

January 12, 1998

The Mount Joy Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on January 12, 1998 at 7:30 PM in the Township Municipal Building located at 902 Hoffman Home Road, Gettysburg, PA. All members were present. Solicitor Walton Davis was also present.

The minutes of the December 8 and December 13, 1997 meetings were approved; the minutes of the reorganization meeting January 5, 1998, were tabled until February by motion of Beebe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Waybright, carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Attorney Davis suggested that the person representing the Rec Department speak first.

Andrea Crouse (Gettysburg Area Recreation Dept.) introduced herself and August Schwab, the rec board member from Mt. Joy Township. She thanked the Township for its support and asked if there were any questions. The Rec Dept. is governed by the Rec Board and serves seven municipalities of the Gettysburg School District. It sponsors such programs as open gym, volley ball, basketball and ballroom dancing. In the summer, tennis is available for adults and children. Mr. Schwab commented that there is a misconception that the Rec dept. is just ball fields. The Rec Dept. would eventually like to have a building for senior citizen and adult activities. If anyone wants to know what is going on, they should contact the Township representative. Fees are determined by how much the Township contributes. The summer concerts are free and are run from donations by independent contributors.

Ralph Taylor - Would like to hold his comments until after item "12A" on the agenda. Waybright responded that the intent of the public comment period at this time is for the public to present views.

Denis Onieal - Inquired if the letter he sent to the Township regarding the Boyle Group has been received. (Yes) From the information he has, he feels the project poses hazards in regard to fire safety. A diminishing amount of water would severely tax the fire department fighting the fire; also the fire traffic access and egress all being on Rt. 97. Atty. Davis asked if his letter should be part of the hearing. Onieal said he would like this, but he needs to rewrite one part.

Gil Picarelli presented his year-end report. He also said that there have been a lot of law changes in the on-site sewage program. Perc rates have been increased from 120 to 180 which will result in more land being opened up.

### Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was approved by motion of Waybright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beebe. Beebe questioned the "repair of water line", whether this was due to damage by the contractor. It was explained that the Township will go ahead and pay the plumber and the contractor will reimburse the Township. Carried unanimously.

The Bills to be Paid were approved by motion of Beebe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Waybright, carried unanimously.

### Subdivisions:

Ken Wenger - A letter was read by Gil Picarelli regarding this. Testing was done in 1995. If he doesn't subdivide, the old house can be abandoned and a new house put there. There was discussion regarding Zoning Ordinance, 110-36 A, B and C and DEP requirements. Motion by Waybright to deny on the grounds that it doesn't meet approval as in Zoning Ordinance 110-36 A,B, and C. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beebe, carried unanimously.

### Road Report:

Tom Dunchack reported that after the (rain)storm, roads were barricaded. Bridges were unclogged after the rain. Shoulder replacement is needed on Low Dutch and Basehoar-Roth Roads. Culverts were cleared of debris. Truck maintenance is needed for snow. An equipment inventory is in progress; some hand tools are needed.

### Correspondence:

A letter was received from the Gettysburg-Adams Area Chamber of Commerce regarding a meeting tomorrow to outline a list of projects of regional significance. Beebe will attend this meeting.

A letter was received from Hockley & O'Donnell Insurance Agency regarding a meeting with Skip Hockley to discuss Township insurance needs.

### Announcements:

A hearing will be held on January 22, 1998 at 7 PM at Hoffman Home in the cafeteria regarding the Boyle project.

Future regular meetings of the Mt. Joy Township Supervisors will be held the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Township building.

### Old Business:

Alleged Violation of the Sunshine Act - Atty. Davis questioned if this applies to the Planning Commission. Even if it does, the Board of Supervisors under law is not the body to take action; suggests that the Board take no further action.

Ralph Taylor - Says he is disappointed by the response; it reinforces the playing field is not level in the Township. Feels the response "iffy" that may it applies, maybe it doesn't. He has attended all the meetings.

Alleged misuse of vehicle - Following discussion, this issue is dropped.

New Business:

Barre Quarry - Lester Little was present to express concerns regarding the quarry; set-back rules, noise from drills so loud that he must turn up his TV, when transfer goes through, a blasting clause will be put in. He presented a letter from DEP. Beebe said that the history is that the quarry operation is "grandfathered" in. The Zoning Hearing Board decision is under appeal. Davis added that the general rule is a pre-existing non-conforming use is allowed to continue. Little is concerned because they are so close to his property. Dayhoff says the zoning officer will patrol this.

Zoning Officer Vacancy - Mr. Butts has resigned due to heart problems. Ron Bower will take over temporarily.

State Convention - The state convention of Township Supervisors will be held April 19-22, 1998. Motion by Dayhoff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beebe that Waybright be the voting delegate, carried unanimously. Waybright and Dayhoff will attend the convention.

Seminar for New Supervisors - Waybright will attend this seminar 1/31 and 2/7/98 for new supervisors. The cost is \$70 for both sessions. Dayhoff will go also. Motion by Beebe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dayhoff, carried unanimously.

Office Work - Waybright says the work load for the secretary is increasing. It is a good time to look into a clerk position to help with the work, permits, etc. He will get a job description for this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM, motion by Dayhoff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beebe, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Koontz  
Secretary

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