

**.Mount Joy Township
Supervisors' Workshop Meeting
April 6, 2017**

Meeting Minutes

Present: Supervisors - John Gormont, Chairman; David Updyke, Vice-Chair; Gil Clark; Bradley Trostle; Solicitor - Susan Smith; Secretary – Sheri Moyer

Absent: Dennis Bowman

The Mount Joy Township Board of Supervisors met this date, as publicly advertised, at the Mount Joy Township Building located at 902 Hoffman Home Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325.

Call to Order: John Gormont presiding.

Starting Time: 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment: Dean Shultz, 1610 Baltimore Pike – regarding a letter regarding a love seat along the roadway. Mr. Shultz indicated that the love seat was dumped on the yard. Mr. Shultz said over the years the Township had always decided that if something was dumped in the right-of-way the township would remove it.

Arthur Ridinger, Study Road – also received a letter regarding trash on Study Road. He said a box spring and mattress was dumped about year and a half to two years ago. In the past few months a bunch of gallon jugs which appear to have oil in them have been added. He indicated these were dumped and they are not responsible for cleaning it up. He read Chapter 86 Solid Waste ordinance and could not find anything regarding trash being dumped by unknown people being the property owner's responsibility. He stated if this was dumped along the roadway in Carroll County they would pick this up and take it to the dump.

Mr. Gormont said that as long as he has been here as a supervisor, the township has not picked up things dumped on the road. Mr. Gormont said that he was going to speak with the Board tonight about purchasing cameras during the business portion of the meeting. He questioned both property owners if they would allow the Township to mount cameras on their property. Both property owners said, "Yes."

Business:

- ASA Merger of Areas 2 & 3 into Area 1: Mr. Trostle moved, seconded by Mr. Clark, to consolidate all current ASA properties in areas 1, 2 & 3 into a single area, designated as area 1, and initiate the necessary procedures. Motion carried unanimously.

- Links Modified Landscaping Plan – Set date for receipt of the plans: Mr. Gormont moved, seconded by Mr. Trostle, to set April 20, 2017 as the deadline for submission of the modified landscaping plan and May 4, 2017 as the deadline for the recording of the plan. Motion carried unanimously.

- Purchase of Portable Pugmill: Mr. Gormont said he spoke to the Board about purchasing a portable pugmill priced at \$17,000.00. He indicated and we got a reduced price of \$15,000.00. He said it would mount on the back of a truck. The road crew dig up asphalt put it in the machine and it reconstitutes the asphalt so they can reuse it rather than buying asphalt. It could be used in place of cold patch and would be a permanent patch. Mr. Clark questioned what the amortization would be on the purchase. Mr. Updyke questioned how much the township has spent on asphalt the last couple of years to try to calculate the amortization of the cost. Mr. Clark said that if it makes financial sense he has no problem with it, but he does not know that it does. Mr. Gormont said he would have Mr. Hartman pull the invoices and provide that information to the Board at the next meeting.
- ZHB – Resignation of Budd Hallberg: The Board acknowledged the resignation of Mr. Hallberg from the Zoning Hearing Board.
- ZHB - Appointment of Audrey Weiland: Mr. Gormont moved, seconded by Mr. Trostle, to appoint Ms. Weiland to the fill Mr. Hallberg's vacancy as alternate, on the Zoning Hearing Board with the term expiring on 12/31/18. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ziegler – Zoning Hearing Board hearing: Ms. Smith said there is an application for a use variance on Baltimore Pike. This would be for distribution of certain materials and plastics. This is not a permitted use in the Village Historic district.
- Discussion on Trash Issues: Mr. Clark suggested that we take care of these two items and have a more elaborate discussion at the next meeting. Ms. Smith gave an explanation of what triggers the ordinance. Following that Mr. Trostle said that precedent can be set and the township has no way of getting rid of things without incurring costs. If we pick up for these individuals how do we say no to someone else who comes in to report dumping. He went on to say that he has picked up trash that was dumped on his property. Mr. Updyke also expressed the same situation has happened to him and he cleaned it up. It was decided that both property owners will need to pick up and get rid of the items dumped on their property.

Mr. Gormont brought up the discussion of the cameras. Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Gormont to look into the pricing to purchase cameras. Mr. Gormont said to purchase the two cameras with cases it would cost \$300.00 at the most. Following discussion Mr. Updyke decided to strike his motion. Mr. Updyke then moved, seconded by Mr. Trostle to purchase two cameras for surveillance on Township roads in problem areas. These cameras would be able to be moved. Mr. Clark said he is not going to vote on this until he see a proposal. Mr. Trostle questioned what is he looking for and Mr. Clark said he wants to see the numbers of what the cameras are going to cost, what the cases are going to cost, how much staff time is involved in installing them, monitoring these by pulling out the chip and looking at the pictures. Ayes – Mr. Gormont; Nays – Mr. Clark, Mr. Trostle, Mr. Updyke. Motion denied.

Mr. Clark wanted to be on the record that what was done to these two people is ridiculous. This is not the kind of relationship that this township needs to have with its citizens, let alone its tax paying citizens. Mr. Gormont said on the record that we are going to operate under the rules and regulations of this township.

Ms. Smith addressed the Board on how they want the staff to handle enforcement of the ordinances when they receive a complaint. Mr. Updyke said he believes we should stick to the system we currently have because it is working. Ms. Smith said that she's hearing the complaint that it is too aggressive. That there has to be some other personal touch or other communication. Do you want that and what do you want it to be? Personal contact? Going to the home? Making a phone call? Ms. Moyer said we do not have everyone's phone number. Mr. Trostle said he is okay with the process the way it is but if we have a phone number we could try to contact the property owner by phone first. The letter accomplished what it was supposed to do by bringing in the property owner and opening up communications. It was decided to continue as we currently are under the guidelines of the ordinance and the township will not pick up any trash along the roadways.

- 1998 International purchase: Mr. Gormont said when they are working on the budget for next year he would like to include the cost of purchasing a new truck to replace the '98 International. He said he was speaking with an individual who was a salesman who came up with a creative way to do this. The township receives turnback money from the State and he suggested we use the turnback money over a five to six year period to pay off the vehicle. He will get more information together and would like to include that cost in next year's budget. Mr. Gormont said he thought we could sell the truck and would probably get somewhere around \$10,000.00 which would be more than what the trade in value would be. Mr. Gormont will put something together with numbers so that they can discuss it further.

- Zoning Ordinance Discussion: Ms. Smith distributed a proposed zoning map to match up with the Comprehensive Plan. She wanted to know if the Board was happy with the boundaries and where the overlay for the more intensive uses would be along the corridor. This is the area where, with standards, almost every use can go whether it was residential, commercial or industrial. It was decided that the overlay should be the IC, PC, LC, MDR districts. Following discussion the Board set the following dates; June 7, 2017 for public meeting to present the proposed zoning ordinance to the residents. July 26th and August 3rd were set for the public hearings. All meeting times are 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and will be held at the Gettysburg School District Middle School located on Lefever Street, Gettysburg.

Correspondence: None.

Executive Session: None.

Adjournment: With no further business to be discussed by the Board, Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Trostle, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheri L. Moyer
Secretary