

**Minutes of the Special Emergency Board of Supervisors Meeting
January 14, 2010**

At 1:06 p.m., Vice Chairman Underwood called the Special Emergency Board Meeting to order. Present were the following Supervisors: Debi Golden and Tom Shealer; Flo Ford, Chief Don Boehs, and Bill Naugle.

Mrs. Underwood explained the reason of the meeting was to discuss the conditions of the Gettysburg Inn located on 1980 Biglerville Road. She asked Bill Naugle, Zoning Officer/Building Inspector to present his findings to the Board.

Mr. Naugle opened that he received a letter from Allen Baldwin, Gettysburg Fire Department Chief of the conditions he witnessed while he was answering an emergency call on Saturday December 26, 2009. The emergency call came from a resident in one of the units at the motel. During their inspection they found that there was ¼" of water in the living room. It was determined that water was running into the building from sumps in the far basement. While the department was removing the water they noted several potential life safety issues (a copy of the letter is included in the minutes). The letter closed with "I have serious Life Safety concerns for this structure and its occupants."

In a memo to the Board of Supervisors dated January 14, 2010, Mr. Naugle indicated that he was aware that Met Ed has plans to shut the power off to the building on Monday, January 18, 2010. He also reported that Child Protective Services had removed all the children and the mother from the property due to unsanitary conditions. Under our Ordinances, Mr. Naugle has determined that the Gettysburg Inn is a dangerous structure under our definition of Section 4-103© and 4-103 (1) of our Ordinances.

The Township does not have a building maintenance code, but, our solicitor, Melissa Dively of Salzmann Hughes, agreed with Mr. Naugle's interpretation that we could use Section 4-110 Emergency Cases to issue a "Vacate Order" as a means of protecting the residents of the Township and the Gettysburg Inn.

Mr. Naugle is requesting that the Board move to authorize Mr. Naugle to issue a Vacate Order for the Gettysburg Inn, until proper repairs under the IRC code are made.

Chief Boehs told the Board that the County had notified him that they were transporting the residents tomorrow to undergo decontamination of the bugs that are present in the Inn. There are bed bug and roach infestation in many of the units.

Ms. Ford recommended that the Board authorize Mr. Naugle to execute the vacate order.

There was brief discussion on "next steps." Mr. Naugle was advised to work with Melissa Dively on the procedure.

Mrs. Golden moved that the Board authorize Mr. Naugle to issue the Vacate Order effective on January 15, 2010. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shealer. All aye.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m. by motion of Mrs. Golden seconded by Mr. Shealer and carried.

Carol A. Merryman, Asst. Secretary

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