

Minutes of the March 8, 2005 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Waybright. Present were all Supervisors, Flo McLeish, Carol Merryman, Chief Sease, Mike Galassi, Tamara Doerhing and reporters from THE GETTYSBURG TIMES and EVENING SUN. The meeting was tape recorded.

Mr. Gregor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shealer and carried, to approve the Minutes of the February 22, 2005 meeting, as written.

No visitors addressed the Board.

Chief Sease presented a written and oral report of police activities for the month of February including: 157 complaints, 105 arrest and 15 incidents. He also reported that he has revised the proposed amendment to the Traffic Ordinance for a speed limit revision on Herr's Ridge Road and asked that it be advertised for adoption at the April 12, 2005 meeting.

Chairman Waybright reported that two hearings have been held on the Rule to Show Cause for Dean Thomas, regarding a building that he owns at 15 Willoughby Run Road that has partially collapsed. He added that two Supervisors were absent from the second hearing and they will not be voting on this issue. **Mr. Shealer made a motion, based on information received at the hearing and from Mr. Thomas, that the building located at 15 Willoughby Run Road be demolished or safely removed within 60 days, seconded by Mr. Gregor and carried.** The sixty days will start on March 9, 2005 and Mr. Thomas can appeal the decision to the County Court.

Chairman Waybright reported that William and Karin Palmer filed an application for conditional use approval to operate a Bed and Breakfast at their residence at 1361 Mummasburg Road. He added that the hearing was held on February 15, 2005 and the transcript from the hearing has been received. Mr. Gregor stated that he has concerns about the parking, septic system and well. He added that he feels that the township could work with the Palmers on the parking and ask for a certification for the septic system and well. Mr. Shealer noted that he spoke to Mr. Bower, Zoning Officer, and there are parking requirements that will have to be met. **Mr. Gregor made a motion to approve the Palmer application for conditional use approval for a Bed and Breakfast with the following conditions: parking requirements must be met (to the satisfaction of the Zoning Officer), certification of the adequacy of the septic system, and certification of the well, if possible, seconded by Mr. Weikert and carried. Mr. Bowling abstained.**

Chairman Waybright reported that the township received a request to change the Zoning Map from Robert Sharrah, on behalf of Clyde Bachert and S & A Homes, for three parcels (one of which has now been withdrawn) around the Gettysburg Airport. The request is for a 7-acre parcel, owned by S & A Homes, to be changed from AIR to MX and a 7.7 acre parcel, owned by Clyde Bachert, to be changed from MX to AIR. Chairman Waybright added that a hearing has been held on the request, the transcript has been received and the County and Township Planning Commissions have provided comments on the request. Mr. Gregor reported that he feels that since what the Planning Commissions reviewed included three parcels, one of which has been withdrawn, in his mind, it throws a different complexion on the two remaining requests. He added that the Board does not have an updated recommendation from either Commission on the revised request and he would not feel comfortable making a decision based on that. **Mr. Gregor made a motion to deny the request for a Zoning Map update, seconded by Mr. Weikert and carried.** The Board asked Ms. McLeish to check with the township's solicitor to see if the township is required to give them a written decision.

Chairman Waybright also reported that a Stormwater Management Survey has been received from the Adams County Conservation District regarding services that they may be able to provide in conjunction with complying with and implementing the Monocacy River Stormwater Management Plan, and the post stormwater management requirements of the NPDES Phase II permit. Ms. McLeish added that the District would provide the services for a fee and some municipalities may prefer to use their engineer. The Board indicated that they

are favorable to questions 1 thru 3 and Mr. Weikert volunteered to serve on a Stormwater Advisory Committee, question 4.

Mr. Weikert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gregor and carried, to exonerate J. P. Harris for per capita taxes, in the amount of \$11.00.

Ms. McLeish reported that she had been approached by Tom Clowney regarding a donation to the Endowment Fund for the Adams County Agricultural and Natural Resources Center to purchase the property from Adams County. The Board agreed that they would like to consider this during budget preparation for 2006 and they asked to have a presentation from someone that could answer any questions that come up.

Ms. McLeish reported that she has been working with the Authority on the Patriots Choice and NPS Visitor's Center lift station agreements. She added that there are still some issues with Patriots Choice and the Visitor's Center agreement is being revised, and provided that happens, she will be attending the Authority's meeting on Monday night to assist them with their review of the agreement. She also reported that there will be a kick-off meeting for the Act 209 on March 17, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. and she invited the Supervisors to attend. She also reported that she has been receiving a lot of calls from other townships who are also interested in doing Act 209 studies. She reported that she has the updated Personnel Manual 85% complete, and will have a draft for the Supervisors to review after she attends the PELRAS Seminar in April. Lastly, she reminded the Board that there is a Visioning Meeting scheduled for March 29, 2005.

Mrs. Merryman presented a Management Representation Letter for the Manger and Chairman to sign in conjunction with the 2004 Audit. Ms. McLeish suggested that the auditor could come and present the audit and answer any questions. The Board was in favor of the auditor attending a meeting to present the audit.

Mr. Weikert reported that he and Ms. McLeish attended a meeting with Adelphia regarding the franchise renewal and some of the things they are trying to get Adelphia to provide in the agreement are: senior citizen discount, basic tier and auditing (just to mention a few) and he felt that there is a good chance of getting some of these things in the agreement.

Mr. Bowling explained that he had been asked to attend a meeting at Attorney Heiser's office last Thursday night, and at that meeting, he had been asked by the other four Board members to resign. He expressed his concern about the township's spending and taxes, and after some discussion, Mr. Bowling resigned from his position as Supervisor, effective immediately. **Mr. Shealer made a motion to accept Mr. Bowling's resignation, seconded by Mr. Gregor and carried.**

The bills were paid. Expenditures for this meeting totaled \$65,321.08 from the General Fund and \$338.50 from the Park and Rec Fund.

Mr. Shealer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gregor and carried, to approve the bills as signed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m. by motion of Mr. Shealer, seconded by Mr. Gregor and carried.

Carol A. Merryman, Asst. Secretary

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