

**Mount Joy Township
Supervisors' Regular Meeting
December 20, 2018
Meeting Minutes**

Present: John Gormont, Chairman; David Updyke, Vice-Chair; 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: 7:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes:

- Supervisors' Regular Meeting Minutes, November 15, 2018. Mr. Bowman moved, seconded by Mr. Scholle, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Supervisors' Workshop Meeting Minutes, December 6, 2018: No meeting.

Chairman's Comments: Mr. Gormont thanked the Solicitor for the festivities this evening.

Solicitor's Report: Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Patterson, to accept the report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Persons Requesting Time on Agenda: None.

Announcements: None.

Treasurer's Reports:

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

Road Report: Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Bowman, to approve the road report. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission: No report. The Planning Commission did not have a meeting in December.

Subdivision and Land Dev.: None.

Engineering Report: Mr. Patterson moved, seconded by Mr. Scholle, to accept the October engineer report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement Officer’s Report: Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Bowman, to accept the report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Land and Sea Service Inspection Report: Mr. Bowman moved, seconded by Mr. Updyke, to accept the report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Records Officer Report:

- Jamar R. Brown, from Rosenberg Martin Greenberg, LLP – All written agreements, communications, bonds, letters of credit, recorded agreements or other documents and the Township’s complete file related to any land, property, development construction or other documents dealing with Gemcraft Home (or any affiliated entity) and/or William R. Luther, Jr. and/or Links at Gettysburg, LLC and/or Links at Gettysburg Homes, LLC – 30 day extension

Fire Company Reports:

	MJT Calls per month	YTD Calls in MJT
1. Alpha Fire Company	3	23
2. Barlow Fire Company	7	46
3. Gettysburg Fire Co.	6	37
4. United Hook & Ladder.	0	7

Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Patterson, to accept the report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- Barlow Fire Company 2019 Proposed Budget: The Board acknowledged receipt of Barlow Fire Company’s 2019 Budget.

Correspondence

- Letter dated November 13, 2018 from PennDOT regarding Liquid Fuels Audit
- Letter dated December 4, 2018 from DEP regarding 7 Eleven Notice of Contamination
- Letter dated December 6, 2018 from FEMA regarding revised flood insurance study

Committee/Board Reports:

- Personnel (Patterson, Updyke): No report
- Finance (Gormont, Updyke): No report
- Roads (Gormont): Mr. Gormont said he has a quote to purchase the new truck chassis through Costars at \$132,370.00. The bed, spreader and plow totals \$67,250.00 for a total cost of \$199,620.00. Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Patterson to proceed with the purchase of the truck. Motion carried unanimously.
- Public Safety (Bowman): No report

Business:

- Investment discussion – Bruce Hartman: Mr. Hartman said that we continue to spend less money than we bring in. He said we have 2 CD’s; one comes due next year at 1.5% and the second CD for \$500,000.00 comes due in 2020 at 2.1% and we have a balance of \$711,000.00 in the bank. The Department of Treasury

established a money market fund specifically geared for municipalities and non-profits. The current interest rate is almost 2.3% which exceeds our CD rates. There are no minimums, no maximums, no fees. You send your money over, it is invested as of the day they receive it and can be withdrawn at any time with no penalties. It's all handled through electronic transfers. Mr. Hartman said he believes this is something the Township should consider. He likes to have two competing mechanisms around to compare whenever the Township is investing money. Mr. Hartman said he would suggest investing \$500,000.00 which would leave \$211,000.00 in the bank. He said interest is accrued daily and posted monthly. As an example, you can invest \$500,00.00 today and withdraw \$100,000.00 tomorrow if needed. It's very flexible. A question was how this account would be affected by the Federal Government raising interest rates. Mr. Hartman said that as the Fed bumps interest rates this would go along with it. Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Bowman, to open a PA Invest account for some of the Township funds. Motion carried unanimously.

- Letter dated November 27, 2018 from Bruce Hartman regarding his resignation as treasurer: The Board accepted Mr. Hartman's resignation letter as presented.
- Holiday Inn Express – Financial security reduction: Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Bowman, to reduce the financial security \$35,658.37 from \$63,422.37 to \$27,764.00. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ramsburg well deadline: Mr. Gormont read a memo from Ms. Hare stating that the Ramsburg deadline is past due. He said that this deadline was for the wells to be put into service. One for one of the homes and the other two for a water source for his livestock. He said that we have had no contact from the Ramsburg. Ms. Hare indicated that she wrote him after he sent information of the wells that were closed and another reminding him of the deadline. Mr. Gormont said he should be aware he had a deadline to meet. Mr. Updyke said he agreed to the deadline. The Board gave him a six month deadline at the May meeting. The six month deadline date was November 17, 2018. Mr. Gormont questioned what the next step would be? Ms. Smith said enforcement action. Ms. Hare will issue citations.
- Correct spelling of a roadway: Mr. Bowman moved, seconded by Mr. Patterson, to have the official spelling be Speelman Klinger Road. Motion carried unanimously.
Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Scholle to not hyphenate Speelman Klinger Road. Motion carried unanimously.
- Fireworks Law Update: Ms. Smith said there was a challenge to the law that it was unconstitutional and has been waiting to see if the court would say the entire law was improper. Instead the court handled it very narrowly. Of all the challenges made within the law the only issue the court ordered as being invalid was a piece dealing with the pop-up tents. We still do not have any standards as to a site inspection. Ms. Smith said we could reach out to the State offices or the state's Fire Marshall to let them know our concerns and who is available to do these inspections. The alternative is to write that the applicant is responsible to provide evidence that it is a safe site. The problem is that we have no standards as to what the requirements are for the inspection. Mr. Gormont asked Ms. Smith to reach out to whomever she deems appropriate to get some standards and direction.
- Zoning Ordinance – draft amendments: Ms. Smith said she will have drafts ready for discussion at the February workshop meeting.
- Links at Gettysburg - 2018 Revisions to Landscaping Plan for Garrison Falls: Mr. Vranich said the revised landscaping plan was submitted ahead of schedule. He went through both his and Ms. Hare's review letter comments. He said the plan was signed by the HOA, as required. A concern was an area of screening around lots in one section. Following a discussion, it was decided that the HOA should contact all the homeowner's that are affected by the screening to see whether they want the trees that should be planted on their lot planted now or if they are willing to wait until the rest of the lots are sold and developed. The Board tabled the plan until there can be feedback at the January 17th meeting

Other Business (not on the Agenda):

Pre Wetter with Beet Juice: Mr. Gormont said that the beet juice allows the brine to work in temperature below 32 degrees. The pre wetter sprays the salt with the beet juice. This would be done after the storm on road areas that tend to refreeze. He said he got a quote for a pre-wetter for \$2,300.00 and would only be used as needed. Mr. Patterson moved, seconded by Mr. Bowman, to buy the pre wetter. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session: None.

Adjournment: With no further business to be discussed by the Board, Mr. Patterson moved, seconded by Mr. Updyke, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheri L. Moyer
Secretary