

December 21, 2000

The Mt. Joy Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at 7:30 PM Thursday, December 21, 2000 in the Township Municipal Building located at 902 Hoffman Home Road, Gettysburg, PA. All Supervisors, Dayhoff, Waybright and Chantelau, were present. Also present were Township solicitor Walton V. Davis and Township secretary Bonnie L. Koontz.

The minutes of the last regular monthly meeting, November 16, 2000, were approved by motion of Chantelau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Waybright, carried unanimously.

Chairman's Statement:

Chairman Dayhoff turned the floor over to Township solicitor Davis who commented that at 8:30 this morning, the Supervisors, Mark Lewis (Township engineer) Ann Longmire (Zoning Officer) and himself had held a workshop for the purpose of reviewing points raised at the last hearing. Some specific issues were what effect a planned golf course community would have on the general character of the rural residential area and could there be some modifications made in regard to height of buildings, etc. The solicitor and engineer will be meeting to "firm up" thoughts from the workshop and hearing. The proposed planned golf community ordinance that may have been advertised with the intent to adopt this evening will not be adopted this evening.

Public Comments:

Jerry Maloney - In regard to the budget, \$10,000 is shown being budgeted for signs and traffic signals. He wants to make certain that none of this is being spent for the traffic lights at the shopping center. Dayhoff clarified that this is not for the shopping center lights. Maloney further commented that the amount budgeted for the solicitor went down somewhat – was this because of all the outlet hearings last year, and is the solicitor on a retainer. He was answered that the solicitor is not on a retainer but an hourly rate of \$85.00 per hour if reappointed. Maloney then questioned which roads were going to be widened in 2001 and was answered that White Church and Solomon Roads will be widened and about eight additional roads will be resealed. He further questioned if any money was going to be spent on Mud College Road and was answered "no"; if the bond (Ramage's) expires, the Township will take the bond and improve the road. A further matter of concern was that when developers propose projects that require hearings, they can be billed for the hearings, but since they are advertised meetings, he questioned if the developers can be billed for workshops. He feels that the Township should have a routine that when a developer makes a request, spending should not be done at the taxpayers' expense.

Rick Klein - Thanked the Supervisors for everything they have done to date and the opportunity to work together. He commented that at the first public hearing there was no surprise public outcry to his proposed project and that at the second public hearing, public opposition seemed to decline about 300%. In regard to the question of how we know the ordinance wouldn't permit a mobile home park, he stated that economics would make it impossible. The ordinance would knock down "lower-end" type development. Klein agrees with preserving farmland; the land he is developing has been out of production three or four years. The current existing ordinance would permit about 368 units on that property; he is pushing clustering and preserving open space, 175 units with a golf course. He feels they will develop a first-class development. He feels it is important to listen to someone like Dick Owens (Carroll County) who has been through 30 years of development. Development is going to occur; it can't be stopped, but can be controlled and he would like to see it in a more positive nature.

John Leino - As Treasurer of LHPOA and representing that Board this evening, he asked the Supervisors to consider placing directional signs of Rt. 97 to Lake Heritage. Dayhoff responded that the Township has talked with Yingling and Strickler Signs to try to relocate Yingling's sign and combine Yinglings, the Chinese buffet and Lake Heritage on an informative type sign. Leino asked when this would happen and was answered that it should be in the next couple of months.

There was also a question in regard to account numbers. A change was made to conform to state accounts, but the Quickbooks program only allows six digits. This will be discussed at the auditors' reorganization meeting.

Speros Marinos - Stated that he has been before the Board before; would like to ask for standardization of meeting times, all at 7:30. They are getting close to doing something on the corner by 97 and 15. A sewer study (relative to this area) should be completed in a few days. He questioned a moratorium; in trying to work with others, it is hoped that they (the Supervisors) double think that.

The Treasurer's Report for November was approved by motion of Chantelau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Waybright, carried unanimously.

The Bills to be Paid for November and December, to date, were approved by motion of Waybright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chantelau, carried unanimously.

Motion by Chantelau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Waybright, to accept the Road Report and the zoning Officer's Report, carried unanimously.

### Correspondence:

- A letter was received from the Adams County Elections and Voter Registration office announcing the dates for elections in 2001.
- Gettysburg Area Recreation Board meeting minutes from November 20, 2000.
- A letter was received from PSATS soliciting funding for the B. Kenneth Greider scholarship.
- A letter was received from Richard Waybright regarding the proposed golf course community ordinance.

### Announcements:

Chairman Dayhoff announced that Mt. Joy Township now owns Mud College School. A meeting was held with Bonnie Koontz and Ellie Bennett, who will draw up a program for the school.

### Old Business:

Budget - Following brief discussion, motion to adopt the budget by Chantelau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Waybright, carried unanimously.

Release Agreement - Attorney Davis suggested authorizing the chairman and secretary to sign the originals when they arrive. Motion to do so by Waybright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chantelau, carried unanimously.

Traffic Study Ordinance - Following brief discussion, it was determined that this would have to go through the hearing process.

Moratorium - There was discussion of a possible moratorium on development at the intersection of Rt. 97 and 15 until after the comprehensive plan is completed. There is currently a case pending before the PA Supreme Court relative to a moratorium. There was discussion about possible litigation in the future and whether it would be better to enact a Township-wide moratorium. Following further brief discussion, motion by Dayhoff to drop the idea of a building moratorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Waybright, carried unanimously.

### New Business:

Reorganization meeting - The Supervisors' reorganizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2001 at 10 AM.

House numbers - Some Township residents have inquired if they can still obtain the free numbers that were offered by the Township last spring. Discussion included that these numbers are beneficial to the residents for fire and ambulance response. Motion by Waybright to offer the numbers again, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chantelau, carried unanimously.

The Supervisors and solicitor went into executive session at approximately 8:40 PM. The meeting was recalled to order at approximately 8:50 PM. Solicitor Davis stated that in regard to the tires still on the proposed Blue and Grey subdivision, no litigation is necessary at this time. There was also a concern about a potential claim against the Township for alleged stormwater on an individual's property.

Waybright commented that the CRIS study is nearing its end. Recommendations have been made that should help with traffic. The study should also result in more and quicker funding for Adams County.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Koontz  
Secretary