

MT. PLEASANT TWP. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2012

The meeting of March 28, 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), Larry Chome, Zoning Officer (LC), Mary Ann Stevenson, Manager/Secretary (MS), and those citizens listed on the attached sheet.

Public Comments: Before starting the public comment segment, LG stated that at the Saturday meeting regarding the Act 13 challenge that he may have misspoken. He clarified that there will be no charges to the Township from the lead Attorney in this case, that he is doing it pro bono but there will be ancillary charges which are minor compared to the lead litigator. LG also commented on the Letter to the Editor that was in the Observer Reporter that stated the Township has 40 lawsuits filed against us and LG stated that is false and that there is not even one lawsuit.

1. Kevin Dry (KD), Fire Chief – Regarding the Fire District. KD stated that the fire departments in MPT, McDonald and Midway have been working for several years on creating a regional Fire Department, the Fort Cherry Fire District and he asked Chairman Grimm who is in charge of Public Safety to start to sit in on the meetings as they move forward in this process being completed. LG stated he would definitely come to the meetings. KD stated the next meeting is April 12, 2012 at 7 pm and the Hickory Fire hall. KD then stated that there have been 113 calls to date and that the new EMT that just started is working out well so far.
2. Nedra Ursitz (NU), Belgium Hollow Road stated she would like to see some money that is set aside for parks to be used in Primrose Park for more fall zone material and to re-do the basketball court as it is cracked and possibly has mold growing on it. LG stated that the Township will look into this request. AM stated that the Primrose Park is in the Chiarelli well unit and the Township's intention was to use royalties from Range Resources for the park but there have been no royalties yet. BS added that he and Bill Dinsmore, Public Works Director will drive down and look at any issues that might be a safety concern and safety items will be addressed. NU then stated she would like to see a spending limit put on the challenge to Act 13. LG stated that there was not going to be limit set. WJ stated that the bulk expense will be for expert witnesses and would likely not exceed \$2,500. NU asked what happens to our share of the fee since the Township signed on to this challenge and WJ stated that a preliminary injunction is to be filed by this Friday and he hopes it would be handled expeditiously but it is absolute speculation at this point as to the outcome. WJ added that the court would decide what to do about the fees as part of the decision or until a decision is rendered.
3. Don Reed (DR), Main St. stated why doesn't the Township budget for the amount of money that will be spent for this lawsuit and added that he doesn't think the courts will rule against the State. LG stated it is a constitutional challenge. WJ responded that it might be an uphill battle but it's not unheard of. DR asked the board to work with "them" to make the laws more stringent and WJ explained that it is too late as the law has been passed and there is no more negotiating at this point. DR stated he thinks the Township is throwing money away.

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 – March 2012
- Public Safety Report – 2/21/12 – 3/27/12
- Public Works Report – 2/23/12 – 3/28/12
- Planning Commission Minutes – 3/5/12
- Parks & Recreation Minutes – Board Inactive
- Municipal Authority Minutes – 1/11/12
- Midway Sewage Minutes – 2/7/12
- Cross Creek Valley Region Minutes – None
- Washington County Sewage Council Report - None
- MPT Volunteer Fire Dept. Report - February 2012 Financials

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- Treasurer's Report - February, 2012
- Correspondence for the period of - 2/22/12 – 3/27/12

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

Action Items:

1. **Bid Process:** LG motioned to close the bidding process for the sale of the 2002 Ford F550 Truck and to open the bids and BS seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The following bids were received:
Bill Laurick - \$3,600
John Thomas & Son Trucking - \$5,001
Joe Cerenzia - \$5,111
Ron Romanetti - \$6,900
David J. Young - \$5,038
Stewart's Auto Service - \$4,251.50
2. **Sale of Truck:** AM motioned to approve the sale of the 2002 Ford F550 Truck to the highest bidder, Ron Romanetti, 206 Agape Road for \$6,900 and BS seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Bills:** LG motioned to authorize the payment of the invoices for the period of 2/22/12 – 3/27/12 as presented and BS seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Minutes:** LG motioned to adopt the minutes of the February 22, 2012 regular board meeting and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **McMaster/Descutner Subdivision:** LC presented the McMaster/Descutner Subdivision at 323 Waterdam Road, Hickory as moving 1.33 acres from an existing parcel to another existing parcel and no new parcels are being created. LC added that the Washington and MPT Planning Commissions recommend approval. LG motioned to approve the McMaster/Descutner Subdivision and BS seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Declare Dangerous Structure:** BS motioned to declare the in-ground pool at Kress Lane a dangerous structure per Township Ordinance Chapter 65. LC explained that the pool is filled part way with stagnant water and the fence has fallen down around the property which makes it a dangerous condition. LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
7. **Resolution 2012-F:** LG motioned to adopt Resolution 2012-F; a Resolution for the destruction of various records as listed in the Resolution per the Municipal Records Manual and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
8. **Resolution 2012-G:** LG motioned to adopt Resolution 2012-G; a Resolution amending the fee schedule to update the fees for commercial and utility road encroachments consistent with Penn DOT's fee schedule and BS seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
9. **EMT / Fire Fighter New Hire:** BS motioned to officially hire Frank Salerno, Jr. as a full time EMT / Fire Fighter effective March 19, 2012 at \$14.00 per hour with benefits after the introductory period and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
10. **Re-Hire Donaldson McCalmont:** LG motioned to re-hire Donaldson McCalmont as the seasonal part time Parks Maintenance employee effective March 29, 2012 at \$11.50 per hour with no benefits and BS seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
11. **Cross Creek Grant Request:** A request was made by Cross Creek Township to pledge support for the Cedar Grove Park – Phase 2 Project to include a basketball court, a pavilion and a concession stand. This request can be in the form of labor hours, equipment or materials. BS asked if this was the letter the Twp. received and LG stated it was. This action item died for lack of a motion.
12. **County Summer Bid Awards:** LG motioned to award the following Washington County Summer Bids per the request from the Director of Public Works, Bill Dinsmore: A-1 – Russell Standard; B-2 and B-6 – Hanson Aggregate; C-1, C-2, C-3 and C-5 – Del-Sir Supply; D-5 – Del Sir Supply; F-2 and F-4 – Advanced Drainage; G-1 – Chemung Supply and H-1A – Chemung Supply 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)*

1. Robinson Township Truck for sale: – BS stated that Robinson Township has a 2007 F550 truck for sale and that it has 69k miles on it and the back of the tailgate will need a modification to handle the salt spreader. AM stated he went and looked at it and test drove it and feels that it is a good truck and should give us a good 5-6 years easy. AM added that it has a stainless steel bed and new tires. BS also told Robinson that it has a cracked windshield and Robinson stated they would get that fixed and submit it under their insurance. He added that it comes with a western snow plow and the remainder of the warranty. LG asked AM if it wobbled when it reached 55 mph and AM stated it seemed like it might need an alignment or a wheel balanced. BS added that Robinson originally wanted 30K but they would be willing to sell it for \$27,500 but initial conversations had it a little lower. This would be a 1/3 of the cost of a new purchase. AM stated he'd like to get this done now.
▶ BS motioned to make an offer to Robinson Township in the amount of \$25,000 and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Ball team request for assistance in upgrading the field at the Township Building. BS stated that he was approached by the ball team for financial assistance in getting new clay for the mound and infield mix and doing some work between the infield and outfield area. AM stated they need to request this at budget time and LG added they need to request a specific dollar amount. BS added that he saw the quote of \$5,700 to have this project done. AM asked if there were any safety issues and BS stated there were not at this point. LG said nothing can be done at this time and Am and BS agreed.

Unfinished Business:

1. Main Street Project – Rep. White's office is still looking into scaling down the existing project. *Rep. White is still involved at this time and is currently working with Penn DOT on feasibility.*
2. 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. WJ stated that he has a call into Mr. Saxton as of 3/27/12 with no response yet.*
3. Agricultural Security Area Addition – Allene & Robert Lash, 123 Beechnut Road, McDonald. *This is scheduled for a hearing and adoption in June 2012.*
4. Yanosik (Ann Stuhler) Ball Field Lease – Expires May 31, 2012. *There was a brief discussion as to the actual use of the field, which isn't for games, mostly for practice. LG stated there is the issue with the 3 trees that need cut down and other maintenance issues. BS stated maybe the lease can be changed to reflect that the owners of the property take care of the tree removal. BS stated he would let them know.*

Adjournment: LG motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Stevenson
Township Secretary
Mount Pleasant Township
Board of Supervisors