

The Board of Supervisors met at the Township Office Building for their regular meeting on April 3, 2025, 7:30PM with Lowell Fry, Mark Erb & Randy Fox present. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the March 6th Meeting were distributed. **Mr. Erb made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented; second by Mr. Fox. All voted in favor.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Mount Joy Fire Department

Brett Hamm of the Fire Department Mount Joy reported on the quarter December 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025. There were 148 incidents (37 in Rapho) with the total time in service at 130 hours and 20 minutes. The average manpower per incident was 8.8 members per call. The department ended 2024 with a total of 565 calls for the year. When asked about the increase in the incident number so far in 2025, Mr. Hamm said there have been a number of brush fires but he is not sure why the call volume is up. Mr. Hamm also updated the Board on some pieces of their apparatus.

CONDITIONAL USE HEARING #2025-52 JAY AND CAROL MYLIN 1592 OLD LINE ROAD

Jay L. and Carol J. Mylin are seeking to permit a commercial dairy/microbiology laboratory use as an Agricultural Related Business on property located at 1592 Old Line Road in Rapho Township, Tax Parcel #540-35901-0-0000 in the Agricultural Zone. The application is submitted under Section 301.B.2.a.(3) of the Rapho Township Zoning Ordinance.

After reviewing the process of a Conditional Use Hearing, Mr. Fry asked if there was anyone present who wanted to become a party to the hearing. There was no one who wanted to be a party to the hearing. Mr. Fry called the hearing to order.

Township Manager Randall Wenger reported that he had advertised the hearing on March 18 and 25 in the Lancaster Newspapers. He also posted the property on March 11.

The applicant's attorney **Robin White** of Gibbel Kraybill & Hess introduced the applicants, **Jay and Carol Mylin**. She reviewed the application and the property along with the history of the business, Lancaster DHIA, that is currently occupying a building on the property. Mr. and Mrs. Mylin are intending to sell the property and want to confirm the use. Mr. Mylin was one of the founders of Lancaster DHIA and currently leases the building to them. He continues to work there as a part time employee. The current hours of operation are Monday through Friday 6 a.m. through 5 p.m. All the activities for Lancaster DHIA occur within the building they currently lease. There are 25 parking spaces, which is adequate. Disposal of waste along with screening was discussed and is sufficient. Ms. White said the applicant is agreeable to all the conditions stated in the Rettew letter dated February 24, 2025 and revised March 4, 2025. Mr. Fry asked if the residential house will continue to be a residential house and the answer was yes it will. Mr. Wenger reported the Planning Commission recommends approval. He said the staff feels this is the best fit for an ag related business. There were no questions or comments from the audience. Mr. Erb said he feels Lancaster DHIA is a great asset to the community and the dairy farming industry.

Mr. Fox made a motion to close the hearing; second by Mr. Erb. All voted in favor. Mr. Fox made a motion to approve the Jay L. and Carol J. Mylin Conditional Use Application 2025-52 for property located at 1592 Old Line Road subject to addressing the comments and subject to the conditions 1- 10 set forth in the RETTEW letter dated February 24, 2025 and revised March 4, 2025; second by Mr. Erb. All voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Keith McMinn Director of Life Lion at Penn State Health and **Dr. Michael Reihart** an Emergency Medicine Physician and EMS Medical Director work together in the physician and administrator role to deliver EMS in this area. Dr. Rehart is also regional medical director and chairman of the state advisory board. Mr. McMinn addressed the Board sharing the improvements that have been made since last fall. Pay raises have been received by the staff, 8 additional staff have been added in Lancaster County and efforts have been made to keep the 911 trucks in the community by contracting others for non-emergency services. He reminded all that there are many citizens that need transportation home from the hospital. Mr. McMinn said the volume of call rates in this area has increased. A second ambulance in Manheim has been added on a trial basis. He said they continue to want to serve this area as an extension of their hospitals. He said mutual aid is a regional and state problem, not just a local problem. Dr. Rehart said it is difficult to predict what is best for the community and he feels they are showing their willingness to add additional services because at the end of the day they want to do what is best for Rapho Township. Mr. Fry said he appreciates their willingness to address problems and their attempt to make them right. Mr. McMinn discussed how mutual aid works, taking the ambulance out of the township at times and how the ambulance from a neighboring community sometimes need to come into our area for calls.

Ken Hameloth, President of the Manheim Library's Board of Directors told the Board that the move to Pleasant View is progressing well. He feels with the move the library will get more use from Rapho Township residents. He asked the Board to discuss appointing 2 township residents to the library board. There was discussion with the Board of Supervisors on how the library and the organization is being run and what future involvement by Rapho Township's Board of Supervisors may look like.

Jason Moyer of 2930 Zink Road thanked the Board for adopting a speed limit for Zink Road and placing the signs. He also appreciated the tree trimming that was done along Zink Road. He asked if the Board would consider amending the Zoning Ordinance to allow ground mount solar panels. Currently solar panels are allowed only on roofs. Township Engineer Jim Caldwell told Mr. Moyer that he could present the Board with language that he feels would be better suited for placement of solar panels.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Erb asked the Township Engineer what can be done with the vacant building located at 608 Fairview Road. Mr. Caldwell said any ag use that is allowed by right in the Agricultural Zone or a use that was granted a Special Exemption by the Zoning Hearing Board for this property can move into the vacant building.

PLANNING

Daniel Siegrist

1217 Lebanon Road

Stormwater management Plan, RT#25-468

Nolt Engineering

Tim Nolt of Nolt Engineering reviewed the plan with the Board. Mr. Caldwell said he sees no design issue with this plan. **Mr. Erb made a motion to grant conditional approval to the Daniel Siegrist Stormwater Management Plan #25-468 for 1217 Lebanon Road, subject to the applicant addressing the comments in the RETTEW letter dated March 4, 2025 to the satisfaction of the Township and to authorize the appropriate Township officials to execute the related plans and documents following review by the Township Solicitor and/or Engineer; second by Mr. Fox. All voted in favor.**

William and Janice Longenecker
34 Oakwood Lane
Stormwater Management Plan, RT#25-469
Nolt Engineering

Tim Nolt of Nolt Engineering reviewed the plan with the Board. Mr. Caldwell has no objections to the plan. **Mr. Erb made a motion to grant conditional approval for the William and Janice Longenecker Stormwater Management Plan #25-469 for 34 Oakwood Lane, subject to the applicant addressing the comments in the RETTEW letter dated March 31, 2025 to the satisfaction of the Township and to authorize the appropriate Township officials to execute the related plans and documents following review by the Township Solicitor and/or Engineer; second by Mr. Fox. All voted in favor.**

Mr. Erb made a motion to accept the Zoning Officer's March Report; second by Mr. Fox. All voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Fox made a motion to schedule the Philip Nolt Conditional Use Application 2025-53 Hearing for May 1, 2025 at the regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting at 7:30 p.m.; second by Mr. Erb. All voted in favor.

Mr. Erb made a motion to approve Rapho Township Resolution 2025-7 Restating Qualified Retirement Plan; second by Mr. Fox. All voted in favor.

Mr. Fox made a motion to approve the sale of a 2000 Mack RD688S Dump Truck Vin#1M2P270C0YM053339 at www.Municibid.com with a starting bid of \$10,000 and with the auction ending at 12:00 noon on April 21, 2025; second by Mr. Erb. All voted in favor.

Mr. Erb made a motion to approve the request for Mastersonville Special Fire Police to assist with security, traffic and crowd control for the Manheim VFW Post # 5956 Memorial Day Parade on May 26, 2025 from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and the Make A Wish Convoy Carnival on May 10, 2025 from approximately 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m; second by Mr. Fox. All voted in favor.

Mr. Erb made a motion approve Kinsley Properties additional water and sewer capacity request for the purchase of two water and one sewer EDUs for property located at 1010 Cornerstone Drive, and authorize the Township Manager to notify the Mount Joy Borough Authority of the allocation; second by Mr. fox. All voted in favor.

Mr. Fox made a motion to approve Peck Holding/ Glick Woodworks capacity request for the purchase of one water and one sewer EDU for property located at 55 Maibach Lane and authorize the Township Manager to notify the Mount Joy Borough Authority of the allocation; second by Mr. Erb. All voted in favor.

Mr. Erb made a motion to approve KPA RE LLC/Dunkin capacity request for the purchase of three water and three sewer EDU of capacity for property located 1500 E. Main Street and authorize the Township Manager to notify the Mount Joy Borough Authority of the allocation; second by Mr. Fox. All voted in favor.

The Tax Collector's March Report was distributed and reviewed.

The Earned Income Tax Collections March Report was distributed and reviewed.

CORRESPONDENCE

High Foundation – Final Report from Housing Affordability Workshops

Ag Preserve Board – Notification of Recorded Deed of Easement – 206 Newcomer Rd – Robert/Joanne Heller & Rodney/Joyce Hershey

Milano - Schock Library - March 2025 Newsletter

Spring 2025 Newsletter – Mastersonville Fire Company

Lancaster County Board of Assessment Appeals – Notification of approval of continued exemption request – Rapho Township Parcel.

Letter from a Rapho Twp resident willing to serve on the Manheim Community Library Board

Mount Joy Borough Spring/Summer 2025 Newsletter

Mr. Wenger asked the Board if he should put appointments to the Manheim Library Board on the agenda for the next meeting. The Board has decided not to appoint any Manheim Community Library Board members at this time.

APPROVAL OF THE DISBURSEMENT LIST FROM 03/07/2025 – 03/20/2025

APPROVAL OF THE DISBURSEMENT LIST FROM 03/20/2025 – 04/03/2025

Mr. Fox made a motion to approve the disbursement list for 3/7/2025 to 3/20/2025 and for 3/20/2025 to 4/3/2025 and note that checks for both lists are being signed this evening; second by Mr. Erb. All voted in favor.

Approval of the Fire Capital Fund Transfer In The Amount of \$89,733.02 - Mr. Erb made a motion to approve the transfer of \$89,733.02 from the General Fund to the Fire Capital Fund; second by Mr. Fox. All voted in favor.

There being no further public business or public comments, the Board entered into an executive session to discuss real estate.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melva J. Kready
Recording Secretary