

March 10, 1999

The Mount Joy Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 10, 1997, at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building located at 902 Hoffman Home Road. All members were present.

The minutes of the last regular monthly meeting, February 10, 1997, were approved as read.

The Treasurer's Report for February and the Bills to be Paid for February, as well as Bills to be paid for March, to date, were approved by motion of Dayhoff, 2nd by Long, with the except of a proposed \$1,000 donation to Adams County Library. Due to the donation set aside by the Adams County Commissioners as a donation to the library (½ mil tax) Long made a motion to eliminate this donation from the Township; 2nd by Dayhoff. Both motions carried.

Long moved to suspend the usual rules of sequence for the meeting to accommodate people who are here waiting to be heard on various matters.

Zoning Hearing Board Vacancy (Alternate) - Due to the death of Dawson Harner, the position of alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board is vacant. Long moved to appoint William J. Chantelau to this position. 2nd by Beebe, carried.

Office/Meeting Room Expansion - Gary Shaffer was present to give a progress report on bid documents to expand the office and building meeting room. The bid documents are about 90% complete. Specs are being finalized and he has requested the prevailing wage rates. He expressed appreciation to the Board for its patience. Long says some grant money may be available for this expansion, but not until after June. Drawings will be available before the next Supervisors' meeting.

Township Auditors' Report - Marcia Brown was present with the report from the Township Auditors. She noted that the recommendations made by the outside auditing firm have been incorporated. It is the opinion of the Township auditors that the secretary's work load is too great; they recommend increasing hours or hiring another employee.

Horse Crossing Signs - Bonnie Hamilton of 506 Plunkert Road was present seeking permission to place horse crossing signs in the vicinity of her property. She must move five horses across the road. There are no shoulders on the road, and the gate is right "on" the road. Motion by Dayhoff to turn this over to the roadmaster, 2nd by Beebe, carried.

Bids- Bids will be put out for stones and road oil in the same quantities as last year.

Subdivisions:

Jeff/Kenneth Miller -Lot #2A will got to Lot 1 as a lot addition and Lot 1A will go to 2. There was a question as to whether a pan-handle lot is being created. It is Jeff Miller's intent that it all be one lot. Motion by Dayhoff to approve, 2nd by Beebe, carried.

Road Report:

There are some pot holes needing fixed, some have been fixed. The tree on Updyke Road has been removed. It was cut too short. In response to a letter to Pennington, he will chop the brush and remove debris from creek. The stump must come out before the bridge can be repaired. Long and Beebe feel the bridge should be replace and that the two Townships should get together and decide what to do. Beebe will set up a meeting.

Correspondence - Mrs. Creswell of ACEDC has asked for time on the agenda at an upcoming meeting.

Rodney Wolf letter - This letter requested that roads with school buses on them be cleared first such as White Church, Solomon, Gulden, etc. Beebe feels the problem occurred when the drive shaft broke in the truck only 45 minutes into plowing. When contacted, Pat Flinn expressed concern about the intersections not being

pushed. Beebe says it takes about 4-4 ½ hours to remove the snow if the intersections are not pushed back; five or six if they are. Motion by Beebe to purchase 7: hydraulic adjustable plow for the pickup. Long inquired about the cost. Dayhoff doesn't feel that the half-ton truck is big enough to carry a plow. Long suggested finding out the cost and talking about this at the next meeting, and also if it is practical to put it on the existing truck. Dayhoff also suggests tabling this until next month.

Old Business:

Process to obtain zoning compliance when ordinance is violated - Long drafted a resolution concerning this. Motion by Dayhoff to turn this over to Atty. Heiser for his opinion before the next meeting. 2nd by Dayhoff, carried.

GPU Resolutions - Long made a motion to adopt the resolutions for street lights along Rt. 134; 2nd by Beebe, carried.

Weed Eater - Beebe withdrew his request for a weed eater and would like to get a pressure washer instead. Salt is eating up the trucks. The old pipes and some dirt were sold totaling \$417. Beebe feels a decent pressure washer can be obtained for \$6-700. He will look into this until next month.

Cellular Phone - The school board coordinator did not request that the Township get one, just suggested it. A bag phone can be obtained for \$.01 if a contract for a year is signed at approximately \$17/mo. This would not benefit the Township a lot, but sometimes concrete, etc. has to be ordered and this could be done from the job site. Motion by Long to buy, 2nd by Dayhoff, carried.

Computers - Long says it is difficult to compare quotes, as everyone has their "pet" system. There is a lot of difference in monitors. The Township wants the best for the money, something that won't be outdated in six months. For the office it is recommended to purchase from Computer Works for \$2350 Windows '95, printer, two training programs and the Quick Book Acctg. Program for a total of \$3230. Following some discussion from the floor, Long made a motion to buy as recommended, 2nd by Dayhoff, carried.

For the zoning Enforcement Office Computer, designed to run a mapping program, it was recommended to purchase from Computer Works for \$3320, a printer for \$300 and a program for \$1195, totaling \$4815. The program is expensive because there is no competitor. Ron Bower says the county is digitizing every property in Adams County. The Zoning Officer could use to prove non-conforming status, locations of properties, wetlands, etc. It would be possible to tie into the County through Internet. The courthouse will make individual municipal data available. This would save money when setting lists of property owners for zoning hearings. It would be a time save and the cost would be recovered over a period of time. Bower has been toting his own computer to work. Motion by Long to purchase as recommended, 2nd by Dayhoff, carried.

New Business:

Attorney Access Policy - Long says when everybody decides they have access to the attorney, a large bill could get run up; feels that no one should contact the attorney before letting the others know. Bower questioned where this leaves him; sometimes answers are needed quickly. Beebe says Bower should be exempted. Long thinks this would be appropriate; Bower has a job to do and is professional. Dayhoff asked that since the Planning Commission looks at plans before the supervisors, why can't one of them contact an attorney, the hands of the Zoning Hearing Board or the Planning Commission should be tied. Motion by Long to adopt the attorney access policy, 2nd by Beebe. Beebe and Long in favor, Dayhoff opposed, motion carried.

Truck Use Policy - Equipment, including the pickup, is for the use of the Township. When going to meetings, seminars, etc., use own vehicle and collect mileage. All equipment, including the pickup truck is for Township business and should be in the shed for emergency use if needed. Long stated that when he and Dayhoff went out in the pickup, it was for Township business. Beebe makes allowances for this. Motion to adopt the truck use policy by Beebe, 2nd by Long, carried.

Policy to get on the Agenda - Any person wanting on the agenda should give his/her name and the reason they are requesting to be put on the agenda. Beebe moved that persons desiring to be on the agenda contact the office by Thursday before the Monday meeting, stating name and reason. 2nd by Long, carried.

Dayhoff requested that a list of policies be filed or posted in the office.

Site visits by the Building Permit Officer - Bower thinks it's a good idea to verify setbacks. Beebe read a resolution outlining site visits. Motion to accept this resolution as policy by Long, 2nd by Beebe. Carried.

Pay for Zoning Hearing Board Members - Motion by Beebe to pay \$50.00 per meeting, 2nd by Long, carried.

Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Books - When new books are printed, the new codification books will be used.

Extra Money for Fire Companies - We depend on these volunteers. Dayhoff suggest giving an additional \$20,000 to be divided among the (4) fire companies. Beebe suggests \$15,000. The Township has the money but doesn't have to give any. Long made a motion to give an additional \$15,000, 2nd by Dayhoff, carried.

Petty Cash Fund - Motion to adopt a resolution to create a petty cash fund by Long, 2nd by Dayhoff, carried.

Bill Payment Policy - Sometimes it is necessary to write a check to pay a bill before the next public meeting; for example utility bills, employees' pay checks, etc. Marcia Brown (auditor) will draft a policy for this.

Date for Conditional Use Hearing (Boyle project) - Guidelines have changed; there is now less time to work within. Long feels the Lake Heritage Club house should be used for the meeting. Dayhoff feels the Hoffman Home building should be used in case there is a problem with the decision. Beebe feels that if the Lake Heritage building is used, it might help to resolve the 'them and us' conflict. Dayhoff feels that people have a legitimate concern with the meeting being at Lake Heritage. If the meeting is held on their private property, it could leave loopholes for lawyers. Long moved that the meeting for conditional use be held at the Lake Heritage Community Center on April 14, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. 2nd by Beebe. Long and Beebe in favor, Dayhoff opposed; motion carried.

Bank of Hanover Index Fund - Beebe is not familiar with this. It has to do with investing funds based on Treasury Bills; the interest rises and falls accordingly. Beebe moves that this be tabled until speaking with a financial advisors. 2nd by Dayhoff, carried.

Public Comments:

Marcia Brown - Questioned that if the computers total over \$4,000 would this be a problem. Dayhoff thinks that if two different contracts are written, it will probably be OK, but will check with PSATS.

Dave Mehring - Barlow Fire Company needs the box cards signed by the supervisors.

Eileen Holmes - Asked how Beebe can be contacted when he is on the road, and if equipment breaks down, is it fixed locally or can a piece be borrowed from another township. Beebe says he can't be contacted now.

Earnest Long - Says there are tire dump sites on the old Davies property. Beebe says if there are 1,000 or more, DEP or someone can help with the problem. Long further says that prior to the public hearing, Schmoyer is willing to meet with the supervisors. Long would like to buy some additional filing cabinets and would like to consider sharing loans and grants to share equipment (Germany Mount Pleasant, Mount Joy). He also thinks the Township should pursue paying Planning Commission Board members.

Motion to adjourn at 9:40.

Respectfully submitted by Bonnie L. Koontz, secretary.