

April 15, 1999

The Mt. Joy Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on April 15, 1999 at 7:30 PM in the Township Municipal Building located at 902 Hoffman Home Road, Gettysburg, PA. All members (Dayhoff, Beebe and Waybright) were present. Also present were Township solicitor Walton V. Davis and Township secretary Bonnie L. Koontz.

The minutes of the last regular monthly meeting, March 18, 1999, were approved by motion of Dayhoff, 2nd by Waybright, carried unanimously.

The minutes of March 24, 1999 were approved by motion of Waybright, 2nd by Beebe, carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Ralph Taylor by prior request to be placed on the agenda - Spoke regarding the decision not to have a hearing on the Boyle land use plan is not in the best interest of the Township. (A complete copy of Mr. Taylor's comments will be retained in the Township files.)

Harold Beebe, in response to Mr. Taylor, said that the Township has dealt with this thing (the Boyle project) for six years and that Ralph needs to get with the program. It was decided to give the applicant conditional use and that in all the time since then, the Board has held the developers' feet to the fire and hasn't given them any slack. He (Beebe) has always tried to listen with courtesy and respect and has heard everything from leaking anti-freeze to toxic fumes. This thing (the Boyle project) can't be stopped; the conditional use decision is there and the ordinances will hold them (The Boyle Group) to it. Beebe wishes to go on record in defense of this Board that they would be hard put to find a developer anywhere that has been put through what this one has.

Mr. Taylor responded that the proof will be in the pudding and that he would like to sit down and discuss this when it is built.

Beebe said that the road concerns will be taken care of by experts.

Dayhoff added that one thing that shows proof of a good ordinance is the fact that it has been going on six years. Every time they come in with something, there is something missing and they must apply again. Also just because plans are up there, it doesn't mean that they'll be approved. It is wrong to say that the decision has been thrown out and not being considered. What is being done now is preliminary work; no 'clock' is ticking.

Beebe said that at the first meeting some time ago in a restaurant the developer was asked if he was prepared to deal with and pay for all traffic problems and he said he was.

Waybright said that in regard to not having a public hearing on the land development plan, it was said 'not at this time'. The plans are not yet an official submission and that it would be a waste of time and money to have a hearing now.

Vincent Scheller - Expressed concern about the speed of traffic on Taneytown Road (PA 134); would like to see traffic slowed down between the church and the fire hall. Fifty-five miles per hour is too dangerous; it is 40 mph by the fire hall. He asked the Township to look into this to see if anything can be done. Motion by Dayhoff that Bonnie (Koontz) draft a letter to PennDot expressing these concerns, 2nd by Beebe, carried unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report for March was approved by motion of Waybright, 2nd by Beebe, carried unanimously.

The Bills to be Paid Report for March and April, to date, was approved by motion of Dayhoff, 2nd by Waybright, carried.

Bids:

Stone bids will be opened at the May 20, 1999 meeting.

Subdivisions:

There were no subdivisions to be reviewed.

Road Report:

The Road Report was read by Road Superintendent Bill Miller.

Zoning Officer's Report:

The Zoning Officer's Report was read by Sam Dayhoff. Thirteen building permits were issued.

Correspondence:

- A letter was read from Adams County Crime Stoppers soliciting funds. The Township will ask for a breakdown of where the money goes.
- A letter was read from the Adams County Bicentennial Committee seeking financial support. Motion by Beebe that the Township contribute \$500.00 to the Bicentennial Committee, 2nd by Waybright, carried unanimously.
- A letter was read from State Representative Matt Wright urging local government to ask its Representatives and Senators to oppose House Bill 369 (reduction or elimination

of Amusement Tax. The secretary was instructed to write a letter to Representative Steve Maitland and Senator Terry Punt.

- Thank-you letters were received from Alpha Fire Co. No. 1, Borough of Gettysburg Recreation Department, Littlestown Area Senior Center, YWCA of Gettysburg and Adams County, Littlestown Area Family YMCA, Gettysburg Fire Department and Bonneauville Community Fire Co. for the Township's financial support.
- Gettysburg Area Recreation Board Meeting minutes of March 15, 1999.
- White Run Regional Municipal Authority Chapter 94 Annual Report from Wm. F. Hill and Assoc.

Old Business:

Occupancy Permit Ordinance - This ordinance is not met to give the zoning officer the power of inspection; it is just a way to make sure the plans submitted are followed. Minor remodeling and additions are excluded; it is met to address new houses and especially commercial. Motion by Waybright to advertise for adoption at the next regular meeting, 2nd by Dayhoff, carried unanimously.

Medic 28 Ordinance - Following discussion, the feeling is that this may not be the best for the entire Township. Motion to deny the request by Dayhoff, 2nd by Beebe. Waybright added that this ordinance is not needed at this time. The Township secretary is to write a letter, Dayhoff will review before mailing. Motion carried unanimously.

Dedicated Right-of-Ways - Waybright made a motion to table this until more information is obtained. 2nd by Dayhoff, carried unanimously.

New Business:

Bonneauville Fire Company Box cards - Motion to sign these box cards by Waybright, 2nd by Dayhoff, carried unanimously.

Gettysburg or '800' Phone Number - There have been some requests by Township residents for a Gettysburg or 800 number as it is a pay call for those who live in the Township area with a Gettysburg exchange to call the Township office. Beebe says an 800 number costs \$10 per month plus a charge per minute. More information will be obtained for next month's meeting.

Internet - In order for various Board members to access the Township without having to make a trip to the building, and to be able to contact PSATS and various other agencies for information such as state contracts, motion by Waybright, 2nd by Dayhoff, for the Township to be connected to the Internet. Carried unanimously.

Request for Information Policy - Following brief discussion, this was tabled until next month.

Planning Commission Memo - The Planning Commission would like the Supervisors' approval to prepare an ordinance to preserve and protect Mt. Joy Township's historical areas which would be consistent with the master (comprehensive) plan but perhaps precede the master plan. Following discussion, the Board doesn't feel anything should be done before the master plan. Also the Planning Commission would like an ordinance designating Mt. Joy Township as being primarily rural residential and that it should not become a resort. Following discussion, liquor will be addressed when it becomes an issue.

The Supervisors and Attorney Davis went into an executive session at approximately 9:00.

The meeting was recalled to order at 9:07. Attorney Davis said that there had been yet another executive session regarding a land use issue and that efforts to resolve matters at Yingling Farm Implements have not been fruitful. The Zoning Officer will send an enforcement notice that the operation is in violation of the ordinances and that enforcement will begin. Motion by Beebe to proceed, 2nd by Dayhoff, carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Koontz
Secretary