

**MOUNT JOY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2023 REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting was an open meeting, also conducted as a remote meeting through the ZOOM platform. Attendance was taken by roll call. The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

Present: Bernie Mazer, Chairman; Terry Scholle Vice Chairman; Gil Clark; Todd McCauslin; Christine Demas

Also Present: Susan Smith, Solicitor; Erik Vranich, Township Engineer; Myra Whatley, Administrative Assistant; Shannon Hare, Secretary and Zoning Officer and Code Enforcement Officer

Announcement

The Board entered into executive session after the conclusion of the October 19, 2023 regular meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Chairman/Vice-Chairman Comments: “Welcome. Remember that our friends in Egypt will let us down, just as Assyria did before. So, let’s walk in a manner fully please and bearing fruit in every good work.”

Vice-Chairman Comments: Vice-Chairman Scholle talked about a presentation about the huge crisis that mental health is in our schools in Adams County. He announced that the Emergency Services Center on Greenmyer Lane will be doing a glass recycling event the first Saturday of the month from 9am-noon. He also announced that the commissioners tentatively passed the budget with no tax increase.

Public Comment. None

Approval of Minutes. Hearing no objections, Chairman Mazer reported the Board’s approval of the October 19, 2023 minutes as drafted.

Solicitor’s Report. Solicitor Smith presented her report for the period following the October regular meeting. Supervisor Scholle moved, seconded by Supervisor Demas to accept the Solicitor’s report. Motion carried, unanimously as reported by Chairman Mazer.

Solicitor Smith updated the Board on the recent opinion of the Commonwealth Court on Act 65 provisions for amendment to an agenda. She reported that since its enactment the Township has been counseled and has been in compliance with Act 65 as interpreted by the Commonwealth Court.

Engineer’s Report. Engineer Vranich presented his report for the period following the October regular meeting. Supervisor Demas moved, seconded by Supervisor Scholle to accept the Engineer’s report. Motion carried, unanimously as reported by Chairman Mazer.

Omnibus Motion to Accept the Following. Hearing no objections, Chairman Mazer noted the Board’s approval of the reports of the Roadmaster, Treasurer, Police, Zoning Officer and Code Enforcement Officer, Planning Commission, Land & Sea, Open Records Officer and Volunteer Fire Companies as presented.

Correspondence- Correspondence listed on the agenda was acknowledged.

Subdivision and Land Development Plans.

- Wade Run at the Links of Gettysburg-Phase I Final Subdivision Plan. The Preliminary plan that was approved with conditions on April 6, 2023. This plan is for 38 lots. The Planning Commission recommended approval with conditions for satisfaction of the review comments stated in the Township Engineer's letter and the Township Zoning Officer's letter both dated October 4, 2023. The zoning comments relate to documents that need to be reviewed by the Solicitor, as well as permits for any signs and payment of administrative fees. The Engineer comments related to the stormwater management agreement, the HOP and bonding. Developer Rick Klein said that the permit for the sewer treatment plant expansion has been issued.

Public Comment

Mike Koziski 58 Bridge Valley Rd asked what phase will include the entrance to Taneytown Rd.

Mr. Klein said that the market will determine how many phases are needed in order to complete the project, but that he anticipates only two phases and the entrance to Taneytown Rd occurring in that second phase. If there were a need for three phases, the second phase would bring the number of lots to 64 and would still include the entrance to Taneytown Rd.

Supervisor Demas moved, seconded by Supervisor McCauslin, to approve the final plan for Phase I with conditions for satisfaction of the review comments in the Township Engineer's letter and the Township Zoning Officer's letter both dated October 4, 2023. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried, unanimously.

Business

- Appoint Terry Scholle to delegate to the Adams County Council of Governments. Supervisor Demas moved, seconded by Supervisor Clark, to appoint Terry Scholle to delegate to the Adams County Council of Governments. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried, unanimously.
- Set date for continuation of hearing for Hilton Home 2 Suites Conditional use. Supervisor Clark moved, seconded by Supervisor Scholle, to set the date for the continuation of the conditional use hearing to the Board of Supervisors' Regular Meeting on December 21, 2023. Motion carried, unanimously, as reported by Chairman Mazer.
- United Hook and Ladder Fire Company Third quarter financial disbursement. Supervisor Scholle moved, seconded by Supervisor Demas, to approve United Hook and Ladder's third quarter financials and the disbursement of funds. Motion carried, unanimously, as reported by Chairman Mazer.
- Reaffirm email poll to hire David Williams as Roadmaster at \$28/hr and to make an exception to the Personnel Handbook to allow him to have paid holidays for 2023 Thanksgiving Day and the day after Thanksgiving. Supervisor Demas moved, seconded by Supervisor Clark, to reaffirm the vote by email poll to hire David Williams as Roadmaster at \$28/hr and to make an exception to the Personnel Handbook to allow him to have paid holidays for 2023 Thanksgiving Day and the day after Thanksgiving. Motion carried, unanimously, as reported by Chairman Mazer.
- Mud College Rd. Culvert Replacement Supplemental Invoices. Township Engineer Erik Vranich stated that this was a follow-up to the Mud College Culvert replacement project. The Township was in a tight spot due to the resignation of the Roadmaster and the project needed to be

completed in a timely manner. The contractor who was awarded the project bid was approached to provide additional equipment and labor. There was also excavation services caused by the presence of rock at the site. These are the additional costs incurred for that work.

- Invoice number 2073 in the amount of \$4,920 was for the use of a truck
- Invoice number 2074 in the amount of \$5,500 was for the use of an excavator due to a rock issue
- Invoice number 2075 in the amount of \$2,825 was for the use of equipment
- Supervisor Demas moved, seconded by Supervisor McCauslin, to authorize payment of the additional costs incurred during the Mud College Culvert replacement project. Motion carried, unanimously, as reported by Chairman Mazer.
- Appoint two members to the Planning Commission. Supervisor Clark moved, seconded by Supervisor Scholle, to appoint Benjamin Hawkins and Benjamin Mearns to the Planning Commission. Motion carried, unanimously, as reported by Chairman Mazer. Supervisor Clark moved, seconded by Supervisor McCauslin, to appoint Benjamin Hawkins to the term expiring on December 31, 2024 and Benjamin Mearns to the term expiring December 31, 2026. Motion carried, unanimously, as reported by Chairman Mazer.
- Donation of \$85,000 to place property owned by Jim and Shirley Waybright and their two sons' families located on Mason Dixon Rd into permanent conservation easements. Supervisor Clark moved, seconded by Supervisor Scholle, to deny the donation of \$85,000 to place property owned by Jim and Shirley Waybright and their two sons' families located on Mason Dixon Rd into permanent conservation easements. Supervisor Demas thought that \$85,000 was too much but that the Township could handle \$45,000-\$50,000. Supervisor Clark said that he would love to see preservation but not with taxpayer's money. Chairman Mazer said that updating the current comprehensive plan would be a better way to handle the areas that are targets for intensive development. A roll call vote was taken. Supervisors McCauslin, Clark, Mazer, and Scholle voted yes to deny. Supervisor Demas voted no. Motion carried.
- Adopt Proposed Budget. Chairman Mazer announced that the Board has had the proposed budget for two months and it was posted for the public to view for one month.

Public Comment

Bob Stilwell 99 Garrison Falls Dr-No taxes

Nick Demas 71 Miller Rd-balanced budget

Supervisor Demas moved, seconded by Supervisor Clark, to approve adopting the proposed budget. Motion carried, unanimously, as reported by Chairman Mazer.

Adjournment. With no further business to be discussed by the Board, Supervisor McCauslin moved, seconded by Supervisor Clark, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Shannon M. Hare
Secretary