

**MOUNT JOY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
Thursday, March 28, 2024**

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The meeting was an open meeting, also conducted as a remote meeting through the ZOOM platform. Attendance was taken by roll call. The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

**Present:** Christine Demas, Chairman; Chad Yingling, Vice-Chairman; Bernie Mazer; Sandy Yerger (via Zoom)

**Absent:** Todd McCauslin

**Also Present:** Isaac Wakefield, Solicitor; Mitz Whatley, Assistant Treasurer.

**Chairman Comments:** Chair Demas said Brookview Solar has officially withdrawn their project.

**Public Comments:** Don Hubbard of Barlow Fire Department. Stated they requested \$73,000 in ARPA funds for a generator in 2019. Today that same generator is \$88,000 and they want to know if we will pay for it with ARPA funds. Chair Demas responded ARPA first came into the township in 2022. Last year, some money was distributed beyond the annual disbursement. She stated Mr. Hubbard should check with his leadership as to what happened to those funds. More ARPA money will be dispersed this year, but the amount has not yet been decided.

**Presentations:**

- Alpha Fire Department #1: Fire Box Cards, department brief update (8 minutes): Justin Myers, Chief at Alpha Fire Department gave an explanation of the history and purpose of Box Cards and Box area.
- United Hook and Ladder #33, department brief (5 minutes): Kevin Moul presented for United Hook and Ladder #33 and Adams Regional
- Gettysburg Fire Department, department brief: Scott McGonigal, Deputy Chief spoke about expanding on the cards. 50,000 foot level infrastructure should be completed within a week with a new security system. A new station alerting system was installed last year.
- EMS Update, Community Life Team (10 minutes): Josh Nelson and Jeff Salsbury from Community Life Team gave a brief presentation of the new ambulance service. Explaining the services and capabilities. They will officially start April 1, 2024.
- Emergency Management Planning (15 minutes): Warren Bladen, spoke about the need to conduct a damage assessment following any major storms. He explained that even if Adams County does not qualify for FEMA reimbursement, possibly other counties would qualify based on the numbers. Always do a damage assessment. Chair Demas questioned when the Board gets involved. Mr. Bladen indicated that they are notified early because what he is looking for is a Declaration of Disaster issued from the County Commissioners. It will change the way we do business. Without the Declaration everything would have to go out for bid. Once we have the Declaration in place, we do not have to go through the bidding process. Also, if Federal monies are being released, we need that Declaration in

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place as quickly as possible. Ms. Bladen stated that supervisors should have training in place. FEMA has the Emergency Management Institute, located in Emmitsburg. That institute has independent study courses (on-line). There are four courses that have to be taken. They are IS100, IS200, IS700 and IS800. There are other courses that FEMA recommends G402 and G191. These are classroom courses which he is trying to get set up in the County. They are only recommended and not required courses.

Mr. Bladen stated a Hazard Mitigation Plan needs to be submitted to FEMA every five years. If the township fails to submit the Hazard Mitigation Plan to FEMA and there are monies released, the Township will not get any of the distributions. He indicated that a Hazard Mitigation Plan is a lot of work and feels it is a lot to ask of a volunteer EMC. He recommends hiring a consultant to do the work. He stated that the other option is to join in with the County's Plan. Basically, a representative from the Township will work with the consultant. Five years ago, when they updated their plan all the Townships joined in with the County's plan.

**Action Items**

- Resolution # 11 to appoint Deb Hilling to the Zoning Hearing Board. Chair Demas said we got a letter of interest from Deb Hilling to join the Zoning Hearing Board. Supervisor Yingling requested this be tabled to the April meeting.
- Approval to sign Box Alarm Card Review Form. Supervisor Yingling moved, seconded by Supervisor Mazer, to approve the signature of the Box Alarm Card Review Forms. Motion carried unanimously.
- Approval of 2024 Fire Distribution. Chair Demas stated that the Township is still under the agreement signed five years ago. There is \$110,000 divided up with all the fire companies. It is distributed quarterly following the Township receiving their quarterly financial information. Supervisor Mazer moved, seconded by Supervisor Yingling to approve the 2024 fire distribution. Motion carried unanimously.

**Executive Session** (if needed)

**Adjournment**

With no further business to be discussed by the Board, Supervisor Mazer moved, seconded by Supervisor Yingling, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Moyer  
Township Secretary