

September 9, 1996

The Mount Joy Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 9, 1996 at the Township Municipal Building located at 902 Hoffman Home Road, Gettysburg, PA. All members were present.

The minutes of the last regular monthly meeting, August 12, 1996, were approved by motion of Moul, 2nd by Dayhoff. Carried.

The Treasurer's Report and Bills to be Paid Report consisting of \$2,12.70 to be paid out of the Payroll Account, checks numbered 1565 through 1569 and \$12,613.55 to be paid out of the General Account, checks numbered 7519 through 7539, were approved by motion of Moul, 2nd by Dayhoff, carried.

There were no subdivisions for review.

Road Report:

Paving was supposed to be done the last week of August, but the rain has been delaying things. The rain washed out pipes on Rock Creek Ford Road and White Church Road.

The work near the Bernie Wiles farm, paid for by emergency funds, was done by three men, a backhoe and a dump truck, over a period of three days. All washed out again Friday night and will have to be done again. Beebe was called to block Spangler School Road at the end. By the time he got back, water was across the road and in a matter of two or three minutes, two or three feet of water was going across the road.

Correspondence:

Letter was read from G.M. Boyle, in response to Moul's contact with him, regarding where the project stands.

Old Business:

Bridge on Updyke Road - Messages left on Germany Twp's answering machine with no response. Secretary to write letter regarding replacing beam and boards.

William Miller Property - Ron Bower, Harold Beebe and Donald Moul visited the property. People were found to be living in an illegal apartment which was finished in 1995 without a permit. It was admitted that sewerage facilities are being used in the apartment. The sewerage is going out on top of the ground. The SEO was contacted and visited and the property and the next day. The use had not been stopped; litigation is now in process. Supervisors must act on Miller's application. The ordinance says it will not violate any township laws, pose any safety hazards, etc. Sec 305 permits converting to no more than three apartments. Applicants should obtain a court order that his use is permitted. Motion by Beebe to deny the request based on the report dated 9/3/1996. 2nd by Moul. Carried. Dayhoff requested that it be noted in the minutes that this decision was not influenced by the current violations on the property.

Zoning Hearing Fees - Beebe went to see Atty. Heiser regarding preparing a resolution to make applicants responsible for all fees involved in zoning hearings. The resolution was read and a motion by Beebe to accept. Dayhoff questioned when it would be effective. He suggested making it effective the first of the year. Beebe would like to see it enacted sooner. Motion by Moul to adopt was written but delete "b", "c", "d", "e" and "f" and have it effective October 1, 1996. 2nd by Beebe. Carried, Beebe and Moul in favor, Dayhoff opposed.

Snow Plow - Miller Fabrication can't handle the repair needed on the older plow. The frame is bent and twisted, blade wears the cutting edge because of the bent frame. Valk Mfg. Has a frame in stock for \$1900 (was \$2400). Beebe feels the plow would be serviceable with a new frame, skid adjusters. Motion by Moul giving Beebe authority to buy the parts need to put the plow in good order. 2nd by Beebe, carried.

Yingling's - Memo from Cathy Gault regarding the controversy over the original decision by the Zoning Hearing Board for one 18,000 sq. ft. building. The plans submitted added 2,000 sq. ft. for a residence. The

decision was one \$18,000 sq. ft. building. The last three paragraphs of the memo were read. Yingling should submit another plan downsizing.

Box Culvert Repair - (on Spangler School Road) If payment is made from general account money instead of liquid fuels money, time and money could be saved. If liquid fuels money is used, PennDot would have to be involved with a full-time inspector, permits, etc. Dayhoff thinks this should be put off until next month to allow time to look into. Moul says Beebe is the person who is going to be responsible. Beebe says the Twp. won't be able to do the work this year, so there is no problem with putting it off another month. When Mark Lewis comes back, Twp. should have him put down on paper how Penn Dot will be involved.

Roof Repair - Twp. now has three quotes for this job. (Kirby, Smith and Manning). Moul is in favor of Manning. If accepted, a deposit of \$1150 is requested before the work starts. Beebe has a problem with this. Motion by Dayhoff to accept the amount (3450.00) but state that they will be paid in full when the job is finished. 2nd by Beebe, carried.

New Business:

Fee for making copies - There was discussion as to whether a fee should be charged when someone requests a copy be made. Moul suggest setting a fee for up to "X" amount, and anything over that, charge for time. Dayhoff suggested tabling the discussion until next month.

Equipment Sharing - The Twp. could really use some equipment, but some items are expensive to buy. Beebe would like the OK to attend one meeting at each Twp. to see if there is interest in sharing a belt loader, chipper, etc. In PA a Council of Gov'ts. Can be created to make joint purchases, bids, etc. PSATS could steer Twp. in the proper direction. Beebe will investigate this.

Penn Dot Mtg. - A representative from Maitland's office and two PennDot reps. met re: the Riedel property. He is looking for relief from flooding. Beebe's attitude is that these problems came along with the property. Nothing has been done to complicate the problem. Penn Dot will try to give some relief at one of the culverts. About 25 acres drains and comes right by his house. There is a 37-acre pc. of land for sale above him. The ordinance directs the developer to handle storm water.

Office and Building Expansion - There is a dire need of space in the office. The total addition estimate by architect Gary Shaffer adds 510 sq. ft. to the office area and 485 sq. ft. to the meeting room at an estimated cost of \$78,000 and additional architectural fees of \$4200. Beebe says the Twp. is going to spend \$211,000 on roads and 100,000 on culverts; can spending this amount of money on the building be justified? The secretary and building permit officer have no privacy. People waiting to be seen might see and hear things that are none of their business. Moul says not to consider needing space for elections. The County Commissioners are responsible to find a place for elections.

Rebecca Dobos said that if there is a need for office and meeting room additional space, the price is high. She also questioned if expanding the meeting room and office would take away parking spaces. Moul said that a decision should be made to sit down and talk with the architect and then make a decision. Dayhoff says when planning, should look 20 years ahead. Ms. Dobos recommended looking at cost efficiency and try to get a more effective cost. Moul said no expansion can be done into the machine-shop, why not just expand out front into the lawn. Bob Gitt suggested making the meeting room into an office and building a meeting room where the lawn is. Dayhoff and Moul agree that more office space is needed. Beebe, since everyone was in favor of more office space, questioned what was the estimate on the office. A lobby and office is estimated between 35,000-40,000 dollars. Beebe suggested gong ahead with the office and tabling the meeting room.

Alice Bower asked if the Twp. was going to grow and if consideration has been give to the meeting room being a desirable place to rent out. Beebe said he doesn't believe the Twp. is allowed to make any money on the building. He further said that almost everyone agrees on the need for office space, but are divided on the meeting room. If a professional architect is used, everything comes back on him if it doesn't work. Moul says the architect for Lake Heritage's building is not handling the problems. They are dealing with the contractor. Beebe believes office space is needed soon, but is not convinced the meeting room needs

expanded to accommodate voting and a few special meetings. Does the Twp. want to spend \$75-100,00 in view of all the money being spend on the roads. Moul agrees. Motion by Beebe to go forward with the office part. 2nd by Moul. Carried.

WRRMA Board Appointment - Motion by Moul to appoint Don Hubbard, Jr. to the board. 2nd by Beebe. Carried. (Secretary to inform Mr. Hubbard and WRRMA.)

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Submitted by Bonnie L. Koontz, secretary.