

## MT. PLEASANT TWP. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING OF JUNE 26, 2013

The meeting of June 26, 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) was absent, William A. Johnson, Solicitor (WJ), Larry Chome, Zoning Officer (LC), Mary Ann Stevenson, Manager/Secretary (MS), and those citizens listed on the attached sheet.

LG stated that the public can comment on any items on the agenda during the comments section of the agenda. Paul Battista asked about discussion items and LG responded that this section included any items on the agenda. He also asked about public comments not related to the agenda and AM stated that this time period is for public comments and anything regarding the agenda.

**Public Comments:** Jen Swearman asked to be on the agenda for the Heritage Public Library but was not present at this time.

Paul Battista (PB), 28 Johnston Rd. had 2 items to discuss. The first was to discuss the Township potentially buying the Corwin Building on Rt. 50. He questioned if this was something on our strategic plan in January. LG stated that it was not with respect to the Corwin Building but it has been discussed numerous times due to the conditions of the Township building where expensive pieces of equipment are stored outside and that there is no room in the office anymore – Larry and Bill have office space in the meeting room and AM added that the Police are crammed into a room the size of a broom closet. PB has concerns with road dept. heavy equipment pulling out onto busy Rt. 50. He doesn't feel it would be good for Township meetings because there is nowhere to park and he added there is no place to grow and doesn't feel this is the right place. The second item was about the Act. 13 appropriations and is curious when a decision will be made and LG stated that some of the appropriations will be made at this meeting.

Lee Robinson (LR), 287 Ridge Road asked why the Township is only mowing the flat spots and not the hills and AM responded that there have been some issues with what was being mowed in the past and mowing beyond the right-of-way and that the employees are being cautious. LR added that when going down towards Rt. 18 on the curve past Dave Rukavina's that you cannot see because the grass is so high on the bank. AM said this will be noted. Mr. Battista stated that there has to be common sense and there is a difference between weeds and trees.

Bill Orton, Eberle Road, stated the road dept. via the road foreman cleared 25 feet of his property without his consent and it has never been mowed again because it is off the right-of-way and it is now weeds and jagers. AM asked if he wanted it mowed? Mr. Orton responded that the road foreman should talk to people and he wouldn't mind if it was mowed.

Jen Swearman, Heritage Public Library (showed up late) stated she became Director on April 1, 2013 and wanted the Township to know that during this time they've expanded the summer reading program to 9 weeks; created a tween book club for ages 8-13 years; are having a civil war re-enactment on Aug. 31, 2013; now have over 800,000 materials on-line and in Sept. they are sponsoring a bike run, Bikers for Books and all services are free. At this time the Library is in severe need of a new roof which they estimate to be approx. \$20,000 and they only have \$9,000 so far and are reaching out to municipalities they service, which includes Mt. Pleasant, for increased funding from ACT 13 revenue and would appreciate any monetary help they could get.

### **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 – June, 2013
- Public Safety Report – 5/21/13 – 6/25/13
- Public Works Report – 5/23/13 – 6/26/13
- Planning Commission Minutes – 5/6/13
- Parks & Recreation Minutes – Board Inactive
- Municipal Authority Minutes – None

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- Midway Sewage Minutes – 5/7/13
- Cross Creek Valley Region Minutes – None
- Washington County Sewage Council Report – None
- MPT Volunteer Fire Dept. Report - May, 2013
- Treasurer's Report - May, 2013
- Correspondence for the period of - 5/22/13 – 6/25/13

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

**Action Items:**

1. **Bills:** AM motioned to authorize the payment of the invoices for the period of 5/22/13 – 6/25/13 as presented and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. **Minutes:** LG motioned to adopt the minutes of the May 22, 2013 regular board meeting and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Cable Franchise Hearing Minutes:** LG motioned to adopt the minutes of the May 22, 2013 Cable Franchise Renewal Hearing and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Parks & Rec. Board Appointment:** AM motioned to appoint Rebecca Farner, 124 Cherry Valley Rd. to the Parks & Rec. Board for a term to be determined once there is a full board and LG seconded the motion. AM thanked her for volunteering. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Resolution 2013-G:** LG motioned to adopt Resolution 2013-G; a Resolution in support of Prevailing Wage Act reform. The motion died for lack of a second.
6. **Officer Amanda Brewer:** LG motioned to approve promoting Officer Amanda Brewer from part time status to full time status effective July 1, 2013 with probation retroactive to her original hire date of 3/27/13 and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
7. **Police Vehicle:** AM motioned to approve purchasing a 2013 Ford Police Interceptor SUV package for an estimated cost of \$36,759 from ACT 13 funds and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
8. **Erin Joseph & Ralph Smith Subdivision Plan #1:** LC presented this subdivision on Lynn Portal Road as an add-on to the agenda. LC added that this original subdivision was approved in 2003 but never got recorded at the county and there is now an issue from the tax assessment office with losing clean and green status because the 2 parcels were never officially consolidated. There was brief review of the plan and LC stated it has passed the MPT and Washington County Planning Commissions. LG motioned to approve the Erin Joseph & Ralph Smith Subdivision on Lynn Portal Road 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)*

None.

**Unfinished Business:**

Corwin Property Purchase: No action taken on this item.

Act 13 Funding Allocations:

There was a brief discussion regarding the plans for the funding and LG stated it was his understanding that this money was needed for engineering and PB agreed but there still needs to be decisions made, per the Act 537 Plan, on which avenue to take for Westland, building our own plant which would be a project ready to start now or tie into Washington via a pump station and that project may be several years down the road. PB stated if we do the plant it would be for (1) one Township and would need a lot of funding, if we wait to do a pump station, we could do a multi-municipal venture with Chartiers Township making funding easier to secure. PB stated this

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money does not have time parameters for usage like other funding and it could be held in a separate account until a project is ready and that the MA doesn't want the money until requested. AM motioned to appropriate \$230,000 to the Municipal Authority for a sewage project and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. AM asked PB for a list of pros and cons for the plant verses a pump station and PB stated he would prepare something. There was discussion about a Southview sewage project also and PB stated that a Southview project is roughly 5 million dollars and that providing sewage to Westland first would service more households. PB added that a meeting between MPT and Chartiers and the Engineer for their sewage projects, HMT, could be beneficial.

LG motioned to appropriate \$25,000 to the MPT Planning Commission to update the comprehensive plan and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. PB stated that there LSA money available for this type of project and he spoke to the PC about that funding.

AM motioned to appropriate \$1,500 to the McDonald Heritage Public Library. Motion died for lack of a second.

AM motioned to appropriate \$25,000 to the Primrose School Project and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Executive Session:** LG called for an executive session at 7:05 pm to discuss personnel issues and potential litigation. BS arrived in time for this segment of the meeting.

Paul Battista recommended that there be a business meeting between the chairs of the BOS, Zoning Office, Municipal Authority and the Planning Commission to discuss issues relevant to the Township, such as purchasing the Corwin Building. WJ stated as long as it was informational only the board could meet to discuss and MS asked if all 3 Supervisors could attend without advertising and WJ stated yes they could as long as it was informational only.

**Adjournment:** LG motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Stevenson  
Township Secretary  
Mount Pleasant Township  
Board of Supervisors