

November 11, 1996

The Mount Joy Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Municipal Building located at 902 Hoffman Home Road, Gettysburg, PA. Beebe and Dayhoff were present.

The Minutes of the last regular monthly meeting, October 14, 1996, were approved by motion of Dayhoff, 2nd by Beebe, carried.

The Treasurer's Report and Bills and to be Paid Report, consisting of \$1,877.66 to be paid out of the Payroll Account, checks numbered 1581 through 1589 and \$42,923.89 to be paid out of the General Account, checks numbered 7564 through 7580, were presented. Dayhoff questioned the engineer's (HRG's) bill, wanting to know what the majority of it was for. The bill covered plan reviews, the 1996 paving project, with the majority being for the Spangler School Rd. culvert project. Motion to approve the reports by Dayhoff, 2nd by Beebe, carried.

Subdivisions:

Harry Burns - Approved by the Planning Commission 10/16/96. Motion by Dayhoff to approve, 2nd by Beebe, carried.

Harry Steinour - Approved by the Planning Commission 10/16/1996. DEP approval and county comments have been received. Motion to approve by Dayhoff, 2nd by Beebe, carried.

James LaBarre - County comments and DEP approval have been received. Motion for approval by Dayhoff, 2nd by Beebe, carried.

George Scott - Motion for approval by Dayhoff, 2nd by Beebe, carried.

Road Report:

Paving has been done on Rock Creek Ford, Long and Plunkert roads. Hillside Estates Hill needs to be done. Beebe is not happy with the chipping work done on Low Dutch and Patterson roads. Road signs have come in and have been posted.

Old Business:

Box Culverts - There was a question whether to use general or liquid fuels funds. Considering the engineer's fees, Dayhoff says to go with liquid fuels funds; can't understand why fees are so high. Culverts put in years ago didn't cost as much. Dayhoff say put on hold for now. Beebe says money has been spent, which will be wasted if the project is put on hold, but Twp. should get more specifics as to what these fees are for.

Supervisor Vacancy - Four (4) applicants have been received. Last month (10/16/96) letters from James Waybright and Earnest Long were read. This month letters from Dawson Harner and Roger Steele were read. Beebe says that as a supervisors he can't support Jim Waybright or Dawson Harner due to their close association with Dayhoff, Harner being a relative of Dayhoff. Beebe stated he has had differences with Steele, hopes these are in the past. He respects Steele's judgment in mot all matters. However, the resigning supervisor was from the Lake and two important projects are going on in that area. (Yingling's and Boyle's) Motion by Beebe to appoint Earnest Long. The motion died due lack of a second.

Dayhoff asked for the floor and asked if any of the applicants wanted to speak. Harner said that nepotism is not involved here; he is not a relative of Dayhoff, he is married to his cousin. Beebe says he has nothing against Harner, this is not reflection on him.

Steele expressed that anyone who is qualified should be in the race. There is wisdom in what Harold says, but it could be an unwise precedent. He doesn't think any area should be denied representation, but feels all residents should have equal input. The project will change the face of the Township, but Twp. should give the feeling that it is setting quotas for representation.

Earnest Long says that he has goals of being open minded and to represent all, not specific interests. In his experience on the Lake Board, he insisted all regulations be obeyed. 'Is it good for the Township?' should be considered.

Beebe clarified that he knows Roger Steele very well and would not pass over him for a quota system. Our community (Mount Joy Twp.) is unique because it has a private community (Lake Heritage) within it. There are projects going on that will impact that part of the community more than other parts of the community. Both resumes (Steele's and Long's) are impressive. Dayhoff asked if Harner or Waybright had been interviewed. Beebe replied that Harner was interviewed earlier for another position and he had talked with Waybright on the phone when he was interested in serving the Planning Commission.

Dayhoff said he hadn't been able to interview Mr. Long. He had tried to set something up before the last meeting. Dayhoff asked for a recess of the meeting so as to have an executive session with Harold, Bonnie Koontz and Mr. Long. Beebe declined to go into executive session, as it might go against the Sunshine Law. In view of this, Mr. Long declined going into the office to talk.

Dayhoff asked for comments from the floor. Beebe said Dayhoff was taking away his duties as chairman. Dayhoff said he wanted input from the audience. Beebe asked Dayhoff if he was going to vote or not. Dayhoff called on Steele. Beebe allowed Steele to speak.

Steele said he could help create a feeling of harmony. He has known Beebe and Dayhoff for a long time; feels all three of them are very forward-thinking. He feels the Planning Commission should plan for things down the road. He feels there should be prosperity in the Township with sensible development, both residential and commercial. The Township has a zoning guide; each issue should be considered on a case by case basis. What was written in '91 needs revised in certain areas. He would like to see beauty in the Township. It has a lot of quality. He concluded by saying the supervisors would pan ahead and be ready to act, not react, and that he is dedicated to doing a good job.

Beebe says this has been an agonizing decision. Dayhoff would like to hear from the audience. Beebe says the vacancy board chairman, William Hottinger, will be contacted and he will schedule a meeting. Dayhoff has nothing against Mr. Long, but he has received four calls from Lake residents with concerns about Mr. Long. William Hottinger lives in the Lake and he (Dayhoff) feels that any response from citizens to him (Hottinger) would be taken into consideration. Beebe says that if the Vacancy Board can't appoint someone, it will be up to the court.

Budget - A budget should have been ready tonight, but Beebe can't support the budget. The appointed time to work on it was 10 o'clock. Beebe was needed at that time to work with the engineer on the roads. Dayhoff was notified at 4 o'clock the day before but wouldn't change the meeting. Dayhoff pulled in at 10:04 a.m., passed Beebe on the parking lot. There was much discussion on the 10-10:04 interval. Dayhoff was late, but worked on budget until 1:30. Beebe doesn't agree with the \$27,000 for a roadmaster, \$87,000 building addition and computer and the \$6250 additional office help. Beebe has the responsibility to call meetings and will notify Dayhoff.

Public Comments:

Eileen Holmes - Questioned how many times Beebe went out to the road work site. She is embarrassed by the way Mr. Harner was spoken to. She also stated that the Lake is a private community and has to take care of its own problems. She says there is still junk on Solomon Road. She questions the engineer's bill; feels impact on Rt. 15 will impact everyone. She questioned if MR. Long was present at the zoning meeting; says Mr. Waybright and Mr. Steele have been present many times. Questioned why the letter from the supervisors wasn't read at the zoning hearing. She also expressed that the Twp. has never had problems with Lake Heritage; we are all none.

Glenn Snyder- Questioned if this supervisors had checked on the prevailing wage. (Mr. Beebe will check on t his.)

Mrs. Lewis - Feels there should be a representative from the Lake because Mr. Moul was from the Lake. Also said that if the meeting (budget) was at ten, supervisors should have been here; also should be concerned about the budget.

Marcia Brown - Feels the requirements for position of supervisor should be based on qualifications, not where the person is from or who they know; is ashamed on the Township and is tired of reading about the discord in the newspapers.

A resident of White Church Road expressed concern about the bumps on the road where there are drainage ditches and about the area near the bridge where the pavement washed out. Questioned when this is going to be taken care of. Beebe responded that the road is not being paved now because of settling; cold patch will be placed.

Bob Murphy - Said he was on the Lake Board with Earnest Long; feels Long is an objective person, hears facts and then decides.

There were several additional comments regarding the need for a neutral person and feelings that the board of supervisors needs new blood.

Beebe said that while standing outside on election day, he did not solicit support for any of the applicants, but received seven or eight good comments about Long and two not so good.

April Rosensteel - Believes that credentials are important, but character more important. Also feels work needs to be done on Yingling Road.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Bonnie L. Koontz, secretary.