

**Mount Joy Township
Supervisors' Workshop
October 3, 2019**

Meeting Minutes

Present: Supervisors - John Gormont, Chairman; Dennis Bowman; Jeffrey Patterson; Terry Scholle; Solicitor - Susan Smith; Secretary – Sheri Moyer

Absent: David Updyke, Vice-Chairman

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.

Call to Order: John Gormont presiding.

Starting Time: 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment: Terry Monn, 180 White Road regarding tar and chipping. He said some townships put down the tar and chips, then sweep up loose stone and put down a sealer. Mr. Gormont said this is a new process which several townships experimented with to see if it adds to the tar and chip process.

Mr. Monn also questioned the placing of a U-Turn sign at the light at Rt. 15 and Baltimore Pike. Ms. Smith said the Township must place the signs according to PennDOT requirements.

Business:

- Comcast Franchise Agreement discussion on the new FCC regulations on cable franchises: Ms. Smith said the most important change is that the franchise with cable calls for free or dedicated services to schools, government, hospitals and institutions will now be given a market value and which would be applied against the franchise fees that are received. She also said the township is entitled to 5% of the franchise fees however, the current agreement is only for 3%. She walked the Board through the current agreement explaining what may be revised or deleted in the new agreement.

Ms. Smith said at the September Board meeting Community Media gave a presentation requesting the township to give a percentage or contribute to them. She said the FCC law states that Public Education & Government (PEG) get to piggy-back on the cable system. To the extent PEG's and/or Community Media say the law requires the Township to give a percentage of the franchise fee to them is incorrect. The law does not mandate townships contribute to any PEG channel.

She said the next step in the process is for Comcast to deliver to the Township a draft agreement for review and comments.

- Budget: Mr. Gormont asked the Board if they had any questions regarding the draft budget. Mr. Bowman questioned why the increase in expenditures in account No. 409.25-Building Repair/Maintenance. Mr. Gormont said that was to cover the cost of having the parking lot repaved. Mr. Gormont said he would like to discuss account No. 430.74-Equipment and Machinery Purchases. He said the figure includes the purchase of a new F350 and distributed pictures of the vehicle he would

like the Township to purchase. He said the total price for the truck, including plow and utility body, would be \$78,655.00 and the budget reflects the expenditure of \$80,000.00. He would like the Board, at the next meeting, to make the draft budget public and advertise so it can be adopted at the November meeting. He also would like to further discuss and possibly get approval to order the truck.

Other Business (not on agenda): None

Executive Session: Start: 7:55 p.m.

Topic: Alexander Litigation

Meeting Reconvened: 8:15 p.m.

Adjournment: With no further business to be discussed by the Board, Mr. Patterson moved, seconded by Mr. Bowman, to adjourn the workshop meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri L. Moyer
Secretary