

**Mount Joy Township
Supervisors' Workshop Meeting
November 5, 2015**

Meeting Minutes

Present: Supervisors - John Gormont, Chairman, David Updyke, Vice-Chair, Dennis Bowman, Gil Clark, Bradley Trostle, Solicitor - Susan Smith; Secretary – Sheri Moyer

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: Gerald Maloney. Congratulating Mr. Gormont and Mr. Updyke on their re-election victory.

Business:

- Adams County GIS Data License Agreement: Mr. Gormont explained that this agreement is for the Township to get the most updated mapping from the County. Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Trostle to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
- Draft Budget: Mr. Gormont said that the draft budget was passed out at the last meeting. He questioned the Board to see if they had any input as he would like to get it published on the website and potentially adopt it at the December regular meeting. Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Trostle to move the budget to the public and present the budget to the public at the next meeting. Ayes – Mr. Clark, Mr. Gormont, Mr. Trostle and Mr. Updyke; Abstained – Mr. Bowman. Motion carried.
- Resolution – Zoning Permit, Building Permit and U&O Fees: Mr. Gormont said that as of November 2, 2015 the Township is now an opt-in township and handling the UCC. The resolution is for the administration fees for a Zoning, Building, Demolition and Use & Occupancy permits. Mr. Bowman moved, seconded by Mr. Updyke to adopt resolution 15-2015. Motion carried unanimously.
- Zoning Ordinance – Lighting Article Discussion: Following discussion Mr. Trostle said that he is concerned with Section 6C from the draft lighting article and also Section 9C from the draft signs article. Both sections deal with illumination of signs and he would like both moved forward to public hearing to amend the current ordinance. Mr. Trostle moved, seconded by Mr. Clark to refer section 9C from the proposed sign ordinance and section 6C from proposed lighting ordinance to public hearing on December 3rd. Motion carried unanimously.

- Zoning Ordinance – Revised Sign Article: Ms. Smith said the sign article has been revised based upon Supreme Court decisions. The challenge raised was the content of a special event sign, a directional sign and a political sign. The Supreme Court emphasizing First Amendment rights are rights that need to be protected. The only way to look at those signs and determine what category they fall into is by reading content. That is a violation of the First Amendment. Effectively the Court has said you can regulate where signs go, how many there are, regulate them in the public right of ways, but you cannot regulate these types of signs based on content. Ms. Smith said that she made changes to the draft to meet the decision of the Supreme Court.

Ms. Smith questioned if the Board wanted to move the remainder of the lighting and sign articles to the Planning Commission. Mr. Trostle moved, seconded by Mr. Clark to refer the lighting and sign articles to the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Other Business:

- Mr. Gormont said that he and Mr. Updyke attended a dinner and presentation from United Hook and Ladder. Mr. Rabine from United Hook & Ladder conducted the presentation which included a review of accidents and also fire responses. He gave an overview of the Bonneauville merger. Mr. Rabine spoke of the ambulance service and does not expect any funding for the service. He also spoke about the ambulance club and indicated that most of the other ambulance services are now reciprocal. Mr. Moul presented the Treasurer's report and also provided copies of the 2014 990's form.
- Ms. Smith said that Act 48 which is the training requirements for tax collectors has been modified so that incumbent tax collectors need only 2 credits and a new tax collector has to go through a new training program so that they can be certified. Any individual holding the office of tax collector after the date of January 1, 2013 and has completed their credits or gone through the training program will be known as a Qualified Tax Collector.
- Ms. Smith indicated that the Township received correspondence regarding "Zombie Properties" or blighted properties regulation. She indicated that typically these relate to properties in a city or fairly dense area where a municipality has a maintenance property inspector. This is different from the UCC. Ms. Smith said she felt that the Township does not have enough incident of that type of activity to pursue drafting and adopting a Property Maintenance Ordinance. The UCC inspector does have some authority under the UCC if a building is unsecured. If a building does not have windows or doors they can bring an action. The Board decided they did not want to move forward with drafting an ordinance.

Executive Session:

Start: 7:59 p.m.

Topic: Herrick Litigation

Meeting Reconvened: 8:20 p.m.

Adjournment: With no further business to be discussed by the Board, Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Trostle, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheri L. Moyer
Secretary