

# Mt. Joy Township Supervisors' Workshop Meeting October 7, 2010

## Meeting Minutes

Present: Board Chairman - John Gormont; Supervisors - David Updyke, Gilbert Clark, Michael Gearhart, Robert Rhodes;  
Solicitor – Susan Smith, Esq.; Secretary/Treasurer - Susan Harbin.

11 Number of Residents Signed Attendance Sheet for this meeting.

The Mount Joy Township Board of Supervisors met this date, as publicly advertised, at the Mount Joy Township Building located at 902 Hoffman Home Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325.

Item/Topic		Discussion	Action/Resolution	Follow Up/ Date
<b>I.</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>	John Gormont presiding. Starting Time: 7:00 pm		
<b>II.</b>	<b>Business</b>			
	<b>A. Agility Agreement, No A01708</b>	This is a 5 yr agreement between Mt. Joy Township and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Dept. of Transportation. The Township will provide maintenance activities identified in the Agreement to be equal in value to the maintenance activities provided by PennDot. Basically, this agreement supplies the township with borrowed equipment in exchange for manual labor/service (on Township roads) to PennDot.	Agility Agreement distributed to Supervisors for review. Will be discussed and voted on at next Supervisors' Meeting.	Forward to Regular Supervisors' Meeting Oct. 21, 2010
	<b>B. Adams County Association of Township Officials 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention</b>	Wed., Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup> , 93 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention, dinner cost \$16.00 per attendee. Chairman Gormont suggesting all 5 Supervisors attend the convention.	All Supervisors agreed to attend convention.	Secretary will send in registration.

<b>C. Fire Companies Finance Meeting Summary</b>	<p>A meeting was held on Mon., Aug. 2, 2010 with 4 Local Fire Companies and the Mt. Joy Township Finance Cmte.  Fire Companies represented: Alpha, Barlow, Bonneauville, and Gettysburg  Mt. Joy Twp. Finance Cmte.: Chairman Gormont, Supervisor Updyke</p> <p>The Finance Cmte discussed Township future contributions to the Fire Companies. The 4 Fire Companies present expressed concern about the twp reducing contributions and eliminating the twp fire tax. The Finance Cmte presented a comparison chart which identified contributions to the Fire Companies from surrounding Townships and Boroughs. Using the chart, Chairman Gormont clarified that Mt. Joy Twp is contributing over and above the monies contributed by other surrounding Township/Boroughs. Municipalities receive monies from the state for a Fireman's Relief Fund. This money is passed through directly to the Fire Companies. Mt. Joy Twp is contributed 297% based on the Relief Fund monies. The Mt. Joy fire tax will be disbanded on Jan. 1, 2011 and contributions to the Fire Companies will then come from the Township General Fund.</p> <p>The comments made recognized that each Fire Company has a dedicated group of men, and are very appreciated, but they cannot expect Mt. Joy Twp to continue to contribute as in the past. Chairman Gormont commented that the twp is being responsible to the residents of Mt. Joy in difficult economic times. Mt. Joy will continue to make a contribution to the Fire Companies, but at a rate in line with the other municipalities.</p> <p>Chairman Gormont commented that the Township felt threatened by the Fire Companies if contributions from Mt. Joy Twp were cut back. Mr. Gormont asked all 4 Fire Companies to discuss the budget and contributions each is able to work with and contact him in 1 week to discuss further. Mr. Gormont also suggested that the Fire Companies go to the other municipalities that each service and ask for more monies.</p> <p>Supervisor Clark presented his concern that if a Fire Company goes out of business, who is responsible to provide fire protection to the residents? Solicitor Smith clarified that the twp is responsible to provide fire protection with it's municipality. One suggestion to help the Fire Companies was made by the Solicitor to consolidate the companies.</p>		
<b>D. October and Novemeber Township Calendar Distribution</b>	For Supervisors' information.		
<b>E. Decision on Jacoby Unemployment Compensation</b>	The Jacoby UC claim has been denied and final ruling states that Ms. Jacoby voluntarily quit when she left the Township.	Solicitor Susan Smith represented Mt. Joy Township at the hearing.	

	<b>Hearing</b>			
<b>III.</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>			
	<b>A. Hammaker East, LTD ltr, Sept 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Thank you letter.		
	<b>B. Littlestown Sr. Ctr.</b>	Request for financial contribution.	Some funding in budget, Finance Cmte will review.	
	<b>C. Gettysburg Area Sr. Ctr.</b>	Request for financial contribution.	“	
	<b>D. New Door</b>	New front door has now been installed at the township building.		
<b>IV.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	With no further business to be discussed by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28p.m.		

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan C. Harbin  
Secretary/Treasurer