

## **MARCH 18, 2010 SUPERVISOR'S MEETING:**

The Mount Joy Township Board of Supervisors met this date, as publicly advertised, at 7:00 pm in the meeting room of the Mount Joy Township Building, 902 Hoffman Home Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325 with Board Chairman John Gormont presiding. Others in attendance were: Vice-Chairman David Updyke; Supervisors Robert Rhodes, Gilbert Clark, Michael Gearhart; Solicitor Susan J. Smith; and Secretary/Treasurer Victoria Behnke.

Board Chairman John Gormont led everyone with the Pledge to the Flag.

### **Minutes**

Mr. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. Clark, to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2010 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Chairman's Statement**

None.

### **Solicitor's Report**

Solicitor Smith reported on requests for legal review by Board members, staff, and the Interim Zoning Officer. She recommended that the Board take action on procedures between Adams County and Mount Joy Township for issuing Land Use Permits and building permits. She also provided an Enforcement Notice model for the Zoning Officer. She recommended that the Board re-title "Land Use" permits to "Zoning" permits.

### **Public Comment**

1. Matt Sentz, representing Barlow Volunteer Fire Department, presented their 2010 proposed budget.
2. Kenneth Adams asked for information on Met-Ed bills, and noted that some street lights are out at the Outlet Center.
3. Roger Steele wanted to know how to get copies of the Supervisor meeting minutes.

### **Announcements**

The U.S. Census Bureau is reminding everyone to mail back their census forms as soon as possible. The Adams County Tax Collection Committee will be meeting March 25, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

### **Treasurer**

Mr. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. Updyke, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of February as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. Updyke, to approve the bills to be paid for the month of February as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Subdivision/Land Development Plans**

No plans.

### **Road Report**

Mr. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. Clark, to approve the Road Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Clark thanked Mr. Beebe for his service as the volunteer Roadmaster. Mr. Gormont concurred.

Mr. Gormont moved, seconded by Mr. Clark, to re-affirm the appointment of Ronald Reed as the new Roadmaster. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Zoning Officer's Report**

Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, to approve the Zoning Officer's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Open Records Officer Report**

Mr. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. Clark, to accept the Open Records Officer Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Correspondence**

1. PSATS 2010 Proposed Bylaw Changes to be discussed at the PSATS convention in April
2. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Bridge Inspection Report
3. Adams County Conservation District is providing a free workshop to County Well Owners March 24, 2010, info posted on lobby bulletin board.
4. Adams County Council of Governments February 2010 meeting minutes

### **Committee Reports**

Personnel: (Clark and Gormont)

- Placed an ad in the Gettysburg Times for part-time Office Assistant

Finance: (Gormont and Updyke)

- Township is still on track for its budget report from Smith, Elliott & Kearns

Planning, Land Use & Zoning: (Clark and Rhodes)

- A letter from Dominic Picarelli to Mount Joy Township Board of Supervisors regarding Zoning Officer Duties was read. The Township needs a process to track permits. Mr. Gormont moved, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, to authorize Dominic Picarelli and Susan Smith to contact Adams County to resolve the issue of Adams County issuing building permits before Mt. Joy Township Land Use permits are issued. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Clark, to compensate the Planning Commission members for attendance of Planning Commission meetings only, unless directed by the Board of Supervisors to attend other meetings. Compensation will remain at \$50 per meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Clark, to compensate Zoning Hearing Board members for attendance of Zoning Hearing Board meetings only, unless directed by the Board of Supervisors to attend other meetings. Compensation to remain at \$50 per meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- A workshop will be scheduled with three companies to interview them regarding their Zoning Enforcement services.

Building & Grounds: (Updyke and Gearhart)

- No report.

Roads: (Updyke and Rhodes)

- A "Lessons Learned" meeting was held with the Road committee and Mike Livelsberger, Kevin Gebhart, Ronnie Reed, and Carl Strine to discuss the plowing issues with the 2010 snow storms.
- Suggestion: Put a list of volunteer snowplows on the Mount Joy Township website.
- Costars purchasing of road materials saves time and money in the bidding process.

Public Safety: (Clark and Gearhart)

- No report.

#### Council of Governments: (Gormont and Clark)

- Gil Clark and John Gormont attended the Council of Governments meeting in March. It was an information meeting only.

#### Historical Committee:

- Mr. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. Clark, to accept the Historical Committee report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Ag Security Advisory Committee:

- The Ag Security Advisory Committee received an application to be included in the Ag Security Area.
- The Ag Security Advisory Committee will meet on April 15, 2010 at 6:30 pm, before the next Supervisor's meeting.

#### Strategic Planning Committee:

- No report.

#### Gettysburg Area Recreation Study Committee: (Rhodes and Hartlaub)

- The Gettysburg Area Recreation Study Meeting Report (Peer-to-Peer) dated March 4, 2010 was presented. Mt. Joy's first year contribution is estimated to be \$2101.

#### **Agricultural Land Preservation Board**

The meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum. There are still two vacancies that need to be filled.

#### **Recreation Board**

There was no chair or vice-chair, so there was no meeting on March 17, 2010. The Board of Supervisors will need to take action to appoint a chair and vice-chair.

#### **Other Business**

The Act 537 Sewage Facilities Onlot Disposal Plan has not yet been approved by DEP. Mr. Gormont would like to make a change to paragraph 68.10 B of the submitted plan to state that "Removal of septage or other solids from treatment tanks shall be performed once every three (3) years or whenever an inspection program reveals that the septic tank is filled with solids in excess of 1/3 of the depth of the tank."

#### **New Business**

- Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, to appoint Steve Wood as Zoning Hearing Board Alternate, term expiring December 31, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.
- Solicitor Smith noted that all Ethics forms must be completed by May 1, 2010.

#### **Executive Session**

- An Executive Session was convened at 8:32 pm for the purpose of receiving counsel regarding the Alexander litigation.
- Meeting reconvened: The Mount Joy Township Supervisor's meeting was reconvened at 8:52 pm this date with all Supervisors, Solicitor, and Secretary in attendance. Mr. Gormont moved, seconded by Mr. Clark, to authorize the Solicitor to send a letter to District Court requesting clarification of Judge Kuhn's order regarding hearing of fee issues by the Zoning Hearing Board instead of the Board of Supervisors. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Gormont moved, seconded by Mr. Rhodes to authorize the Solicitor to represent the Township at the Zoning Hearing Board, if necessary, in the Alexander matter. Motion carried

unanimously. Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, to authorize the Solicitor to take action between meetings on legal matters that need immediate attention. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Clark, to adjourn the meeting 9:10 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Behnke  
Secretary/Treasurer