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“For Immediate Release”

Mount Joy Township, Adams County PA – During Public Comment at the April 17, 2025 meeting of the Township Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Chad Yingling spoke and introduced a binder of materials containing allegations against various Township elected and appointed officials. Those officials included "Supervisors Christine Demas and Todd McCauslin, and Zoning Hearing Board member Deborah Hilling. Mr. Yingling provided a copy of these materials to the “*Gettysburg Times*”.

Mr. Yingling’s complaints did not relate to and were not brought by any Township employee. Nevertheless, his allegations invoked provisions of the Township’s Personnel Manual and other provisions of law including the Pennsylvania Ethics Act. As Mr. Yingling requested, the Township’s Solicitor conducted a good faith review of Mr. Yingling’s documentation, public comments, and assertions.

Upon completing that review, the Solicitor provided all members of the Board of Supervisors with a memorandum analyzing the claims. That memo is privileged. But, due to the well-publicized nature of the allegations, the Township desires to inform citizens about the conclusions of the Solicitor’s reporting. Specifically, upon analyzing Mr. Yingling’s contentions, as presented, the Solicitor determined that: 1. the named officials did not engage in conduct violating the Personnel Manual or the Pennsylvania Ethics Act., 2. the public officials were not subject to the Personnel Manual, and 3. the public officials did not otherwise engage in conduct amounting to a conflict of interest. The Solicitor has advised the Township that no further action needs to be taken on these claims.