

MT. PLEASANT TWP. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2013

The meeting of February 27, 2013, 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: Paul Battista asked when there would be a meeting regarding Act 13 funding and LG responded that it will be discussed later in the agenda. AM added that a date will likely be set tonight. Mr. Battista stated he would like to suggest that there be an e-mail sign-up sheet for those who do not see the paper for legal advertisements but want to be notified of upcoming meetings. He added that the township would send an e-mail when there are meetings scheduled or to get general information out to the residents who are interested. BS stated his concern is that we might forget someone. WJ said this can be done as long as we still do the required advertisement. AM thought it was a good idea and it will be taken under advisement.

Duane Scott, Hickory commented on the agenda item regarding lowering the speed limit on Rt. 50 from Hornhead Rd. to Southview Rd. He asked if the Police will enforce it because he never sees a Police Officer monitoring it through town. LG stated they are monitoring when they can and stated that there is only 1 full time officer at the moment. Mr. Scott stated he doesn't see him either. LG responded that he will mention this to the Chief.

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 – February, 2013
- Public Safety Report – 1/22/13 – 2/26/13
- Public Works Report – 1/24/13 – 2/27/13
- Planning Commission Minutes – 1/7/13
- Parks & Recreation Minutes – Board Inactive
- Municipal Authority Minutes – None
- Midway Sewage Minutes – 1/8/13
- Cross Creek Valley Region Minutes – 1/10/13
- Washington County Sewage Council Report - None
- MPT Volunteer Fire Dept. Report - January, 2013
- Treasurer's Report - January, 2013
- Correspondence for the period of - 1/23/13 – 2/26/13

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

Action Items:

1. **Bills:** BS motioned to authorize the payment of the invoices for the period of 1/23/13 – 2/26/13 as presented and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. **Minutes:** AM motioned to adopt the minutes of the January 23, 2013 regular board meeting and BS seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **UCC Appeals Board Alternate:** LG motioned to appoint Marc Palombo, 77 Red Fox Rd. as an alternate to the UCC Appeals Board effective immediately for the term expiring 12/31/2015 and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **PELRAS Conference:** AM motioned to officially approve the attendance of Mary Ann Stevenson, Larry Grimm and Bryan Smith as delegates to the annual PELRAS (public employer labor relations advisory service) Conference March 20 – 22, 2013 with the same policies as utilized for the PSATS Convention and BS seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Cable Franchise Agreement:** BS motioned to officially approve entering into an agreement with Cohen Law Group for the purpose of negotiating a new cable franchise agreement with Comcast and LG seconded the motion. AM asked WJ what he thought of the agreement for Cohen Law services and WJ responded

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that it is a very specialized area of law and he knows of many municipalities that have utilized them and that he would recommend them and the agreement is appropriate for the services provided. He added that it is too specialized for him to undertake. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **Light & Hydrant Assessments:** LG motioned to approve the 2013 light & hydrant assessments as prepared and BS seconded the motion. AM opposed the motion. The motion carried.
7. **Speed Reduction Request:** LG motioned to approve a request from various residents along State Route 50 from Southview Rd to Hornhead Rd. to have the Township request a road study from Penn DOT to reduce the speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Easter Egg Hunt (3/30/13) – BS stated that the Township is still in need of P&R volunteers in order to have the Easter Egg Hunt. Resident Marcie Deiseroth stated she can help leading up to the egg hunt but not the day of it. MS asked if they were going to set the registration dates as residents have been calling and BS responded that until we get enough help he doesn't want to set those dates yet in case the volunteers have conflicts with their schedules. The Easter Egg Hunt is still on at this time if we get the needed volunteers.

Unfinished Business:

Washington County Watershed Alliance funding request – tabled from 1/23/13 meeting. BS stated from what he understands they are doing some important work with respect to monitoring with creeks for any potential dumping and frac water amongst other items and he feels it is a worthwhile investment. BS motioned to approve a \$500 donation to the Washington County Watershed Alliance and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

LG announced that there would be a public meeting on March 27, 2013 at 5:30 pm immediately preceding the regular monthly board meeting to obtain resident input and ideas regarding the appropriation of Act 13 Impact Fee revenue. LG added that he'd like a proposal from Paul Battista, Chairman of the Municipal Authority. Mr. Battista stated that he is unclear on this process. It sounded to him like submitting a proposal was going to get either approved or denied. LG stated the board would take suggestions from residents but proposals would be good too. AM added that this is open to all constituents. Mr. Battista requested that there be an open discussion and he also suggested an informational session on what are allowable expenses and what other regulations there are. BS stated that this would be a meeting for gathering information and discussion. AM stated no decisions will be made at that time. LG added that it would be easier for the board if something was put in writing. Mr. Battista discussed the sewage project for Mt. Pleasant Township and that they need to re-do the Act 537 plan for approx. 20k – 30k and then engineering would need done at approx. 200k – 250k. WJ stated that the money does not have to be spent within the current year and it can be saved from year to year for bigger projects.

LG called an executive session at 6:57 pm to discuss personnel issues.

Adjournment: AM motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Stevenson
Township Secretary
Mount Pleasant Township
Board of Supervisors