

**Mt. Joy Township  
Supervisors' Regular Meeting and Public Hearing  
December 19, 2019**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** John Gormont, Chairman; David Updyke, Vice-Chairman; Dennis Bowman; Jeffrey Patterson; Terry Scholle; Susan Smith, Solicitor; Sheri Moyer, Secretary

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, Pennsylvania.

**Call to Order:** John Gormont, presiding.

**Starting Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Call to Order:** Public Hearing Meeting, duly advertised, opened at 7:02 p.m.  
Chairman, John Gormont presiding.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive public comment on a proposed ordinance to repeal the Admission Tax Ordinance of 1994, repealing the Admission Tax Ordinance in its entirety.

**Public Comment:**

With no further public comments, Mr. Gormont closed the public hearing.

Mr. Bowman moved, seconded by Mr. Scholle, to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

**Closed Public Hearing:** 7:03 p.m.

Supervisors' meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Bowman moved, seconded by Mr. Scholle, to adopt ordinance 2019-05, effective January 1, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Supervisors' Regular Meeting Minutes, November 21, 2019: Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Bowman, to approve regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
- Supervisors' Workshop Meeting Minutes, December 5, 2019: No Meeting.

**Solicitor's Report:** Mr. Bowman moved, seconded by Mr. Updyke, to accept the Solicitor's report. Motion carried unanimously.

**Persons Requesting Time on Agenda:** None.

**Treasurer's Reports:**

- Approval of Monthly Finance Report. Mr. Patterson moved, seconded by Mr. Updyke, to approve the financial report. Motion carried unanimously.
- Approval of Bills Paid Report. Mr. Bowman moved, seconded by Mr. Updyke, to approve the report. Motion carried unanimously.

**Police Report:** Mr. Gormont reported there was a total of 97 calls for the month. Thirteen (13) criminal, eighteen (18) traffic (either an accident or traffic stop), fifty (50) service/general calls and sixteen (16) calls where no response was required.

**Road Report:** Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Scholle, to accept the September road report. Motion carried unanimously.

**Planning Commission Report:** No report.

**Subdivision and Land Dev.:**

- Fairview Farms – revised lots 9 & 10: Mr. Vranich said this is a minor subdivision plan for Lots 9 and 10 on Lori Lane in the Fairview Farms development. They are proposing moving the lot line taking approximately .673 acres from Lot 10 and giving it to Lot 9. He said that since the plan requires no substantive revisions, he feels it could be conditionally approved pending satisfaction of the comments within both his and Ms. Hare's review letters dated December 13, 2019 and pending County comments. Mr. Bowman moved, seconded by Mr. Patterson, to conditionally approve the plan based on satisfactory completion of the Zoning Officer and Engineer's letters both dated December 13, 2019, County comments, approval of the planning non-building waiver and payment of all outstanding administrative fees. Motion carried unanimously.

**Engineering Report:** Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Patterson, to accept the Engineer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

**Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement Officer's Report:** Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Bowman, to accept the Zoning Officer's report for November. Motion carried unanimously.

**Land and Sea Service Inspection Report:** Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Patterson, to accept report. Motion carried unanimously.

**Open Records Officer Report:**

- Stefania Arreola – requesting copies of any special assessments, open/expired permits and code violations for the property located at 939 Heritage Drive – Denied, no such records exist
- Todd R. McCauslin – requesting a copy of the Solar Farm corporation contact information, including the solar representatives name, address and phone number – Granted
- Elva Benjamin – requesting copies of Ordinance Nos. 2003-2, 2003-3, 2003-4, 2004-1, 2004-5 – Granted
- Thomas Newhart – requesting to inspect solar farm plans – Granted

**Fire Company Reports:**

	MJT Calls per month	YTD Calls in MJT
1. Alpha Fire Company	2	23
2. Barlow Fire Company	5	46
3. Gettysburg Fire Co.	5	40
4. United Hook & Ladder No. 33-3	1	13

Mr. Patterson moved, seconded by Mr. Scholle, to accept the fire company reports. Motion carried unanimously.

- Alpha Fire Company 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly reports: Mr. Bowman moved, seconded by Mr. Updyke to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financial reports and disburse funds. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2018 Form 990 for Alpha Fire Company: The Board acknowledged receipt of Alpha Fire Company's 2018 Form 990.

**Correspondence:**

- United Hook & Ladder annual dinner and business presentation on January 22, 2020

**Committee Reports:**

- Personnel: (Patterson and Updyke) Mr. Patterson said there is a need for executive session.
- Finance: (Gormont and Updyke) No report.
- Roads: (Gormont) No report.
- Public Safety: (Bowman) No report.

**Business:**

- Solar Conditional Use Application – set date of public hearing: Ms. Smith said a complete conditional use application was received on December 5, 2019 from a solar company. The hearing must be conducted before February 3, 2020. She informed the Board that they will be acting in a quasi-judicial manner and are not permitted to speak with anyone regarding this subject. Ms. Smith indicated she felt the township should look at possibly utilizing one of the fire halls for the meeting as she feels there will be a large attendance at the hearing. The Board decided on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> as possible dates and Ms. Moyer will contact Alpha Fire Company to see if the township could utilize their facilities.
- Comcast Franchise Agreement – status update: Mr. Gormont said the township has not received anything regarding the agreement. The Board decided to have Ms. Moyer draft a letter requesting a status update.
- Future amendments to the Zoning Ordinance: Ms. Smith said both she and Ms. Hare have been keeping notes on what revisions/updates might be needed to the Zoning Ordinance. Once they have gathered all the information it will come before the Board.
- Fire Company Agreements – discussion: Mr. Gormont said the distribution will remain at \$110,000.00 for all 5 years of the agreement. Ms. Moyer said paragraph 5 has been deleted since this paragraph refers to monthly reports. She is now getting these numbers from the County. The Board decided to have Ms. Moyer distribute the agreements to each fire company for their review and comments.

- Engagement of acoustical engineer (to assist Zoning Officer in review of applications for uses that generate noise): Ms. Hare presented two possible engineering firms that have an acoustical engineer on staff. One firm is located in Lancaster, Pennsylvania but has no outside experience. Their testing is relating more to indoor noise. Their fees are \$310.00 per hour. The other firm is located in Frederick, Maryland and has outside experience. Their fees for a Professional Engineer are \$225.00 per hour and a Senior Engineer is \$190.00 per hour. Ms. Smith said the engineer would be to assist Ms. Hare in evaluating a noise study submitted with an application. Mr. Gormont moved, seconded by Mr. Scholle, to engage Phoenix Noise & Vibration as the acoustical engineering firm. Motion carried unanimously.

- Computer upgrade layaway plan: Ms. Moyer said she spoke with Mr. Baum from Total Tech Solutions, Inc. regarding a problem with her PC. In speaking with Mr. Baum, he said her PC is not up to date with all the new updates and it would not allow the install. Mr. Baum said he would search for a fix for the problem but that the PC is over 5 years old and the township should consider replacing it. Technically business PC's should be replaced every five years. Starting in January 2020, they are offering a layaway plan where the township could pay \$90.00 a month and every ten (10) months they would come in with a new PC fully set up with all the applications and connect it to the network. They are offering this layaway plan as an incentive to replace the PC's and not have to outlay a lump sum payment. The layaway plan would also cover printers if we wanted to include them. Following this discussion, the Board decided to put the 5-year replacement in place but to pay the money as the PC's are replaced. Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Patterson to replace the PC's on a rotation basis every 5 years and to pay for the PC as they are replaced. Motion carried unanimously. The Board also agreed to have Ms. Moyer's PC replaced first.

**Other Business (not on agenda):**

- Barlow Fire Company Siren: Mr. Gormont said he looked into pricing for replacing the siren at Barlow Fire Company. A new siren costs anywhere from \$13,000.00 to \$20,000.00. Mr. Vranich informed Mr. Gormont that First Energy may possibly replace the pole as part of their outreach program. Mr. Gormont said he feels this is a safety issue for all residents and will continue to pursue having the siren replaced.

**Executive Session:** Start: 7:51 p.m.

Topic(s): Personnel matters

Meeting Reconvened: 8:24 p.m.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to be discussed by the Board, Mr. Bowman moved, seconded by Mr. Updyke, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 8:27 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sheri L. Moyer, Secretary