

MOUNT JOY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

MINUTES

Thursday, April 17, 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; Bernie Mazer; Todd McCauslin, Vice Chairman; Sandy Yerger

Also Present: Issac Wakefield, Solicitor; Kim Livelsberger; Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer; Melinda Jones, Treasurer

Conditional Use Hearing: Conditional Use Application of Wheels of Liberation, Inc., who maintains a registered office of 183 Rupert Rd., East Berlin, PA 17316 ("Applicant"). The Applicant intends to use property located in the Township at 1045 Barlow Two Taverns Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325, Parcel ID 30G16-0033---000 ("Parcel 1") and Parcel ID 30G16-0033A---000 ("Parcel 2") (collectively, "Property") as Recreational Facilities, pursuant to Sections 110-301 and 110-402.HH of the Township's Zoning Ordinance, and describes the use as a museum including a unique collection of Allied WW2 military tanks, self-propelled guns, tankettes, halftracks, armored cars, personnel carriers, field/anti-tank/anti-aircraft artillery, gun tractors, trucks, jeeps, staff cars, motorcycles, small arms, uniforms and related militaria with a special emphasis on the Polish Armed Forces 1935-45. Applicants also propose holding outdoor events and will agree as a condition of approval to submit undated plans for such future outdoor events addressing any revision to the site plan or activities. The Property is located in the Township's Agricultural Conservation ("AC") Zoning District.

The applicant started the hearing by delivering to the Board of Supervisors a new review/response document in response to the ZO's letter. Discussion focused around parking requirements. The applicant stated only 24 parking spaces were needed due to the number of visitors that would be at the site at any given time and not the 114 spaces as outlined by the ordinance. The Board voiced concerns that this number was not based on verifiable data, nor was it reviewed by an Engineer. The Board also addressed the approval of a museum's gift shop, and discussed if the ordinance allowed for retail. Also discussed was a traffic study and weight of transportation trucks. Concerns about the septic system's capacity were raised, including if septic clean out sites could be located within a parking space, the Board confirmed the need of input from the township's sewage enforcement officer. The board ended the hearing stating that they would convene an executive session, following the regular meeting, to deliberate, and will announce the decision at a subsequent meeting.

Regular Meeting Convened: 7:12 p.m.

Chairman Comments: Chair Demas thanked everyone for attending and expressed appreciation for their involvement in local government. She reminded attendees to sign in and noted that there is a separate sign-in sheet for the Conditional Use Hearing, which is necessary for accurate attendance records. She announced that Mount Joy has been selected as one of six precincts to pilot a new electronic check-in system for voting. Chair Demas also reminded everyone about Community Donation Day, scheduled for April 26. As public comment began, Chair Demas asked

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everyone to engage with civility and respect, directing comments to the board rather than individuals or the audience.

Public Comment: Chad Yingling, Hoffman Home Road, addressed the Board as a resident of Mt. Joy Township. Mr. Yingling raised concerns about ethical and procedural misconduct related to a hearing challenging the candidacy of Mr. Dave Williams for township supervisor. He identified several issues involving township officials he felt were unethical and eroded public trust.

Jen Yingling, Hoffman Home Road criticized unethical behavior by township officials, including surveillance, misuse of confidential records, and political interference. She called for accountability, transparency, and a third-party ethics review.

Dave Williams, Baltimore Pike, a Mt. Joy resident and supervisor candidate, spoke about a culture of retaliation, secrecy, and misuse of power within the township.

Mike Gearhart, Hoffman Home Rd., a Mt. Joy resident and former township supervisor and candidate for supervisor. He emphasized the difficult, often thankless role of township supervisors, stating decisions will always face opposition.

Angie McCauslin, Plunkert Rd., criticized Dave Williams referencing his past support for a controversial solar project and claimed he has spread misinformation. Ms. McCauslin also called for Supervisor Yingling's resignation, citing poor leadership and lack of training.

Debbie Williams, wife of Dave Williams, spoke in defense of her husband against recent accusations, and hopes he is elected.

OMNIBUS MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING:

Motion included acceptance of the following reports: BOS Regular Meeting Minutes, March 20, 2025, BOS Workshop Meeting, March 27, 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 Mazer moved, seconded by Supervisor Yerger, to approve the Omnibus Motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Pay Increase for CDL License:** Supervisor Mazer moved, seconded by Supervisor Yerger, to approve a \$2.00/hr. pay increase for Cody Huffman. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Settlement of Mt. Joy Twp. v. AAR Plastics:** Attorney Wakefield's recommendation was to table this item to be discussed in Executive Session because this is related to ongoing litigation. The deliberation will be held and the final decision will be voted in an upcoming public meeting.

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- **Approval of Fire Department Agreement Edits:** Supervisor McCauslin moved, seconded by Supervisor Yingling, to approve the edits to the Fire Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Discussion on Mowers (SUP Yingling):** Supervisor Yingling requested this discussion be tabled.
- **Purchase of Trailer:** Supervisor Yingling moved, seconded by Supervisor McCauslin, to approve the purchase of a Sure-Trac tilt bed equipment trailer in the amount of \$8,595.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Prior to adjourning the meeting Chair Demas announced the May regular meeting will be moved to the 4th Thursday of May (May 22nd), in order to allow the office to get ready for the election and set up and testing of this new system She also announced the office will be closed on Friday (April 18th) in observance of Good Friday.

Adjournment: With no further business to be discussed by the Board, Supervisor Yerger moved, seconded by Supervisor McCauslin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The Meeting adjourned 8:12 p.m.

Executive Session: Started at 8:15 p.m., ended at 8:57 p.m. Topics discussed: Litigation – Mt. Joy Twp. v. AAR Plastics and the Wheels of Liberation, Inc., Conditional Use Deliberation.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Moyer
Township Secretary