

February 18, 1999

The Mount Joy Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 18, 1999 at 7:30 PM in the Township Municipal Building located at 902 Hoffman Home Road, Gettysburg, PA. All Supervisors (Dayhoff, Beebe and Waybright) were present as well as Secretary Bonnie Koontz.

The minutes of the last regular Supervisors' meeting, January 21, 1999, were approved by motion of Dayhoff, 2nd by Beebe, carried unanimously. The minutes of January 25, 1999, were tabled until next month, motion by Dayhoff, 2nd by Beebe, carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Ralph Taylor - In attending two meetings of the Planning Commission considering conditional use applications submitted by The Boyle Group, he feels the applications have taken a step backwards. The first applications submitted were specific; no so with the second round. The applicants have resorted to a 'wild card' approach and sidestepped what the signature architecture will be. It could be Japanese or Greek; drawings still contain the Cracker Barrel footprint. In the reapplication for the hotel, it is not in writing what the size of the pool will be; 5000 or 50,000 gallons. At the February 10, 1999 meeting, for the first time in two years it was conceded that at least one and possibly all three outparcel sites would have alcohol; this is a dangerous mix to add to the traffic. He also feels a single point of responsibility has not been achieved.

Chairman Dayhoff exercised his prerogative of switching the agenda around, as there were individuals present who had requested time on the agenda well in advance.

Chairman Dayhoff recognized Dave Maring, Chief of Barlow Fire Company, who was present to obtain signatures for the box cards. Motion by Waybright, 2nd by Beebe to approve and sign the box card alarms for Barlow; carried unanimously.

Chief Maring further commented that the gates at Hoffman Home are tight to get through with a fire truck. The gates are closed at night; to open, someone must get out and pull a pin. He has been told that someone (from Hoffman Home) will open the gate if there is an emergency call.

Chairman Dayhoff next recognized Gil Picarelli (of William F. Hill & Assoc.), Sewage Enforcement Officer, who presented his year end report. It was noted that SEO fees in 1998 were \$666.21 after the reimbursable. There is already one spray irrigation system in the Township; another was permitted this date. Picarelli recommended increasing the fees for testing spray irrigation; reviewing is more expensive than for a sand mound. Fees for soil testing are currently \$90 - \$120; suggest \$150. Permits are currently \$90; suggests \$150 or \$200 for a spray irrigation system because of additional paper work. A fee schedule will be prepared for the next meeting. In regard to perc tests, six holes have always been done. He would like to do eight, as sometimes dry holes are gotten. The

reading would be more accurate with more holes. The Supervisors have no problem with this.

There was also discussion regarding artificial wetlands systems and peat moss systems. These are still in the experimental stage. It was suggested that the Supervisors sometime go to look at Wickline's spray irrigation system.

Chairman Dayhoff next recognized Mark Lewis of Herbert, Rowland and Grubic, Inc., Township Engineer. Regarding Act 537 and the comprehensive plan, correspondence has been received from White Run Regional Municipal Authority with projections over the next five years. WRRMA feels they are at a point where the treatment plant needs expanded. It is necessary for Act 537 to be updated prior to their submitting plans to DEP. This could take a year or more to do. Direction is needed whether to focus on the existing area, a somewhat larger area or the entire Township. Mark met with the Planning Commission in January. The Township should take the lead and do an Act 537 update with the comprehensive plan for the entire Township. The cost of Act 537 is 50% reimbursable from DEP; it would save the Township money to use common elements for both Act 537 and the comprehensive plan. It is felt that it is in the best interest of the Township to look at all of the Township for Act 537; only the present service area was studied before.

Dayhoff asked what the next step should be. Lewis said that it would be to develop a scope of work for review by the Planning Commission and the Supervisors, then sit down with DEP to get their approval on the scope of work. Dayhoff asked what the time frame was for DEP and was answered that it could be 30 days, could be 60.

There are no complications currently at the treatment plant; it is working fine.

Beebe commented that this (the update of Act 537 and the treatment plant expansion) was going to happen whether The Boyle Group came with their project or not.

Dayhoff asked if WRRMA had said something about immediate planning with regard to The Boyle Group. Lewis said that there were some issues with the planning module; this is different from Act 537.

Motion by Waybright that Mark (Lewis) proceed with preparing a scope of work for Act 537, 2nd by Dayhoff, carried unanimously.

Dayhoff asked if any work needed to be done for the comprehensive plan at this point. Lewis answered that probably both (Act 537 and the comprehensive plan) should be looked at concurrently initially. He will draw up a packet for proposals and can help coordinate the whole planning process from start to finish.

Motion by Waybright to start initial preparation and scope for the comprehensive plan, 2nd by Beebe, carried unanimously. Lewis will get with the Planning Commission at the next meeting, as it is important to put thought and work into it up front to get a good product. The Treasurer's Report for January was approved by motion of Beebe, 2nd by Waybright, carried unanimously. The Certificate of Deposit at PNC Bank will mature 2/27/99. Motion by Dayhoff, 2nd by Beebe to invest at the best rate.

The Bills to be Paid for January and February to Date were approved by motion of Beebe, 2nd by Dayhoff, carried unanimously.

Road Report:

The road report was read by Bill Miller and included sweeping of anti-skid from intersections, placing rip rap at culverts and tree trimming on Township roads, which is now completed. A drug and alcohol policy has been prepared; motion by Waybright to adopt the Drug and Alcohol Policy as a resolution as written, 2nd by Dayhoff, carried unanimously. A policy for compensatory time was also adopted by motion of Dayhoff, 2nd by Beebe, carried unanimously.

Zoning Officer's Report

The Zoning Officer's Report, including three building permits issued, was read by Dayhoff.

Correspondence:

- Letter from Adams County Agricultural and Natural Resource Center thanking the Township for its pledge of \$1,000.00
- Letter from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society regarding their bike tour July 10-11. Motion by Beebe, 2nd by Waybright that the Township acknowledges receipt of their letter, carried unanimously.
- Potomac Basin Reporter newsletter
- Gettysburg Area Recreation Board Meeting minutes

Announcements:

- There will be hearing March 24, 1999 at 7:30 PM in the Township Building to consider the conditional use applications of The Boyle Group for a hotel and two restaurants.
- Homestead Exemption forms are here. Beebe urged people to fill these forms out and send them in. There will be a meeting regarding this on Wednesday at 7:30 PM in the L.G.I. Room of the Gettysburg Area Middle School.

Old Business:

Driveway Permit Fees - Motion by Dayhoff to adopt the recommended fees, 2nd by Waybright, carried unanimously.

Sign Permit Fees - This discussion had been tabled last month. Motion by Waybright to adopt the recommended fees, 2nd by Beebe, carried unanimously.

Ag Security Area - There have been some oversights in the ag security enrollment process. It is the recommendation of the Township solicitor that the Township start the process over and reenroll everyone from the past, as well as the new applicants. Motion by Dayhoff to restart the Ag Security process to get the ag secure area properly recorded, 2nd by Waybright, carried unanimously.

Mita Copier Service Agreement - This discussion had been tabled last month. The copier was purchased last January and came with a one-year service agreement, which is now expired. The copier went through the reconstruction of the building and has never been serviced or cleaned. Motion by Beebe to purchase the service agreement, 2nd by Waybright, carried unanimously.

Act 537 Reimbursable Request Form - Motion by Dayhoff, 2nd by Waybright, that this report be signed and submitted to DEP, carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Koontz
Secretary