and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
7. **Police Collective Bargaining Agreement:** LG motioned to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teamsters Local Union #205 representing the Police Department effective 1/1/2012 – 12/31/2014 and AM seconded the motion. BS opposed the motion as he hadn't had time to review it. The motion carried.
8. **Tax Collector Hours:** LG motioned to approve the Tax Collector hours for 2012 as follows: May 1, 3, 9 and 15 from 5:30 pm – 7 pm and, Oct. 2, 4, 9, 11 and 15 from 5:30 pm – 7 pm in addition to Saturdays and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
9. **Transfer of Funds:** LG motioned to approve the transfer of funds from the Local Share Account until real estate tax revenue comes in and BS seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. *(The alternative would be a tax anticipation note from the bank).*

The following motions were originally tabled at the organization meeting of 1/3/12:

1. **Supervisor McCartney Appointment:** BS motioned to appoint Supervisor McCartney as the Administrative Liaison for the Township for 2012 and AM seconded the motion. LG questioned AM if any disgruntled employees went to him with issues and AM stated there was. LG opposed the motion. The motion carried.
2. **Employee Holidays:** AM motioned to approve the employee holidays for 2012 the same as in 2011 and BS seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Employee Rates of Pay:** BS motioned to approve the employee rate increases for 2012, as previously submitted, retroactive to 1/1/2012. AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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. MS stated that she is in the process of getting an update and investigating Rep. White's involvement at this time.
2. LG mentioned that on 4/28/12 there will be a medication drop off program conducted by the Police Department. He added any prescriptions that are out dated or in need of disposal can be dropped off with no questions asked.
3. LG stated that the Township is still looking for volunteers for the Parks & Rec. Board. AM stated to run another free ad in the newspaper. LG added that we really need volunteers for the Easter Egg Hunt. JoAnne Wagner mentioned posting it on Rick Walsh's face book page which is for Hickory residents. BS stated he is interested in any ideas someone might have to get volunteers.

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Adjournment: LG motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 pm and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Stevenson
Township Secretary
Mount Pleasant Township
Board of Supervisors