

APRIL 15, 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 and Zoning Officer Cindy Smith.

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

Minutes

Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Gearhart, to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2010 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Clark, to approve the January 4, 2010 minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman's Statement

Mr. Gormont thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Smith reported on Open Records Office Determination of Interest – Attorney/Client privileges may not be protected in regard to Zoning Hearings.

Public Comment

1. Brian Dayton wanted to know why Fire Trucks were being serviced in Maryland. Matt Sentz, from Barlow Fire Department replied that their service provider can do Federal inspections of their equipment.
2. Omar Hottenstein, Spangler School Road, had questions about the Smith Elliott Kearns adjusting journal entries; he wants the township to pay off the Ag Land debt, and wants to put a moratorium on the Ag Land Preservation program.
3. Matt Sentz, Barlow Fire Department, reported that he requested other fire departments to send full reports to the Township. He also stated that his fire department has a new website listing their events – www.BarlowFireDepartment.org.

Announcements

- Adams County Association of Township Officials Spring Conference, April 28, 2010 at 7:00 pm.
- FEMA is still reviewing Pennsylvania's request for snow assistance for this past winter.
- Littlestown Area Chamber of Commerce Civil War Trail Marker Dedication, April 13, 2010 at 5:30 pm.
- Adams County Office of Planning and Development – Course in Subdivision and Land Development May 7 and 14, 2010. Will Rogers and Budd Hallberg will be attending.

Treasurer

Mr. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. Clark, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2010 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Gearhart, to approve the bills to be paid for the month of March 2010 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Gormont reported that during the audit, Smith Elliott Kearns discovered that the Ag Land loans were classified incorrectly. The correction was made. Mr. Updyke reported that the Liquid Fuels reimbursement of \$12,279.30 from the General Fund has not been done yet.

Subdivision/Land Development Plans

- Planning Commission recommendation to grant waiver for Land Development Plan for a 60 x 120 Pole Barn for John Repaskey, 340 Two Taverns Road, Gettysburg, PA, and approve the Zoning Permit for the same. Mr. Clark moved, seconded by Mr. Gearhart to table this agenda item until later in the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- Planning Commission recommendation to re-zone parcel at Hickory Road and Route 97 from current zoning of Industrial Commercial to Village Historical – Board of Supervisors will evaluate this at the next Supervisor’s meeting.

Road Report

Mr. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. Gearhart, to approve the Road Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Officer’s Report

Mr. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. Updyke, to approve the Interim Zoning Officer’s Report from Dominic Picarelli as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. Updyke, to approve the Mount Joy Township Zoning Officer’s Report from Cindy Smith as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Records Officer Report

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

Correspondence

- Letter from Penn DOT regarding reimbursement of Liquid Fuels funds identified in Audit Report for January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008
- White Run Regional Municipal Authority 2009 Annual Report
- Gettysburg Fire Department monthly report for March 2010
- Adams County Council of Government minutes from March 25, 2010

Committee Reports

Personnel: (Clark and Gormont)

- Mr. Gormont moved, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, to reaffirm the appointment of Cindy Smith as Mount Joy Township Zoning Officer. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Gormont moved, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, to reaffirm the appointment of Susan Harbin as Mount Joy Township Office Assistant. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Clark moved, seconded by Mr. Gormont, to amend section 10.A. of the Personnel Policy to read as follows: “A request for vacation must be made in writing and submitted to the supervisor at least one week in advance. Supervisors, in making the determination whether to grant vacation leave, shall take into consideration the staffing needs of the department and/or township.” Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Clark moved, seconded by Mr. Gormont, to amend section 17 of the Personnel Policy to read as follows: “All full-time employees in a paid status are eligible for medical coverage under a plan determined by the Board of Supervisors after the probationary period.” Motion carried unanimously.

Finance: (Gormont and Updyke)

- The 2009 Annual Auditor’s Report was completed by Smith Elliott Kearns & Co LLC. Mr. Gormont reported that the Township is in good shape and under budget at this point.

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

- No report.

Building & Grounds: (Updyke and Gearhart)

- No report.

Roads: (Updyke and Rhodes)

- No report.

Public Safety: (Clark and Gearhart)

- Mr. Clark moved, seconded by Mr. Updyke, to approve the 2010 Municipal Box Alarm Card changes for Alpha Fire Company No. 1, Inc., as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Council of Governments: (Gormont and Clark)

- No report.

Historical Committee:

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

Ag Security Advisory Committee:

- Since there was no quorum at the Agricultural Security Area Committee meeting, Ms. Behnke will draft a letter to each member to poll them for their vote on the current application at hand.

Strategic Planning Committee:

- No report.

Gettysburg Area Recreation Study Committee: (Rhodes and Hartlaub)

- Mount Joy Township's comments were well received. The next meeting will be around July time-frame.

Land Development Plan

Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Clark, to untable the Repaskey application. Motion carried unanimously. John Repaskey, 340 Two Taverns Road, Gettysburg, PA, 60 x 120 Pole Barn – The pole barn exceeds 4000 square feet and would need a Land Development Plan. Solicitor Smith noted that the Municipal Planning Code can provide for a waiver of Land Development Plan for ag buildings. She stated that the Planning Commission needs to make their comments in writing and identify and explain the need for the waiver. Mr. Clark moved, seconded by Mr. Updyke, to move upon the recommendation of the Zoning Officer and the Planning Commission and grant a waiver of Land Development Plan defined in Mount Joy Township Code 86-7part 3.b. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Smith stated that based on previous waivers, the Board of Supervisors should consider amending the ordinance to prevent waivers of this type.

Agricultural Land Preservation Board

No meeting.

Recreation Board

A Recreation Board Re-organization meeting is planned for Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Mr. Gormont referred to a letter from DCNR, September 2009, that the Hartlaub property will need to be open for public use by September 16, 2010. The Recreation Board needs to put together park rules and permitted uses for the Hartlaub property.

Other Business

- Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, to adopt the Emergency Operations Plan for Mt. Joy Township in Adams County, dated March 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

- Solicitor Smith noted that the Board may request a modification to the approved Act 537 Plan through correspondence to DEP.

Executive Session

None.

Adjournment

Mr. Clark moved, seconded by Mr. Updyke, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Behnke
Secretary/Treasurer