

## MT. PLEASANT TWP. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2013

The meeting of November 13, 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, Neva Stanger (NS), Larry Chome, Zoning Officer (LC), Mary Ann Stevenson, Manager/Secretary (MS), and those citizens listed on the attached sheet.

**Public Comments:** Chief Louis McQuillan stated he thanked everyone for their well wishes while he has been off and wanted to commend Officers Florian and Brewer for the excellent job they have been performing in his absence.

Don Reed stated there is a problem in MPT with sewage and residents are getting cited for malfunctions and the Township needs to give more money to the Municipal Authority for a sewage project.

Paul Battista (PB), 28 Johnston Rd. commented on the manager employment contract and since it wasn't connected to a union he didn't understand why it was needed all of a sudden. AM stated this is a renewal and has been done in the past, in November of 2011. LG responded that it is an incentive to keep MS, the manager working here. Mr. Battista asked if anyone else had contracts and LG responded "no". NS responded that it is allowable in the Township Code specifically for Managers. PB asked if MS was an at-will employee and could be dismissed at any time and NS responded that the Manager position is at-will like any other employee in the Township and likewise MS can resign.

LG asked Paul Battista, Chairman of the Municipal Authority where the sewage plan is at. He stated they are going to proceed with the design and engineering phase but the authority is considering getting a different engineer. He added that as far as timing goes it would be the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2016 for the project to be ready.

AM stated Bill Johnson is no longer here and introduced Neva Stanger as the new Township Solicitor.

### **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 – November, 2013
- Public Safety Report – 9/24/13 – 11/13/13
- Public Works Report – 10/23/13 – 11/13/13
- Planning Commission Minutes – 10/7/13
- Parks & Recreation Minutes – 10/21/13
- Municipal Authority Minutes – None
- Midway Sewage Minutes – None
- Cross Creek Valley Region Minutes – None
- Washington County Sewage Council Report – None
- MPT Volunteer Fire Dept. Report - October, 2013
- Treasurer's Report - October, 2013
- Correspondence for the period of - 10/23/13 – 11/12/13

► LG motioned to accept the reports as given and 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 10/23/13 – 11/12/13 as presented and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. **Minutes:** LG motioned to adopt the minutes of the October 23, 2013 regular board meeting and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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3. **Minutes:** AM motioned to accept the minutes of the October 30, 2013 Budget Workshop Meeting and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Washington Financial Site Plan:** LC presented the plan and stated the engineer (Tom) for the plan was in attendance. AM stated that the plan called for a lot of fill. The engineer stated that a Geotechnical Report was done and it included a slope stability analysis and the additional work is acceptable to the standards. LC stated that HMT and the planning commission recommended approval. AM motioned to approve the Washington Financial Site Plan and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Rosewood Farm Manor Subdivision #1:** LC presented the subdivision as being located at 94 Waterdam Rd and owned by Tom Ward which would be creating a 24 acre parcel from a 54 acre parcel for the construction of a new home including a sewage planning module. LC added that HMT and the planning commission recommended approval. LG motioned to approve the Rosewood Farm Manor Subdivision and sewage planning module and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Hicks/Kress Subdivision:** LC presented the subdivision at 10 Kress Lane separating an existing home from the original parcel and to approve sewage planning module and he added that HMT and the planning commission recommended approval. AM stated he may have a conflict because he owns property nearby with a right-of-way issue. NS stated that he can vote, under the Ethics Act, in order to make a quorum. LG motioned to approve the Hicks/Kress Subdivision and sewage planning module and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
7. **Holding Tank Agreement:** AM motioned to approve entering into a holding tank agreement with John and Shirley Soltis, 3811 Henderson Rd. to correct an on-lot sewage malfunction and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
8. **Resolution 2013-K:** LG motioned to adopt Resolution 2013-K; a resolution authorizing the extension of an employment contract for two (2) years with the Township Manager as permitted by the Second Class Township Code and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
9. **Ordinance 128:** AM motioned to adopt Ordinance 128; an ordinance establishing hydrant assessments and LG seconded the motion. AM added that the General Fund Budget cannot support the hydrant assessments. The motion carried unanimously.
10. **Ordinance 129:** AM motioned to adopt Ordinance 129; an ordinance authorizing the execution of a cable franchise agreement with Comcast and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
11. **2014 Tentative Budget:** LG motioned to adopt the tentative 2014 general fund budget at \$1,703,083 and to advertise for final adoption and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
12. **Certified Planner:** LG motioned to ratify entering into an agreement with John Trant, a Certified Planner with Strategic Solutions, for professional services relating to a zoning analysis of the M-1 District and to recommend a course of action at an approximate cost of \$5,000 and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
13. **Engineering Services:** AM motioned to approve entering into an agreement with Mackin Engineering for professional services for map preparation, GIS data assembly and land use analysis relative to the M-1 District at an approximate cost of \$3,000 and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
14. **Rescind Prior Motion:** LG motioned to rescind the Sept. 25, 2013 meeting motion to remit \$3,000 to the Parks & Rec. Board for a ladies Bash fundraiser. AM asked why and MS stated they have decided not to have the fundraiser. AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
15. **P&R Board Request:** AM motioned to approve a Parks & Rec. Light up Night Event and to remit \$1,150 to the Treasurer and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

PB asked if the \$5,000 and the \$3,000 motions above could get refunded from the LSA Grant money since funds are tight and MS stated that you cannot get refunded for prior money spent on a project and that you can only apply for future money for a future project.

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**Unfinished Business:** None.

**Adjournment:** LG motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 pm and AM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Stevenson  
Township Secretary  
Mount Pleasant Township  
Board of Supervisors