

DECEMBER 20, 2007 SUPERVISORS' MEETING:

The Mount Joy Township Board of Supervisors met this date, as publicly advertised, at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Mount Joy Township Municipal Building, 902 Hoffman Home Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325 with Board Chairman James W. Waybright presiding. Others in attendance were: Supervisors William Chantelau, George Scott, Samuel Dayhoff, and Harold Kirschner,; Solicitor Walton V. Davis; Robin Crushong, Treasurer; Dave Crouse, Zoning Officer; and Secretary Brenda J. Constable.

Others in attendance were: Elsie D. Morey; Pam & John Roman representing The Watchdog Group; Jerry Althoff and Roger Steele representing the Planning Commission; Harry Walker; Sally Alexander; and Jerry Maloney..

Board Chairman Waybright led everyone with the Pledge to the Flag.
The meeting was being recorded by the Township.
Mr. Waybright wished Merry Christmas to all.

Minutes:

Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Chantelau, to approve the November 15, 2007 minutes as presented. Motion carried with Mr. Dayhoff abstaining.

Presentations:

Mr. Chantelau noted that several members would be going off Township Boards or Commissions at the end of the year and recognition was give to each with the presentation of a certificate. Those members were: Dave Kehr and Beau Ramsburg from the Agricultural Land Preservation Board; Marcia Brown from the Auditors; and Roger Steele from the Planning Commission. Mr. Steele was the only member present to receive a certificate. Mr. Chantelau thanked everyone who has served and has currently served on Boards and Commissions.

Mr. Chantelau noted that Mr. Kirschner is leaving the Board of Supervisors and on behalf of himself, Jim Waybright, Sam Dayhoff, and George Scott, they purchased a plaque to be displayed in the Township lobby, with Harold's name as the first on the list with the years he served as Supervisor. It is their intent to have names of Supervisors added as they leave the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Chantelau noted that the plaque was at no expense to the Township. He thanked Mr. Kirschner for his years of service and noted that he served on outside committees such as the York Adams Tax Bureau, the Adams County Transportation Planning Organization (ACTPO), the Finance Committee, and was very instrumental in working on the budgets. Mr. Chantelau noted that Mr. Waybright has volunteered to replace Mr. Kirschner on the ACTPO.

Mr. Scott made a presentation to the Township of a County Bridge Plaque from 1903 that was left behind from the new bridge project on Fish & Game Road. One of the County Commissioner's names listed on the plaque was a relative of Jim Waybright's.

Announcements:

Ms. Constable noted the following terms expiring on Boards and Commissions:

Ag Land Preservation: 5-year term	E. Lee "Beau" Ramsburg III, Farmer representative
5-year term	David Kehr, Farmer representative

Planning Commission: 4-year term	Roger Steele
Zoning Hearing Board: 3-year term	Tim Brown
Recreation Board: 5-year term	Tammy Markey

It was noted that Tim Brown and Tammy Markey have expressed their desire to be reappointed.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Chantelau moved, seconded by Mr. Kirschner, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Kirschner, to approve the bills to be paid as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Subdivision/Land Development Plans:

1. Westminster-Keystone Custom Homes: proposed 204-lot subdivision on White Church and Goulden Roads. Supervisors' extension through February 23, 2008. Remains on the table.
2. Twin Pond Estates-Bon Ton Builders: proposed 34-lot subdivision on Harney Road. Supervisors' extension through March 6, 2008. Remains on the table. Supervisors noted a letter received from Loss-Stair Civil Engineering dated December 10, 2007 with a status update.
3. The Links At Gettysburg-Powder Creek: proposed 44-unit subdivision/land development plan. Supervisors' extension through January 25, 2008. Remains on the table.

Road Report:

Mr. Chantelau moved, seconded by Mr. Kirschner, to approve the Road Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Dayhoff noted materials used over 50 ton of salt and cinder mix with the last snow or ice event. No matter how much snow we get, heavy or light, approximately 50 ton would most like be used, costing about \$500 to \$1000 of material. That would cover about one or one and one-half applications on the roads. Mr. Dayhoff also noted that orange snow stakes have been installed throughout the Township to assist with plowing.

Zoning Officer's Report:

Mr. Chantelau moved, seconded by Mr. Kirschner, to approve the Zoning Officer's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

Ms. Constable noted receiving the following correspondence:

- WRRMA October Minutes
- PennDOT response to request for intersection studies at Hoffman Home Rd., & Rt. 97; and Hoffman Home, Maryland Line, and Hoffman Home Rds. It was noted that PennDOT did not think improvements were needed at either intersection. Mr. Dayhoff moved, seconded by Mr. Chantelau, to contact State Representative Dan Moul and PennDOT officials and have them come out and do a study with Township road crew to demonstrate the unsafe conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

- S.G. Marinos Co. holding a private combat simulator from December 7 through December 9, 2007.
- Notice from Supreme Court of PA denying the Petition for Allowance of Appeal filed by Stephen C. Alexander. Mr. Dayhoff moved, seconded by Mr. Scott, to instruct the Township Solicitor to take the necessary steps in order to collect expenses incurred for all of the Alexander suits and petitions filed. Motion carried unanimously.
- County Planning & Development notice of CDBG Application for 2008.
- Letter from William Hill & Assoc. with summary article on Lake Meade Municipal Authority Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Committee Reports:

Personnel: Mr. Chantelau noted an evaluation was performed on Kevin Gebhart, Road Worker, and the Committee recommends an increase of \$.50/hour, retroactive to October 30, 2007. Mr. Kirschner seconded the motion. Mr. Waybright noted that this was based on his performance over the past year; he has been a very dedicated employee and is a great addition to the team. Mr. Dayhoff echoed that noting that he is a great asset in that he has caught on to the operations of equipment, how road work is done, and good at maintaining equipment; does a good job all around. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance: Mr. Chantelau noted that the Committee and Treasurer met with the Director of the York Adams Tax Bureau to discuss the collection of the earned income tax. They also met with a representative from Centrax, a private company in order to see if the Township wanted to move from YATB to a private company. The Committee recommends staying with YATB for 2008 the following reasons: Centrax would have a cost to the Township, YATB invests received money and then distributes it so there is no cost to the Township; YATB has a solid record of collecting taxes for 40 years; retains a one tax filing form for residences so there would be no change to the citizens; they are a member participation organization with a voice on the Board of Directors; provides reports to the Township on a regular basis so Township can monitor collection. Mr. Waybright moved, seconded by Mr. Dayhoff, to remain with YATB. Mr. Waybright asked what YATB does with money left over after they pay for the expenses to collect taxes. Mr. Chantelau responded that they redistribute it to all participants on a pro rata basis. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning, Land Use & Zoning: Mr. Chantelau noted that some administrative changes had been requested from last month's meeting. With new E-Code, a search could now be done with certain text to see why and how it is used in the ordinances. Mr. Chantelau recommended postponing any changes to the zoning ordinance until a comprehensive review could be done with E-Code in case there are other phrases, words, etc., that need addressed.

Building & Grounds: Nothing to report.

Roads: Nothing to report.

Public Safety: Mr. Waybright noted that the Committee would be attending a County meeting on January 24 to discuss a Municipal Emergency Operations Plan. This was a result from Mount Joy Township asking the County to consider a municipal plan rather than 34 different plans.

Agricultural Land Preservation and Recreation Board: Received the monthly report from Ag Land. The Rec Board did not meet in December.

Mr. Chantelau, addressing both the Ag Land and Rec Boards, noted that the County Commissioners awarded matching funds under the Adams County Green Space Program. Under the Ag Land Preservation category, the Township received funds to preserve 60 acres of the Straley farm; and under the Recreation category, the matching funds would be used to purchase land adjacent to the Mud College School. That would give the Township an additional 16+ acres to the land the schoolhouse already occupies. The long range plan is to relocate the school back further on the property away from Rt. 97 but parallel to Rt. 97, for safety reasons. Ag Land Preservation would get \$96,120 and Recreation would receive \$125,000. Mr. Scott thanked the staff and Mr. Chantelau for giving this effort and doing the work to get applications to the County for the matching funds.

Mr. Bob Gitt asked if the Township would purchase more land for recreation. Mr. Chantelau responded that this would be decided later on after the results of the comprehensive recreation study are received. The entire Township would be considered, surveys would be done; citizens have been asked to participate in the study groups so there is a broad representation throughout the Township. Mr. Gitt questioned if the 16+ acres were a done deal. Mr. Chantelau responded that this is a final purchase. Mr. Dayhoff pointed out that the initial goal to purchase this land is not to create a recreation park but more so to protect the Mud College Schoolhouse. The bonus is that with the amount of land, there could possibly be some type of recreation facility in that location. However, what that type of facility would be would not be determined until after the study is completed. Mr. Gitt asked if there were a possibility of purchasing additional land for a rec park. The Supervisors responded yes, there is always a possibility. However, Mr. Chantelau pointed out that there is no "rec park". The Supervisors pointed out that land for recreation could be land that is donated from a large development going in; it is unknown at this time. Mr. Gitt asked if there had been any appraisal work done. Mr. Waybright responded that there was an appraisal on the property that was purchased, which was required through the grant process. Mr. Gitt asked if there were any other adjoining properties appraised. The Supervisors responded no, not for recreation.

Other Business:

2008 Budget: Mr. Kirschner moved, seconded by Mr. Scott, to adopt the 2008 Budget for Mount Joy Township. Mr. Chantelau noted that there is no tax increase in this budget. Mount Joy Township has the lowest tax rate in Adams County. He noted that this low rate can not remain, as discussed in the budget presentation in November, and anticipates a tax increase in 2009 of approximately 2 mills, which would take the tax rate back to the same as it was in 1991. He also pointed out that this is the twelfth year that Mount Joy Township has not raised taxes. Motion carried unanimously.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement: for Municipal Participation in the Adams County Green Space Grant Program. Ms. Constable noted that on September 20, 2007 the Supervisors adopted an ordinance to participate in this program. That Township ordinance was sent to the County; the County then adopted their Ordinance for participation with all the municipal governments and they have now signed their agreement, which now needs signatures by the Supervisors.

Fields of Gettysburg DEP Approval: For information only; Sewage Facilities Planning Module was approved by DEP with conditions, per letter dated November 28, 2007.

Strategic Planning Initiative: Mr. Chantelau noted that four of the five fire companies serving Mount Joy Township gave a powerful presentation to the Committee. Mr. Chantelau pointed out two highlights: First, within the County, many of the companies are starting to have career people; i.e. paid staff. On January 1, 2008, Bonneauville will go 24/7 with a paid EMS person. Other companies are doing the same thing. If Mount Joy Township were to have a paid or career fire company, it is anticipated that the cost would be \$4,499,331 annually. He pointed out that we are getting a terrific bargain with our volunteers. The second issue is surprising; the volunteers spend their time in the following: 85% fundraising; 10% training which includes a minimum of 166 hours before you could even ride the truck and that does not even make one a certified firefighter, 5% is answering calls for assistance. Mr. Chantelau, as a member of the Partnership for Education for the County, recommended that the Partnership do an informative session on fire companies for the entire County. The County has agreed to expand this to all emergency services. He urged everyone to pass the word and volunteer to help with fundraising.

Land Purchase: Mr. Waybright noted that in light of the approved funds from the Adams County Green Space Program for the purchase of land under the recreation category, the Supervisors need to approve the contract between the Township and Mr. Francis Hartlaub for the purchase of the 16+ acres adjacent to Mud College Schoolhouse. Mr. Chantelau moved, seconded by Mr. Kirschner, to approve the contract. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

WRRMA Reappointment: Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Dayhoff, to reappoint Mr. Richard Munshour to a five-year term on the White Run Regional Municipal Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

ASA Additions: Mr. Waybright noted that a Public Hearing was held prior to this meeting and public comment received. Mr. Scott moved to approve the additions. Mr. Kirschner seconded the motion. Mr. Chantelau moved to amend the motion noting that a written objection was received from Daniel Redding for the Dean A. & Judith A. Shultz parcel #30-G14-0016 with 5.32 acres; the Board has considered the objection and after advice by special legal counsel John R. White, the inclusion of this Shultz parcel would have no impact on any pending road litigation. Therefore, Mr. Chantelau moved to approve all of the proposed additions as publicly advertised. Mr. Kirschner seconded the amended motion. Mr. Scott withdrew his original motion and Mr. Kirschner withdrew his original second. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

General Code Agreement for E-Code: Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Kirschner, to approve an agreement with General Code to purchase E-Code for \$895 with an annual maintenance fee of \$550 after the first year. Ms. Constable noted that E-Code is an internet-based version of the Township Code. It would give the ability to provide a link to the Code from the Township's own Web site, updated files would be added and incorporated into the Code as legislation is adopted, General Code would post and maintain the Code on their web server, and it provides a quicker way to search the complete text of the Code. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Vacant Auditor Position: The Supervisors noted that Marcia Brown did not run for Township Auditor this last election but was still won the position from write-ins. Mrs. Brown has declined to accept the position so a vacancy now exists on the three member board of auditors. The Supervisors have 30 days from the date of the vacancy to fill the position. If that doesn't happen, the Vacancy Board would have 15 days to fill the position. If that doesn't happen, then the Court of Common Pleas will appoint someone.

Fairview Farms Security Reduction Request: Mr. Barton Breighner, Owner of Fairview Farms development, requested a security reduction #2. Mr. Kirschner moved, seconded by Mr. Scott, to authorize KPI to do the necessary inspection and provide a recommendation to the Township for an amount of reduction. Motion carried unanimously.

Radio Usage Agreement: Mr. Waybright noted that the Township received a Radio Usage Agreement between the County of Adams, Department of Emergency Services, and the Gettysburg Fire Department, Inc. He noted that after review by the Solicitor, the Supervisors had some concerns with the contract itself but as of this date has not received any response from the County. Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Chantelau, to table action on the agreement until a response is received from the County. Mr. Davis noted that County Solicitor John Hartzell is to respond to contact him to discuss the Township's concerns. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dayhoff suggested that a letter be sent to the County to inform them of the Township's decision to table action until correspondence is received from County Solicitor, and to also include the Township's frequencies so County has it on record. This info was given to the County years ago but apparently they lost it. Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Chantelau, to write a letter to the County regarding tabling the agreement, and to include the Township's frequencies. Motion carried unanimously.

Reorganization Meeting:

Mr. Waybright noted that by law, the Supervisors must organize on Monday, January 7, 2008, however a time must be set. Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Chantelau, to set 10:00 a.m. for the reorganization meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Final Comments:

Mr. Waybright thanked Mr. Kirschner for his service over the last five years and wished him well. The other Supervisors thanked Mr. Kirschner as well, noting it had been a pleasure working with him.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Kirschner moved, seconded by Mr. Scott, to adjourn the Supervisors' Meeting at 8:40 p.m. this date. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Constable
Secretary