

**MOUNT JOY TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MINUTES
Thursday, December 18, 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 7 p.m.

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

Also Present: Idan Ghazanfari, Solicitor; Eric Vranich, Engineer, Melinda Jones, Treasurer; Kim Livelsberger, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer; Sheri Moyer, Secretary

Chairman Comments: Chair Demas said this year-end meeting reflects a spirit of gratitude for the people, history, and shared commitment that make Mount Joy Township strong.

She stated that over the past year, the Board resumed collaboration with neighboring townships, tar-and-chipped three miles of Barlow–Two Taverns Road, significantly improved the employee pension plan, secured a grant to begin the Comprehensive Plan update, and successfully completed all audits. The Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board were recognized for their professionalism and careful decision-making, and sincere appreciation was expressed for the township's employees whose steady, often unseen dedication keeps operations running smoothly. She also thanked fellow supervisors, whose differing perspectives strengthen the Board's collective decision-making.

Chair Demas said she along with the Board also wanted to honor individual service. Treasurer Bruce Hartman was recognized for nearly 11 years of dedicated service, valued for his experience, institutional knowledge, and willingness to continue supporting the township whenever asked. In addition, appreciation was expressed to Supervisor Bernie Mazer, whose six years on the Board and prior service on the Zoning Hearing Board helped shape meaningful initiatives. Their contributions, along with the work of all staff, volunteers, and residents, helped make this a productive and positive year for Mount Joy Township.

Public Comments: Ken Mutzabaugh, from The Links, said he wanted to thank everyone on behalf of the community, especially Treasurer Bruce Hartman, for his years of service, and he invited Bruce to return to The Links to continue working on his golf swing. He also recognized Supervisor Bernie Mazer service. He stated that Bernie has kept residents informed and engaged and has worked hard on behalf of the entire township. He concluded by saying that, on behalf of The Links at Gettysburg community and Mount Joy Township, he extends sincere thanks for Bernie's commitment and service. Mr. Mutzabaugh presented Supervisor Mazer with a coin.

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OMNIBUS MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING:

Motion included acceptance of the following reports: BOS Regular Meeting Minutes, November 20, 2025, BOS Workshop Meeting, November 27, 2025, Treasurer Report, Roadmaster's Report, Engineer Report, Fire Report, Zoning Officer's Report, MDIA's Report, Correspondence Received and the Open Records Officer's Report. Supervisor Mazer moved, seconded by Supervisor Yingling to approve the Omnibus Motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Alpha Fire Department 2025 Disbursement:** Chair Demas said all the required information was submitted and was sent to the board, we need a motion to approve the donation of \$30,015.92. Supervisor Mazer moved, seconded by Supervisor Yingling, to approve the 2025 disbursement to Alpha Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Fire Department 2026 Support Agreement:** Chair Demas said this is the 2026 Support Agreement. Last year, we moved to an annual Fire Department agreement in order to better respond to the department's needs while still giving the Board flexibility to address those needs as they arise. This agreement is a renewal of last year's arrangement. Supervisor Mazer moved, seconded by Supervisor Yerger, to approve the Fire Department 2026 Support Agreement, with minor updates. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Gettysburg Self-Storage Financial Security Reduction:** Mr. Vranich said this project on Highland Avenue has been ongoing for some time. The original plan was approved by Conditional Use around 2002 but was inactive for several years. All of the storage units have now been completed. The developer has requested a bond reduction of \$89,855.83, which would leave approximately \$117,000 remaining on the project. Some road improvements included in the phasing schedule have not yet been completed. Supervisor Yingling wanted to withhold the reduction, but legally the township cannot as some work has been completed. There was strong support that the township should notify the developer that all remaining road improvements must be completed in 2026 according to the CU Agreement. The remaining work consists primarily of approximately two-foot road widening along the frontage of the property, shoulder work, utility relocations, and some tree removal. The township reserves the right to revisit the amount of the Bond and decide if it needs to be increased. Supervisor Mazer moved, seconded by Supervisor McCauslin, to approve a financial security reduction for the Gettysburg Self-Storage (previously known as A+ Storage) Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan to reduce the Remaining Required Financial Security Total for this project from \$207,364.23 to \$117,508.40, for the remaining site improvements. This results in a reduction in the required financial security of \$89,855.83 with the understanding that the Township expects the remaining improvements to be completed by the end of 2026. Motion carried (4-1). vote: Todd - Yes; Chad - No; Christine - Yes; Bernie - Yes; Sandy – Yes.

- **Updyke Preliminary/Final Plan Extension:** Mr. Vranich said Sharran Design Group, Inc. submitted an extension letter to the Township waving the ninety (90) day review period. The extension would extend the action deadline to February 28, 2026. Supervisor Mazer moved, seconded by Supervisor Yingling, to accept time extension for Updyke Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

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Supervisor Mazer was given the floor to make a statement: “I want to share a thought inspired by Cicero, a Roman jurist from over 2,000 years ago, who emphasized the importance of serving the public. Cicero noted that we are bound by law so that we may be free, and he encouraged viewing public service as an act of sacrifice rather than a personal privilege or pursuit of fame. He advised mastering our emotions, avoiding fear, anger, desire, or the pursuit of personal authority, and warned against partisanship undermining the common good. He emphasized that justice, causing no harm or offense to others, is essential for successful officeholders, and that true advantage cannot exist without moral integrity”.

Chairman Demas reminds us to make service part of our lives and to practice gratitude. Gratitude, she notes, is not only the greatest of virtues but the parent of all others. We are fortunate to have many veterans in our township who bring a commitment to public service. I encourage those who have served in the armed forces to continue contributing to our community, whether through running for office, serving on township boards and committees, or supporting volunteer fire departments.

Thank you all for your years of service, and Merry Christmas.

Adjournment: With no further business to be discussed by the Board, Supervisor Mazer moved, seconded by Supervisor Yingling, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.

Executive Session: None

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Moyer
Township Secretary