

September 21, 2000

The Mt. Joy Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at 7:30 PM on Thursday, September 21, 2000 at the Township municipal building located at 902 Hoffman Home Road, Gettysburg, PA. All Supervisors, Waybright, Dayhoff and Chantelau, were present. Also present were Township solicitor Walton V. Davis and Township secretary Bonnie L. Koontz.

The minutes of the August 1, 2000 workshop were approved by motion of Chantelau, 2nd by Waybright, carried unanimously.

The minutes of the regular meeting, August 17, 2000, were approved by motion of Chantelau, 2nd by Dayhoff, with a correction on page 4, paragraph 1, “malleable” to “mountable”, carried unanimously.

The minutes of the meeting continued to August 28, 2000, were approved by motion of Chantelau, 2nd by Waybright, with a correction on the last page, line 4, “big” to “bid”, carried unanimously.

Chairman Dayhoff stated that bids will be opened for the White Road/Heritage Drive project on September 28 at 7:30 PM. He also stated that the comprehensive plan is moving along; the Township has maps and a rough draft.

Public Comments:

Ralph Taylor - Stating that this is the last monthly meeting before the occupancy permit can be issued for an October 7 opening, he feels that there are items of unfinished business relative to the issuance of an occupancy permit for the outlet mall.

Mary Taylor - Has observed where the work on Heritage Drive has stopped; feels citizens will have to pay for the remainder of it. In regard to a report from URDC, she feels police protection is needed now, as the mall will bring increased traffic, crime and vandalism.

John White - Representing The Links at Gettysburg, he requested that the PGC ordinance be referred for review to the Mt. Joy Township and Adams County Planning Commissions. Following brief discussion this matter was tabled until September 28, in order to allow for public comment.

Gerald Royals - Noted that a survey was taken in regard to tax money for police protection. He would like the results of the survey to be made public. In regard to the conditional use permit for the mall area, he saw problems in Virginia where he lived before. He is in favor of police, but not tax dollars to do it as police weren't needed until the mall came.

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

The Bills to be Paid for August and September, to date, were approved by motion of Chantelau, 2nd by Waybright, carried unanimously.

Chairman Dayhoff recognized Bill Gamble from the Governor's Center for Local Government Services, who was present to speak about regional police forces.

Chairman Dayhoff then recognized Michael Wachs of Delancey Gettysburg Associates, L.P., who was present to give an update on construction and completion of Gettysburg Village Factory Stores. Nancy Brown, formerly of Prime Retail in Hagerstown, was introduced as the general manager of GVFS. Exterior work is basically complete. A walk-through is scheduled for Friday, September 22, with Township engineer Mark Lewis for all on-site issues. GVFS wants to have a "soft" opening October 1, 2000 and an advertised "Grand Opening" October 7-14. Regarding off-site improvements, all traffic signals are up and blinking, final grading and paving is being done. PennDot inspections, along with Mark Lewis, are scheduled for September 25 and September 29. Wachs is concerned that a process be in place to get an Occupancy Permit. He expects that Mark (Lewis) will come up with a letter which will be given to Jill (Coleman), who will give the Occupancy Permit. If Mark has a list, what rises that an occupancy permit couldn't be issued? Dayhoff stated that all off-site improvements must be completed and noted that the Township office is closed on Friday the 29th (of September).

Chairman Dayhoff next recognized Lyman Schwartz who stated that he was here in regard to the Long Road vacation.

Chairman Dayhoff then recognized Harold Beebe who was also here to address Long Road and was speaking for the Long Road citizens. A signed petition had been delivered to the Township office on September 11. A letter from Attorney Henry Heiser was read. It is felt that the options in Mark's (Lewis') letter are unnecessary. The Long Road citizens will go to court if their petition is not honored. They would like to work with the Board (of Supervisors), but it could be quite serious if Long Road is extended through to Barlow-Two Taverns Road or to King Road through the Danner property. The Board (of Supervisors) is requested to act within 60 days.

Road Report:

The Road Report was tabled until Road Superintendent Anthony Graham is in attendance.

Zoning Officer's Report:

The Zoning Officer's report of building permits issued during the last month was read by Dayhoff.

Correspondence:

- Letter from the Gettysburg "Y" in regard to a donation in the next budget year

- Commonwealth of PA Department of the Auditor General (Liquid Fuels Tax Fund Audit Report for the two years ending December 31, 1998.
- Adams County EIT independent Auditor's Report
- WRRMA Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report, 1998, 1999
- Gettysburg Area Rec Board's meeting minutes for August 21, 2000
- Department of Labor & Industry letter and survey form. Following brief discussion, it was decided to fill out the form "No" (the Township will not enforce the Uniform Construction Code), motion by Waybright, 2nd by Chantelau, carried unanimously.
- Adams County Planning letter re: Special Transportation Workshop.

Announcements:

Dayhoff announced that the traffic lights on PA 97 in the vicinity of GVFS will be blinking September 21 and will be turned on September 28. A training session concerning the PC monitoring of these signals will be held in the Township office sometime in the future.

Old Business:

Long Road - Motion by Dayhoff to table until next month when the road superintendent can be in attendance, 2nd by Waybright. Following brief discussion, Dayhoff amended his motion to table this matter until September 28 (when the White Road bids are opened), 2nd amended by Waybright, carried unanimously.

SALDO Amendment - Motion by Chantelau that the Board of Supervisors intends to adopt this amendment that the 90-day "clock" starts at the first meeting of the Planning Commission after the plan is submitted or 30 days after submission, that a hearing be held relative to this matter on October 19th at 7:15 PM, with intended adoption at the regular meeting, October 19, 2000 at 7:30 PM, 2nd by Waybright, carried unanimously.

Yingling Implement - Bud Yingling was requested to attend this meeting, but did not attend.

Mud College School - This one-room school house along Rt. 97 was offered by the Crouse family to the Littlestown School District. Mt. Joy Township expressed an interest in obtaining the school if the LASD turned it down and provided a curriculum for school students to come in an experience a day in a one-room school house. The LASD Board turned down the Crouse offer. Mt. Joy Township has received a call from Mr. Crouse. The Township would maintain and preserve the school and offer it to schools (Littlestown, Gettysburg, possibly Fairfield) to come in and use. \$10,000 comes with the school and developer's money to the Township Parks and Recreation Program could be used. Motion by Dayhoff, 2nd by Chantelau, to have solicitor Davis set up a program, carried unanimously. Motion by Waybright, 2nd by Chantelau, to have the chairman and solicitor meet with the Crouse family.

White Road - Solicitor Davis sent a letter to the two property owners on whose land Township right-of-way is located. The road superintendent is to follow up with a phone call to these property owners before September 28.

Yingling Auction Entrance onto Heritage Drive - Chantelau commented that he noticed last weekend Yingling had opened onto Heritage Drive. Signs placed on Rt. 97 by Yingling caused confusion. Davis commented that generally anyone who wants to access a Township road needs an occupancy permit, however, the Board required this of Yingling. There is a right-in, right-out already in existence on 97. If no access onto his property for people coming from the Gettysburg direction, this could be a problem. The Board was advised to drop the consideration of a Highway Occupancy Permit. Chantelau further said that the situation has been in existence for a week with signs on Rt. 97 telling people to "Turn here"; lucky there hasn't been an accident. In the future, precautions should be taken not to allow the Township to be at risk if someone has an accident.

New Business:

Budget Workshop - Following brief discussion, it was decided to have a budget workshop session on Monday, October 23, 2000 at 7:30 PM.

Supervisors Meeting Pay - The Code for Townships of the Second Class says that Supervisors may be paid \$1875 per year, monthly or quarterly. Mt. Joy Township currently pays Supervisors \$60.00 per meeting. Motion by Dayhoff to pay Supervisors quarterly, not to exceed the \$1875 allowance, 2nd by Chantelau, carried unanimously.

County Convention of Township Officials - Following discussion, the three Supervisors are planning to attend this convention.

Barlow Fire Company - In June the Barlow Volunteer Fire Company voted to disband the Quick Response Unit for lack of volunteers. In September, it was decided to temporarily run this unit for one year. It has been the experience that Medic 28 and the ambulance arrive on the scene first during the day time. In the evening Quick Response usually gets there first. There is a dire need of volunteers. Chantelau suggested sending a letter to Township residents regarding Barlow VFD's need for volunteers. Waybright suggested this could be done by the Township newsletter. Dayhoff said he has talked to (Rick) Klein (The Links at Gettysburg) and Delancey (Gettysburg Village Factory Stores) about having their employees respond if they employ any volunteer firefighters. If there are no volunteers, the Township is then obligated by law to provide a fire department; residents would be taxed for this protection. The problem now is an acute lack of manpower.

Plan Status Report Form - Motion by Chantelau, 2nd by Waybright, to adopt this form as submitted by the Mt. Joy Township Planning Commission, carried unanimously.

Cargill Salt Quote - Motion by Chantelau, 2nd by Waybright to accept the quote of \$37.37 per ton, carried unanimously.

The Supervisors and solicitor went into executive session at 9:30 PM.

The meeting was recalled to order at approximately 9:40 PM. Solicitor Davis stated that the session was regarding potential litigation against a developer who has not made good on promises. There is no action at this time.

Motion for adjournment at 9:42 by Dayhoff, 2nd by Chantelau, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Koontz
Secretary