

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

The special meeting of March 27, 2013, was called to order at 5:30 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), R. Bryan Smith, Supervisor (BS) was absent, William A. Johnson, Solicitor (WJ), Mary Ann Stevenson, Secretary (MS), and those citizens listed on the attached sheet.

Discussion Item: LG explained that the purpose of this special meeting was to get public input on the allocation of Act 13 funds. He added that he would like the requests to be submitted in writing and for now, he will go around the room and take verbal comments.

Public Comments:

1. Bill McCracken, Dire Drive would like to repair to streets and roads and to see Dire Drive repaired and paved. He stated that it was done 45 years ago and nothing done since then and while it is not bad it does need some attention.
2. George Yonker and Chris Chome from the Municipal Authority would like to see money set aside for sewage.
3. Paul Battista, 28 Johnston Rd. and Chairman of the Municipal Authority, stated that he would like to see funding set aside each year for the next 10 years to offset the cost of the sewage projects in the Township. He added that the first areas would be Southview and Westland with each having approximately 100 EDU's (homes). Hickory would be last at approximately 300 EDU's but there is the potential to tie into the Route 18 sewer line extension coming this way. Dave McIntyre, MA Engineer from Gannett Fleming stated that Southview, with its own plant and Westland would each be approximately 2 million dollars and Hickory being around 10 million dollars and both of those could be tied into other plants such as Washington. He added for 14 million dollars and approximately 500 EDU's that would be roughly \$29,000 each and in order to get the cost down and to secure funding at a lower interest rate, they need to have money contributed to show that they have matching funds. AM asked how they pay for this and Mr. McIntyre stated the money comes from the EDU's via connection charges and user fees which would be cost prohibitive hence the need for monetary help. MS asked about engineering costs and Mr. Battista stated that this money would also be used for that as well for approx. 200k – 250k.
4. Don Reed, 25 Main Street would like additional street lights on Main Street in Hickory because it is very dim and that the town needs brightened up. He added that there aren't Christmas Decorations on Main St. anymore and that needs brought back. Also, as far as the Township Parks go he only wants to update what we have and this money should not be used for any new parks.
5. Dick White, Dire Drive stated that money should be set aside for public safety and for fire equipment and for the Community Center. He added that they are in the process of getting new seats which are very expensive and lastly there is the Primrose Schoolhouse Renovation project that would be worthwhile. He added he is not opposed to road repairs on Dire Drive.
6. Sally Brown Pawlosky, 2 Main St. agrees that the town is dark and more street lights would be a good idea. She added that there needs to be a light at the intersection of Ft. Cherry Rd. and Rt. 50 because it is dangerous and dark there and more importantly, she is in favor of a reduction in property taxes.
7. Bob Hanes, 107 Washington Ave. is requesting protective gear for township employees; professional level sound meters and training for noise monitoring; additional police personnel for speed monitoring and safety; an additional employee to be an oil and gas liaison to ease the burden on the manager and the BOS.
8. Lou McQuillan, Chief of Police requested additional manpower, a new police vehicle to replace a higher mileage vehicle and more room for the police department either another building or an addition.
9. Brian Temple, 22 Dire Dr. and Chairman of the Planning Commission, would like to request a minimum of \$25,000 to update the MPT Comprehensive Plan as required by law to be done every 10 years. He added that storm inlets are caving in and need re-done.

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LG thanked everyone for their comments and stated the board will take them under advisement while making a decision and they will do their best but certainly won't please everyone. AM asked about the April 15th deadline and MS stated that the report is already done and the money was appropriated into a capital reserve account.

Adjournment: AM motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 pm and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Stevenson
Township Secretary
Mount Pleasant Township
Board of Supervisors