

## MT. PLEASANT TWP. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 2013

The meeting of December 11, 2013, was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chairman Grimm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Those present were: Larry H. Grimm, Chairman (LG), Bryan Smith, Supervisor (BS), Dencil Backus, Supervisor (DB), Neva Stanger, Solicitor (NS), Larry Chome, Zoning Officer (LC), Mary Ann Stevenson, Manager/Secretary (MS), and those citizens listed on the attached sheet.

**Public Comments:** Paul Battista (PB), 28 Johnston Rd., questioned why there have been police officers at the last several meetings and wondered if there was any danger. LG responded that there have been threats. PB stated he did not know Dencil Backus and would like to question him on his qualifications because there was another qualified candidate. LG stated Mr. Backus is also qualified. DB responded that he would be happy to talk with Mr. Battista after the meeting or by phone but the business meeting is not the place for that discussion. PB did not agree. LG thanked him for his comments.

Sally Brown Pawlosky, Main St., questioned what the ACT 13 money was spent on and wanted to know if it would be used towards a tax reduction. LG stated it would not and added that money has been set aside for the Municipal Authority and the Community Center parking lot. BS stated that they will wait until the new board is in place before making any more allocations.

Brian Temple, Dire Dr., stated money was also set aside to redo the comprehensive plan. BS and LG concurred.

### 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 – December, 2013
- Public Safety Report – 11/13/13 – 12/11/13
- Public Works Report – 11/14/13 – 12/11/13
- Planning Commission Minutes – 11/4/13
- Parks & Recreation Minutes – None
- Municipal Authority Minutes – 9/11/13
- Midway Sewage Minutes – 10/1/13
- Cross Creek Valley Region Minutes – None
- Washington County Sewage Council Report – None
- MPT Volunteer Fire Dept. Report - November, 2013
- Treasurer's Report - November, 2013
- Correspondence for the period of - 11/13/13 – 12/10/13

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

### Action Items:

1. **Bills:** BS motioned to authorize the payment of the invoices for the period of 11/13/13 – 12/10/13 as presented and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. **Minutes:** LG motioned to adopt the minutes of the November 6, 2013 budget workshop meeting and BS seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Minutes:** DB motioned to accept the minutes of the November 7, 2013 special board meeting and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Minutes:** LG motioned to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2013 regular board meeting and BS seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Resolution 2013-L:** DB motioned to adopt Resolution 2013-L; a resolution setting the four (4) year bond amount for the Tax Collector at \$130,000 and BS seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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6. **Resolution 2013-M:** LG motioned to adopt Resolution 2013-M; a resolution adopting the 2014 General Fund Budget at \$1,703,083 and BS seconded the motion. DB abstained as not having a part in the budget process. The motion carried.
7. **Resolution 2013-N:** BS motioned to adopt Resolution 2013-N; a resolution fixing the tax rate for 2014 at 14 mills General Fund, 2.5 mills Fire Protection and ½ mill EMT Service which represents no tax increase and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
8. **Lion's Club Request:** DB motioned to approve the request from the Lion's Club to cover the cost of electricity for the Christmas Lights and BS seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

DB took a moment to thank LG for his sixteen (16) years of service to the Township and his commitment to the community that he has lived in for the past forty (40) years. DB added that he hoped with Mr. Grimm's experience that he would be sitting on the other side of the table contributing in other ways in the future.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**Executive Session:** LG called an executive session for litigation purposes at 6.50 pm. NS stated that Range Resources has taken an appeal of the McMaster and Toward Conditional Use decisions. The executive session ended at 7:30 pm.

**Adjournment:** DB motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm and BS seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Stevenson  
Township Secretary  
Mount Pleasant Township  
Board of Supervisors