MOUNT JOY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 2, 2023
7:00 P.M.

The meeting was an open meeting, also conducted as a remote meeting through the ZOOM platform. Attendance and votes were taken by roll call.

Present: Bernie Mazer, Chairman; Terry Scholle, Vice Chairman; Gil Clark; Todd McCauslin; Christine Demas

Also Present: Erik Vranich, Township Engineer; Mitz Whatley, Administrative Assistant; Shannon Hare, Secretary and Zoning Officer and Code Enforcement Officer

Call to Order

Public Comment-
- Steve Yerger 175 Bulk Plant Rd-$200,000 expense mentioned at last meeting and Roadmaster
- Nick Demas 71 Miller Rd-budget concerns

Business
- Reaffirm email poll for repair of the backhoe. A poll vote by email amended the vote taken at the regular meeting for the expenditure for immediate repair of the backhoe upon learning of enlarged costs and for the purposed of approving an increased expenditure to $29,051.90 an increase of $6,466.50. There was no official motion. Chairman Mazer asked Ms. Hare to do a poll vote. Supervisors Clark, Mazer, and Scholle voted yes. Supervisor McCauslin abstained, and Supervisor Demas voted no. Motion carried.

- Dean Shultz Act 537 Plan Presentation. Dean Shultz was the first Sewage Enforcement Officer in the Commonwealth of Pa. Mr. Shultz worked with DEP to develop an Act 537 plan. The first official Act 537 plan for Mount Joy Township provided for public sewer to Lake Heritage in the 1970s. If septic systems are not pumped, they back up into drain fields. Some townships may not have Act 537 plans because they have not had enough development activity to stir up DEP. There are penalties if a DEP-approved Act 537 plan is not followed. Building permits could be held until the plan is enforced. There was research done by DEP to come up with the three year pumping or inspection requirement for on-lot septic systems. Any waivers to the Act 537 plan should come from DEP.

- Total Tech Solutions, Server Options. Jeff Baum from Total Tech Solutions, LLC said started by saying that the current server was installed 6 years ago. The Township is starting to experience speed and accessibility issues. The system is backed up to the cloud each night. Mr. Baum said that there were two options. The first is NAS Network Attached Storage or "server lite" with two 2TB hard drives (mirrored) for $1,000. The second option is a new workstation for Shannon. Shannon's old computer would then be turned into a Ubuntu Linux server. A Ubuntu server will have to add two hard drives and install ubuntu server OS. The cost for option 2 is $1,000 for a new computer and $750 for setting up the server.

- Budget Procedures Discussion. Chairman Mazer said that he would like to have three sessions done at workshop meetings to work on the budget for next year. Mount Joy Township Treasurer Bruce

Hartman talked about the budget procedures including road and equipment maintenance. He said that all expenditures should be in place by October so that the new budget could be looked at. Mr. Hartman said that every year is different. All income is recorded. He said that all accounts are looked at every month. The accounts are reconciled every month and the monthly reports that are given to the Supervisors are not printed until the reconciliation is complete.

Public Comment
- Nick Demas 71 Miller Rd-asked for clarification about the budget posted online and when the current budget would be "fixed."
- Sandra Yerger 175 Bulk Plant Rd-asked for clarification on the monthly reports that are posted
- Ray Herr Road Superintendent for Hamilton – Road and Vehicle plan

Adjournment. With no further business to be discussed by the Board, Supervisor Scholle moved, seconded by Supervisor McCauslin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Shannon M. Hare
Secretary