

December 17, 1998

The Mount Joy Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting Thursday, December 17, 1998 in the Municipal Building located at 902 Hoffman Home Road, Gettysburg, PA. All members (Dayhoff, Beebe and Waybright) were present. Also present was Township solicitor Walton V. Davis.

The minutes of the last regular monthly meeting, November 19, 1998 were approved with a correction made changing "Catoctin" to "Cunningham Falls" Park. Motion by Beebe, 2nd by Waybright, carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Henry Reaver - Questioned why \$50,000 is budgeted for a comprehensive plan. Dayhoff explained that a comprehensive plan studies the entire Township for its uses. It gives direction for roads, sewer, roads, etc. Atty. Davis added that it makes an assessment of natural resources, transportation patterns, water, sources, population changes, etc. and is meant to be a basic information pool to drive the Subdivision and Land Development and Zoning Ordinances if there are changes in the pattern of growth. Beebe added that there would be public hearings regarding a comprehensive plan. It would not be done in closed door sessions.

The Treasurer's Report for November was approved by motion of Beebe, 2nd by Waybright, carried unanimously.

The Bills to be Paid Report was approved by motion of Waybright, 2nd by Beebe, carried unanimously.

Subdivisions:

Kenneth Miller - Final Plan. Motion to approve by Waybright, 2nd by Beebe, carried unanimously.

Road Report:

The road report was read by Bill Miller and included an update on roads that have been mowed, patched or had signs posted. Tree and brush trimming along various roads has begun. The invoice from Germany Township for Updyke Road bridge was reviewed. There are questions regarding the possible duplication of one of the charges and also the amount of paving done on the Germany side as compared to the amount Mt. Joy was billed for. Miller will look into this with Bill Bowers of Germany Township. Motion by Beebe that once the questions about the bill are resolved to the satisfaction of Bill (Miller), Bonnie can pay the bill. 2nd by Waybright, carried unanimously.

Beebe inquired if a loaded dump truck can now cross the bridge and was answered 'Yes'.

Ken Roberts noted that the State has been doing work on Taneytown Road, and where Schwartz Road crosses, there are a lot of potholes remaining. He questioned whose responsibility these are and was answered that it is the State's. He further questioned whose responsibility it was to ask the State to come back out. Bill Miller will do this.

Eileen Holmes asked when Bill Miller would be taking classes for Emergency Management Coordinator. The schedule for these classes is unknown at this time.

The Zoning Officer's report of building permits issued was read by Dayhoff.

Announcements:

Waybright said that the Township has done an update of the census address list and if anyone noticed the Township pickup along the road with people inside writing things down, this is what was being done.

Motion by Beebe, 2nd by Waybright, to close the office at 12 noon December 24 and December 31, 1998.

Old Business:

Budget - A letter expressing several concerns regarding the budget was received from Jerry Maloney. Koontz addressed his questions and concerns regarding the budget. Waybright noted that account 404.31, Compensation for Zoning Officer, needed an addition as when the estimate for 1999 was made, it hadn't been based on a complete year; there wasn't a complete year to compare to. The estimate for 1999 was \$9,000; a more realistic figure would be \$12,500. Other adjustments to the budget included \$1200 for the Treasurer's bond instead of \$1000 and \$2500 for fuel for the trucks and road equipment instead of \$2000, resulting in an increase of \$4200 in the estimated expenditures for 1999. Motion to add these increases to the budget by Waybright, 2nd by Dayhoff. Carried; Dayhoff and Waybright in favor, Beebe opposed. Motion to adopt the budget by Waybright, 2nd by Dayhoff, carried; Dayhoff and Waybright in favor, Beebe opposed.

New Business:

The reorganization meeting will be held on Monday, January 4, 1999 at 10 AM.

Gannett-Fleming letter - Dayhoff and Mark Lewis will meet with WRRMA regarding Boyle and Act 537.

Occupancy Permits - Various occupancy permits and ordinances from neighboring Townships were given to Atty. Davis to review and come up with a form Mt. Joy Township can use.

In regard to the complaints received about the lights at Hoffman Home, Beebe said that Jill (Coleman) had looked into this and they (Hoffman Home) have adjusted the lights and planted shrubbery.

The Supervisors and the solicitor went into an executive session.

The meeting was recalled to order at 8:40 PM. Atty. Davis said that the executive session discussed possible litigation concerns and what will happen when Boyle submits his sewer plans and also possible workshop dates regarding the outparcel decision.

Motion for adjournment at 8:41 by Waybright, 2nd by Beebe, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Koontz
Secretary