

MOUNT JOY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

MINUTES

Thursday May 22, 2025

The regular Board of Supervisor's meeting was an open, in-person meeting, with additional public access via the remote meeting application ZOOM. Attendance was taken by roll call. The meeting was called to order at 7p.m.

Present: Christine Demas, Chairman; Chad Yingling; Todd McCauslin, Vice Chairman; Sandy Yerger

Absent: Bernie Mazer

Also Present: Issac Wakefield, Solicitor; Kim Livelsberger; Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer; Bruce Hartman, Township Accountant

Chairman Comments: Chair Demas shared that our first-ever Community Recycle and Donation Day was a success. She gave a big thank you to everyone who donated and the volunteers who came out to make this event a success. The Second Annual Community Recycle and Donation Day is already scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 9 AM to 1 PM.

Chair Demas briefly addressed some misinformation. The Township currently has two culvert replacement projects in the works. One on Straley Road and one on Spangler School Road that are awaiting permits from Pennsylvania DEP. Once the Township receives the necessary approvals, the projects will move forward.

The second item related to mowing the roads. No local townships or even PennDOT are mowing. The rain has made it unsafe to mow and a tractor repair has delayed mowing.

Chair Demas then turned to Supervisor Yerger to provide a summary of the ACOG, Adams County Council of Governments meeting.

Supervisor Yerger shared, June 5, 2025, is the day when the enforcement of the handheld phone law goes into effect. Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) has said they will not start writing tickets for fines until 2026. For now, PSP will only issue a warning.

She gave an update of a State House Bill, 507, which creates a RESET board that will be responsible for siting of all energy facilities over 25 megawatts. Yerger urged people who are concerned by losing the right to determine locally what should be sited in our area to contact your local representative.

Supervisor Yerger said the library system is planning a Fun Fest at the Gettysburg Area Rec Association on June 13th. This is a family-friendly event

Public Comments:

Two written public comments were received:

- Todd McCauslin, submitting the defamation cease and desist issued to Supervisor Yingling.
- Barb Steele – commending the Road Crew/Maintenance staff for the wonderful job they have done with the care and repair of the Mud College Schoolhouse.

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- Eric Hubbard, Spring Creek Circle - Thanked Supervisor Mazer attending the Barlow golf tournament. Mr. Hubbard then inquired about the location of the culvert repair on Spangler School Road.
- Dave Williams, 4075 Baltimore Pike - questioned the press release.
In response, SOL Wakefield explained that he thoroughly reviewed the grievance document and analyzed each cited provision. He clarified that elected officials are governed by separate laws, such as the state Ethics Act. After reviewing the Ethics Act and the related allegations, he concluded there was no violation by any Supervisor, which led to the findings presented.

Mr. Williams questioned a reimbursement made in February.

- Omar Hottenstein, Spangler School Road - question regarding Spangler School Road.

OMNIBUS MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING:

Motion included acceptance of the following reports: BOS Regular Meeting Minutes, April 17, 2025, BOS Workshop Meeting, April 24, 2025, Treasurer Report, Roadmaster's Report, Engineer Report, Police Report, Fire Reports, Zoning Officer's report, Planning Commission's Report, MDIA's Report, Correspondence Received and the Open Records Officer's Report. Supervisor Yerger moved, seconded by Supervisor Yingling, to approve the Omnibus Motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Application of Wheels of Liberation for Conditional Use for recreation/museum – Decision:** Supervisor McCauslin moved, seconded by Supervisor Yingling, to deny Wheels of Liberation, Inc.'s Application for conditional use approval to allow the applicant to operate a Recreation Facility at 1045 Barlow Two Taverns Road, the reasons for said denial being provided in the forthcoming written decision of the Board. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Settlement and Signature of Mt. Joy Twp. v. AAR Plastics (confirmation of email poll):** This is a formal confirmation of an email poll to approve the settlement on the outstanding code enforcement judgment against AAR Plastics. AAR Plastics has agreed to pay \$7,000 fine to close the ongoing case; once paid, Mount Joy will notify the court that a settlement has been reached, thus canceling the scheduled June trial. Supervisor Yerger moved, seconded by Supervisor McCauslin, to formally approve the \$7,000 settlement and allow the Chair the authority to close the case. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Resolution for STMP Grant:** This is the same project previously approved in March to support updates to the comprehensive plan, zoning map, and township ordinances. The original application was submitted under the MAP program, but based on state advice, reapplying under the STMP program. The project details and funding amounts remain unchanged. Supervisor McCauslin moved, seconded by Supervisor Yingling, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-14 authorizing an application to the Strategic Management Planning Program. Motion carried unanimously.

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- **Revision and Resolution for the Employee Pension Plan:** A recent pension audit revealed that the township's current complex pension plan, revised in 2014, offers lower benefits and lower state funding. The propose revision will offer 10% contributions for full-time employees (fully state-reimbursed) and 5% for part-time employees (township-funded). Supervisor Yingling moved, seconded by Supervisor Yerger, to approve the revisions and adopt Resolution No. 2025-15 providing for the update to the PSAB Municipal Employee Retirement Trust. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Donation to GARA:** Supervisor Yerger said that Mount Joy lacks a park or recreational facilities for local children and sports. Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority (GARA), offers programs like football, soccer, softball, and cheerleading for many in the area. Data suggests that a similar number of children from Mt. Joy participate in GARA programs as those from Gettysburg Borough. From 2017 to 2022, the township supported GARA with an annual \$4,000 donation. Given GARA's need for facility improvements and continued community benefit, Supervisor Yerger proposed a donation of \$4,000. It was confirmed that the donation could be covered by the current budget. Supervisor Yingling moved, seconded by Supervisor McCauslin, to approve a donation of \$4,000.00 to GARA. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Resolution for RRMA Appointment:** Chair Demas announced with sadness that Fred Lang, a long-serving member of the Red Rock Municipal Authority (RRMA) and former Planning Commission vice chair, passed away on May 8. Fred had been dedicated to the township since his appointment to RRMA in 2013, serving for over 12 years. The board expressed condolences to his family.

There is now a need to fill the open vacancy on the RRMA, it was noted that the position had been advertised, and one letter of interest was received from Dennis Bowman. A motion was requested to appoint Mr. Bowman to serve the remainder of Fred Lang's term, ending December 31, 2029. Supervisor Yerger moved, seconded by Supervisor McCauslin, to appoint Dennis Bowman to the Red Rock Municipal Authority to complete Fred Lang's term, ending December 31, 2029, by adopting Resolution No. 2025-16. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: With no further business to be discussed by the Board, Supervisor Yingling moved, seconded by Supervisor Yerger, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The Meeting adjourned 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Moyer
Township Secretary