

February 10, 1997

The Mount Joy Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on February 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mount Joy Township Municipal Building located at 902 Hoffman Home Road, Gettysburg, PA. All members were present.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and annual reorganization meeting held on January 6, 1997 and the special meeting held on February 3, 1997 were approved by motion of Dayhoff, 2nd by Long, carried.

The Treasurer's Report and Bills to be Paid Report consisting of \$5,080.74 to be paid out of the Payroll Account, checks #1610 through #1623 and \$22,194.66 to be paid out of the General Account, checks #7620 through #7654, were approved by motion of Long, 2nd by Dayhoff, carried.

Chairman Beebe recognized Stan Wolf, who was present regarding his proposed mini-storage facility to be located along Highland Avenue Road. Approval was given at a Zoning Board Hearing last February, but the nine-month time frame for obtaining permits has expired. Mr. Wolf's consultant, Bob Sharrah, said it was impossible to work within the nine-month frame. Mr. Wolf plans to submit his plans to the Planning Commission tomorrow and is requesting that the board of supervisors grant an extension to the nine months. Dayhoff asked if any conditions had changed from the original and was answered no. Attorney Heiser's letter, which was read aloud by Chairman Beebe, says it is not legal for the supervisors to grant an extension; the only alternative is to hold another Zoning Board Hearing. Motion by Long to instruct Mr. Wolf to contact the Zoning Hearing Board, 2nd by Dayhoff, carried.

Pipe - Beebe feels that in the future when replacing pipe, coated pipe should be used. IT will cost a little more but will last longer.

Weed Eater - Beebe would like to buy one to aid in trimming around signs, culverts, etc. Long asked about the cost. Prices will be obtained by next month's meeting.

All the pipes are in on White Church Road.

Snow Removal - Dayhoff expressed concern that when the schools have a two-hour delay, the roads (Solomon, White Church) are not plowed and/or salted sometimes until 9:30 or 10 o'clock. Says purpose of delay is to allow road crews to do their job. There was recently an accident on Gulden Road; a man slid his truck off the corner into an oak tree. Evidently he was going slow as there was no damage to the truck. On one occasion when there was an early dismissal, the bus slid several feet before coming to a stop. Beebe says Dayhoff should call him in the future. He will be glad to explain the procedure of how and when trucks are deployed to the road for snow removal or salting.

Old Business:

Miller property - Bower had concerns about this and wonder what the next step was. IT is now understood that this is in the hands of the SEO.

Computer specs - Long will have proposals with prices for next month's meeting.

Tax Collector Resolution - Motion by Long to adopt a resolution as read by Beebe to allow the tax collector to charge a fee for tax verification. 2nd by Beebe, carried.

4-way stop - According to a letter from Mark Lewis of Herbert, Rowland and Grubic, the intersection of White Church Road, Patterson Road and Solomon Road does not qualify for a 4-way "stop." Brush has been removed to improve visibility on the one side; there is not much that can be done for the other side.

WRRMA letter - As of this date, there has been no response to the letter from Long to Neth. Beebe suggests attending the next WRRMA board meeting. (Copy of comments by Long to be attached to the minutes.)

Yingling Property - There was to be a deed restriction put on when Miller/Dayhoff owned the property. Bower has talked with Atty. Gault to see if the Township can enforce a restriction that was put on the previous owner. She will research this matter if the board so desires. Motion by Long to do the research, 2nd by Beebe, carried. Dayhoff abstained.

New Business:

Cell Phone - LASD has requested that a cell phone be carried in one of the plow trucks so information can be obtained regarding inclement weather road conditions. Motion by Dayhoff to obtain cell phone, 2nd by Beebe. Long said this will be a continuous twelve month a year cost to the Township. Beebe says when there is safety concern for children on a school bus, information could help make an intelligent decision. Dayhoff says there could be direct contact in the event of any emergency. Beebe withdrew his 2nd to the motion; prices will be obtained for next month's meeting.

Road Broom - The broom needs modified to a 2-wheel so that it can be put on the draw bar of a tractor. This will probably cost a few hundred dollars. It was decided to make modifications, but keep it so that it can be changed back if necessary.

Pine Bank Cemetery - The same person will mow the cemetery this year as last year.

Plans for Township Building - A land development plan should be obtained showing the building well, septic system, etc. Dayhoff requested and was given permission to have Riley Redding go ahead with this. The cost will be about \$600.00.

Minutes - Long requested that the minutes of the Supervisors and Planning Commission meetings be available a week in advance.

Public Comments:

Jim Waybright - Regarding the situation with fences being on the right-of-way, he says a lot of snow could be pushed if the brush was removed from the right-of-way. As far as the WRRMA study question and future growth, Lake Heritage area was once a farming area too. Regarding the cell phone, the Township should stop worrying about being sued and give information. In a flooding situation, it is not always possible to turn a bus around. Notification of the situation in advance would be helpful. He also questioned if during snow removal, the snow was going to be pushed completely off the blacktop, as when the road is not completely bare, people tend to drive in the middle of the road.

Roger Steele - Inquired if there was a limit as to how far mailboxes can be sticking over the road. There are several boxes sticking out over the road, some so much so that you have to swerve around them. Beebe suggested that when building permits are given, mention could be made of not having things on the road.

Ivan Lufriu- Suggested giving property owners a year to clear the brush or they will be billed if the Township does it. Dayhoff says anything over 4' can't be cut even if it is on Township right-of-way.

Lt. M.R. Wer, PA State Police - He was present to see if there were any concerns. Beebe questioned what can be done about speeders. He was answered that patrols will try to be increased in this area. Beebe complimented the police force on their promptness when needed. Mr. Gitt inquired if many complaints were received about slowing moving vehicles. Lt. Wer would not comment on this.

Motion by Long for adjournment at 8:50, 2nd by Beebe, carried.

Submitted by Bonnie L. Koontz, secretary.