

**MOUNT JOY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
October 20, 2022 REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting was an open meeting, also conducted as a remote meeting through the ZOOM platform. Attendance and votes were taken by roll call.

Present: Bernie Mazer, Chairman; Terry Scholle, Vice Chairman; Gil Clark-joined meeting via phone at 7:36 pm; Todd McCauslin, Christine Demas

Also Present: Susan Smith, Solicitor; Erik Vranich, Township Engineer; Shannon Hare, Secretary and Zoning Officer and Code Enforcement Officer; Trevor Wise, Road Crew

Roll call

Persons' Requesting Time on the Agenda

Ellen Dayhoff, Adams County Administrator for Adams County Agricultural Preservation Program accompanied by Craig Yingling, presented information about the County's agricultural preservation program. She said that they were available if the Board wants to start a conversation about participating in the County's agricultural preservation program.

Chairman/Vice-Chairman Comments: Chairman Mazer commented that the Mud College One Room School House open house was well attended, as was the E-Recycling event. He welcomed Columbia Sportswear to the Outlets. He mentioned a business fair held in the Township in the past and stated he would like to discuss interest in holding another one.

Vice-Chairman Comments: Vice-Chairman Scholle noted October 24, 2022 is the last day to register to vote. Mail in ballots must be received no later than November 8, 2022 at 8:00 pm. He then mentioned that the County's URL would be changing in the coming months, and the Township's also will change. He announced that October is domestic violence month. Supervisor Scholle attended a webinar on Team Building and distributed, copies of the PowerPoint to the other Supervisors.

Public Comment.

Carol Holtz 220 White Church Rd-newsletter and E-Recycling post card were not received
Sandy Yerger 175 Bulk Plant Rd- use of ARPA money for pavilion /playground at Mud College

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes from September 15, 2022 were approved by consent.

Supervisor Clark joined the meeting via phone.

Solicitor's Report. Solicitor Smith presented her report for the period following the September regular meeting. Supervisor Scholle moved, seconded by Supervisor Demas to accept the Solicitor's Report. Motion carried, unanimously.

Engineer's Report. Engineer Vranich presented his report. Supervisor Demas moved, seconded by Supervisor McCauslin to accept the Engineer's September report. Motion carried, unanimously.

Roadmaster's Report. Supervisor Scholle moved, seconded by Supervisor Demas to accept the Roadmaster's written report for September 2022. Motion carried, unanimously.

Omnibus Motion to Accept the Following. Supervisor Scholle moved, seconded by Supervisor Demas to approve Treasurer, Police, Zoning Officer and Code Enforcement Officer, Planning Commission, Land & Sea, Open Records Office reports and Fire Reports.

Fire Company Quarterly Funds. Supervisor Demas moved, seconded by Supervisor Scholle to distribute third quarter funds to Barlow and Gettysburg Fire Companies.

Correspondence- Correspondence listed on the agenda was acknowledged.

Subdivision/Land Development Plans

- The Links at Gettysburg Planned Golf Community Preliminary Subdivision Plan for Wade Run Community [Action Deadline 11/8/2022, Last BOS Meeting 10/20/2022]. Township Engineer Vranich said that the Planning Commission has recommended approval with conditions. He said there are still outstanding review comments. Mr. Klein addressed the Zoning Officer's review comments and indicated that there would be no trouble address each of those comments. Mr. Klein addressed the Township Engineer's review comments. He said he agreed with most of the comments but had an issue with the comment relating to the PennDOT HOP for the proposed entrance on Taneytown Road. He requested that the Board allow him to obtain preliminary approval of a plan without first obtaining the PennDOT HOP, noting a comment from the Township's Traffic Engineer on the warrant for a turn lane. The Township Solicitor noted that Mr. Klein appeared to be requesting a waiver from the SALDO requirement. Both the Township Engineer and the Solicitor stated concerns with the request. Township Engineer Vranich said that the best option would be to phase the preliminary plan.

An extension of time to act on the plan was proposed to allow more time to determine the best way to handle the HOP. Supervisor Scholle moved, seconded by Supervisor McCauslin to grant a one-month extension to December 8th, 2022, subject to receiving a written extension letter from Mr. Klein. Motion carried, unanimously.

Supervisor Demas moved, seconded by Supervisor McCauslin to table the plan. Motion carried, unanimously.

- Samuel King Sewage Facilities Planning Module Mailer. Township Engineer Vranich said that this project does not require a land development plan. They are proposing a retaining tank, which would need to be approved by the Township SEO. Supervisor Scholle moved, seconded by Supervisor Demas to approve the module mailer, and authorize the Chairman to sign pending confirmation by the SEO. Motion carried, unanimously.

Committee Reports

- Personnel: (Mazer and Morley).
- Finance: (Scholle and Demas).
- American Rescue Plan Act: (McCauslin).

Business

- **Affirm email poll to hire Myra Whatley as Assistant Treasurer and Administrative Assistant and to set wages.** The poll vote (conducted by email) to hire Myra Whatley as Assistant Treasurer and Administrative Assistant at \$20/hr. was affirmed by consent.

- **Links NID Bond Restructure Ordinance-Consideration and referral to public hearing.** Ben Reid, Township Bond Counsel, explained Rick Klein’s request for the restructure of Links NID authorized remaining debt to allow issuance of future bonds with a longer maturity date. He indicated that such proposal requires an ordinance. The amount of debt authorized for the Links NID is \$8.7 million; \$3,537,024 of authorized debt remains. Supervisor Scholle moved, seconded by Supervisor McCauslin to set a public hearing on November 17, 2022 at 7:02 pm on the NID Bond Restructure Ordinance. Motion carried, unanimously.
- **Affirm disbursement of funds to United Hook and Ladder for 2nd quarter.** The Township had disbursed funds following the receipt of United Hook and Ladder’s report on which the Board took action at its September 15, 2022 meeting. Supervisor Demas moved, seconded by Supervisor Scholle to affirm disbursement of funds to United Hook and Ladder for the second quarter. Motion carried, unanimously.
- **Donation to Alpha Fire Company for their help with Mud College Open House.** Following discussion, Supervisor Scholle moved, seconded by Supervisor Demas to authorize a donation in the amount of \$300.00 to Alpha Fire Company for the five hours they volunteered at the Mud College Schoolhouse Open House. Motion carried, unanimously.
- **Discontinue use of ZOOM.** Supervisor Scholle is in favor of discontinuing the use of ZOOM since the ZOOM attendance has been low. He said that it is waste of money to pay the monthly fee plus the amount to have someone run the ZOOM session. Supervisors Demas and McCauslin supported keeping ZOOM. Supervisor Demas said that she is working on some technology solutions.

Public Comment:

Sandy Yerger 175 Bulk Plant Rd is in favor of keeping ZOOM

Steven Yerger 175 Bulk Plant Rd said that he has an issuing with his hearing and so he likes ZOOM for the audio & video

Ellen Dayhoff 744 Solomon Rd recommended a conference call as an alternative

Craig Yingling 244 Hoffman Home Rd asked if there is a way to share who is attending the meetings via ZOOM

Written comments were received from:

Barbara Steele 456 Mud College Rd-keep ZOOM

Kitty Hoffman 217 Mud College Rd-keep ZOOM

By consensus the matter was tabled. Supervisor Mazer said that the ZOOM topic would be revisited in January.

- **Long Rd patch paving quotes.** There were three quotes obtained for the patch paving on Long Rd.
 - Arentz \$5,144.00
 - Olinger \$6,400.00
 - C.E. Williams \$9,690.00

Supervisor McCauslin moved, seconded by Supervisor Demas to accept the quote from Arentz in the amount of \$5,144.00 to patch pave a section of Long Rd. Motion carried, unanimously.

- **Issuance of Temporary Use and Occupancy certificate to 330 Harney Rd.** Ms. Hare explained that Mr. Taylor called and said that once the addition was done, they would still have grading

and seeding work to complete, and that there was no way that that would be done by winter. He requested a temporary Use and Occupancy issued until spring when they can complete the grading and seeding work. Supervisor Demas moved, seconded by Supervisor McCauslin to authorize the issuance of a temporary Use and Occupancy until the season allows for grading and seeding. Motion carried, unanimously.

- **Engaging Lighting/Glare Engineer.** Township Engineer Vranich reviewed the lighting/glare engineer candidate's answers to the questions of the Board about the proposed services Township Engineer Vranich noted that there were two scope of service options; option one requires no action because previously acted upon by the Board and, option two requires action because it is over the \$20,000 that the Board approved earlier. The Board decided that it did not make sense to engage a Lighting and Glare Engineer at this time since both Brookview applications were in court. The Board said that, depending on the outcome from court, they may revisit the topic.

- **Act 57 Tax Resolution.** Solicitor Smith explained that the state had enacted a law providing for relief from tax penalties relating to late payments where a person taking ownership of property within a tax year claimed they had not received notice of the tax bill. She explained that Act 57 contained a mandate to the municipalities to adopt a resolution or ordinance to "require a tax collector to waive additional charges for real estate taxes beginning in the first tax year after the effective date of [the Act], if the taxpayer [takes such actions and makes such representations as required by the Act]." Supervisor Scholle moved, seconded by Supervisor Clark to adopt the resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign it. Motion carried, unanimously. 16 of 2022.

- **Disbursement of ARPA funds.** Chairman Mazer explained that the ARPA funds had to be spent by the end of 2024. He said that he wanted to start discussion on proposed uses of the funds. Chairman Mazer proposed to give funds first to emergency responders, second to outside organizations requests, and third to improvements of the Township building internally. Supervisor McCauslin proposed to distribute 25% for fire companies and EMS, 25% for non-profits, and 50% for the Township. After discussion about how much each fire company would receive, the Board tabled the matter until the beginning of the year so that they have a whole year's worth of call information to base the donation amounts on.

- **Radio Communication for trucks-Equipment Proposal.** Supervisor Scholle explained the two quotes that were received from B-Moyer for new radios for the trucks. Because B-Moyer is a Costars vendor, bids or quotations from other suppliers were not required

1. 7 radios with UHF range in the amount of \$11,700.00
2. 7 radios with a repeater on the building in the amount of \$17,525.00

Option 2 has complete coverage of the Township. Supervisor Demas moved, seconded by Supervisor McCauslin to select option two plus or minus 10% of \$17,525.00. Motion carried, unanimously.

- **Adams County Conservation District Memorandum of Understanding.** Solicitor Smith explained that DEP delegates its NPDES and Section 102 (erosion control) regulatory authority to the Adams County Conservation District. The MOU acknowledges the regulatory authority of the DEP/CCD over matters regulated by these programs, as well as a municipality's authority to administer its municipal stormwater management ordinance. This MOU is a renewal of the 2012 MOU. There are no major differences between the two MOUs. Supervisor McCauslin moved, seconded by Supervisor Demas to accept the Adams County Conservation District Memorandum of Understanding, and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion carried, unanimously.

Adjournment. With no further business to be discussed by the Board, Supervisor Demas moved, seconded by Supervisor Scholle to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Shannon M. Hare
Secretary