

June 9, 1997

The Mount Joy Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 9, 1997 at 7:30 P.M. in the municipal building located at 902 Hoffman Home Rd. All members were present.

The minutes of the last regular monthly meeting, May 12, 1997, were approved by motion of Long, 2nd by Beebe. Motion carried; Dayhoff abstained due to not being present at that meeting. The Treasurer's Report and Bills to be Paid for May and Bills to be Paid for June to date were approved by motion of Long, second by Beebe, carried. The minutes of the special meeting May 14, 1997, were approved by motion of Long, second by Dayhoff, carried.

Bids - A bid package for the office and meeting room expansion was reviewed. The cost appears to be more than the original estimate. The office expansion was to cost approximately \$40,000; now 61,000. The meeting room stayed fairly close to \$32,000. Dayhoff made a motion to put the package out for bid when the state gives the approval. Second by Long for the sake of discussion. Long moved to amend the motion to bid the office portion only. Dayhoff said Long can't amend the motion; only he (Dayhoff) can do that. Long then withdrew the second. Dayhoff questioned the reason for not bidding the meeting room expansion. Long responded that he had called a number of the people who regularly attend the meetings. Some feel the meeting room needs expanded, some do not. All agree that the office needs expanded. He can't see spending the money for meeting room expansion. Beebe said that the way the bid is set up, the meeting room bid does not have to be accepted. If the minutes were researched, they would show that the go ahead to expand the office was given and there was no interest at the time in expanding the meeting room. (9/96 - go forward with office only; 10/96 get a price only for the meeting room.) Dayhoff says the board is only looking at what we need right now; the Township is growing rapidly and in ten years there will be a want to expand the meeting room. Motion by Beebe to bid the package as it is, but the meeting room can be deleted if that is what the majority wishes. Long said it is not fair to contractors to bid both knowing that one will probably be cut. Beebe said he has not seen an overwhelming need to expand the meeting room at this time. Long moved to bid the office addition and questioned what the cost of the architect would be. He doesn't want to spend money on something the Township isn't going to do. John McAlister, speaking from the floor, asked why an architect was needed. Beebe replied that it was to be fair to bidders and to absolve the Township of liability. Motion by Dayhoff to put the entire project out for bids when the approved time comes, with the right to reject meeting room expansion or the entire project at that time. Long said he would not second that motion. Beebe said that the package was already paid for and that it was in the minutes to get a price only for expansion. Beebe seconded the motion, although he is not completely sold on meeting room expansion. Motion carried, Dayhoff and Beebe in favor, Long opposed.

Chairman Beebe recognized John Krichten of Adams County National Bank, who read a proposal regarding the Township's present three accounts there in regard to a "sweep"

account. Discussion followed. Motion by Long to stay with ACNB and accept the proposal. 2nd by Dayhoff, carried.

Long said that there are three CD's coming due and requested permission to reinvest at the best rate, making sure they are backed with federal securities. Motion by Long that he and Mrs. Koontz will review and recommend to the full board investment strategies and invest at the highest interest rate and inform the other board members. In order not to violate the Sunshine Law, permission was given to the Treasurer and Assistant Secretary to assume the responsibility of finding the best place to put the money and invest.

Chairman Beebe recognized John McAlister, who spoke at length regarding the Township Zoning Ordinance. He feels that the Zoning Ordinance doesn't benefit anybody except for the real estate people and attorneys and would like to have it repealed. Bob Gitt, speaking from the floor, agreed with him.

Road Report - The mowing was finished in 2 1/2 days . Patterson and Low Dutch Roads are to be rechipped tomorrow. Signs have been repaired.

Beebe said he has heard that Dayhoff is not happy with the way the roads are being handled, gutters on King Road need cleaned. Beebe is handling the roads because Dayhoff quit and now Dayhoff wants to hire a roadmaster. Motion by Beebe to turn the road program back over to Sam, working under the same conditions he does. If someone is hired, the board must approve. 2nd by Long, who stated that he is sick of hearing about ditches. No ditch work has been done for years. Dayhoff said Long was going to see what happened within six months. For one month Dayhoff repaired signs, ordered culverts, etc. He would have had to adjust his farming to take care of the road work and did not want to put his income in jeopardy. He feels the ditches should be cleaned. Motion carried; Long and Beebe in favor, Dayhoff opposed, stating he will not accept the responsibility of roadmaster. Long questioned what unnecessary equipment was bought. Beebe thinks they are referring to the mower. He said the mowing was completed in 2 1/2 days instead of weeks.

Old Business:

Capital Reserve Funds - The budget should be researched to see what was to be set aside as equipment and emergency funds.

Salt Storage Shed - Sollenberger gave a quote. Motion by Long to submit for bids, 2nd by Beebe. Dayhoff said this was not in the budget. Beebe said that the township doesn't have the storage capacity for salt and anti-skid in the present shed. Some must be stored outside and when it rains, it freezes and causes clumping problems in the spreader. Motion carried, Long and Beebe in favor, Dayhoff opposed.

Building Permit Fees - Long presented a draft of proposed fees. There were some questions regarding agriculture. Motion by Long to accept as written, with the exception

of farming activities. Beebe said can't do with "farming activities". Long asked if "farm structures" would be acceptable. Motion seconded by Beebe. Motion carried, Long and Beebe in favor, Dayhoff opposed. Long will go to Attorney Heiser regarding this drafted proposal.

ASA Assignments - Dayhoff will handle this.

New Business:

Applicator's License - Long will pursue a license for herbicide application.

Leadership Training - There will be a seminar in Allentown June 26-27. The cost is \$50.00 for the seminar plus expenses. Beebe feels there is no need to attend this. On July 30, Adams County Conservation District will present a program at Spangler's Restaurant. Beebe and Long will attend.

Building Repairs - Long requested and received permission to get repairs done regarding caulking, painting, rain gutters, etc.

WRRMA letter - No reply has been received to the letter regarding arrangements with the Boyle Group. Another letter should be written. Long noted that there was a deed restriction on the Miller property that is now the Yingling property that allows nothing on the lot except the building that is there. There was also discussion regarding the amount of cars permitted according to the driveway permit.

No Parking signs - Beebe said he put up "No Parking" signs in the vicinity of the Mobile station some time ago.

Penn State Groundwater Tapes - "Unraveling the Mystery of Groundwater". Long would like to get these tapes.

Memo from Ron Bower - Regarding the permit fee for a house that burned, motion by Dayhoff to waive the permit process for Mr. Haines, 2nd by Beebe, carried.

Admission Tax - Evidently the law has changed regarding the collection of this tax.

Public Comments:

Bob Gitt - Invited anyone interested to come and take a tractor ride along PA 97 and see what farming is like along PA 97.

Roger Steele - Reported that a sign is needed on the Fish and Game Road end of Mud College Road.

There was also a question as to whether there had been any further communication with the Boyle Group. Beebe responded that the Township has no idea what the Boyle Group is doing at this point. If they do not come back, he will be fooled.

Motion to adjourn at 10:20 P.M., carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Koontz
Secretary