

August 3, 2009

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on Monday, August 3, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at the Strasburg Township Municipal Building, 400 Bunker Hill Road. Present were Peggy Dearolf, Kenneth Meck, and Thomas Willig.

Public comment was invited. There was none.

On a motion by Dearolf/Meck, the minutes of the regular meeting of July 6, 2009 were unanimously approved as submitted.

Donnie Rineer, Refton Community Fire Company (RCFC) chief, to present the annual report and receive their donation. Rineer reported a total of 72 calls so far this year with vehicle accidents, fire police and tanker calls making up the majority; they had two hazmat calls and noted they are on the Decon Strike Team for the County; the ladies auxiliary is doing well; the annual sale was a success and grows every year; they had a boiler failure and a member donated the parts and labor to repair it; the Quality Stone burn pit was used for a training exercise. Willig asked if the RCFC was still interested in a pull-off or dry hydrant at the Township Park property to fill their tanker. Rineer responded yes and noted Willow Street and Lampeter would be interested in using it also. There is a safety advantage to being able to avoid parking on the bridge with a pull off though a dry hydrant would be the cheaper option. Meck noted the west side of the bridge should be stable enough for a pull off. Rineer reported the Fire Company has gotten quotes on paving the area around the fire house and Quality Stone has expressed interest in chipping in because they use part of the parking lot for a truck turnaround. The issue of the lane going out to Main Street was touched upon. There is no easement or right of way guaranteeing the RCFC access. As it is owned privately, there is a problem and the Township has no authority. Rineer received the Township donation of \$21,500.00.

The public hearing for Ordinance #70 amending the Strasburg Township Zoning Ordinance per the Gateway North Zone and Highway Commercial Zone was held. Doyle Heisey, Sight & Sound, and his attorney Melvin Hess were present in support of the ordinance. Comment was invited. There was none. On a motion by Dearolf/Meck, the Supervisors unanimously voted to adopt Ordinance #70.

A reduction in the amount of \$22,162.03 for Letter of Credit #09-17 for Steven Stoltzfus was requested. The Township engineer provided a letter stating the portion of work had been done to his satisfaction and approving the reduction. A balance of \$2,750.00 will be retained. On a motion by Meck/Dearolf, the Supervisors unanimously voted to approve the reduction.

Dearolf and the secretary provided the Board with an update on a health insurance presentation they had attended at the Colerain Township building. The idea of self-funded health insurance was at the core of the presentation, but the cost analyses provided were not favorable to the Township at this time. The Supervisors will review the bylaws and inter-municipal agreement and consider joining the Southern Lancaster County Inter-municipal Council (SLCIC) at a future meeting.

At a previous meeting, a resident had asked about police coverage by the Borough. Willig spoke with Mayor Bruce Ryder and Police Chief Steve Echternach and the idea was favorably received. Chief Echternach will contact other municipal police departments that provide regional coverage to get an idea of pricing and contracts. Echternach seemed to think service could be provided on a contract or as-needed basis. The secretary was directed to contact the Township Solicitor and ask how best to proceed.

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) draft ordinance, bylaws and Borough council minutes were reviewed for comment. The Supervisors approved the changes suggested by Borough Council. The Supervisors suggest the following changes:

- In Section 4.B.2. delete the word "enrolled" so as to include home schooled teens as a Youth Member;
- Retain the bylaws to provide organizational and disciplinary details;
- Have co-chairs like the Joint Planning Commission, rather than a chair and vice-chair.

The secretary gave the Supervisors an update on the energy grant proposal through PA Conservation Works. She received information from two energy audit companies - ThermoSave and A+EI, Inc. ThermoSave offered a comprehensive grant preparation service for \$1,750-2,300.00. A+EI had offered no price. The secretary called A+EI for information and, as of the meeting, had not heard anything. Dearolf asked for references and an explanation of the price difference. As the grant application needs to be submitted by Friday, August 14, 2009, the secretary asked for permission to move forward with the energy audit and application process. On a motion by Meck/Dearolf, the Supervisors voted unanimously to approve the secretary proceed and keep them informed as to the progress.

The secretary was directed to forward an email to Dave Royer with the Lancaster County Transportation Committee asking to have the Little Beaver bridge repair project entered into consideration for federal grant money.

Kathy Rubincam, Sides Mill Road, asked about the MS Bike Race signs on poles and posts around the Township. The secretary will contact the race coordinator and ask to have them removed.

After approving payroll and liability checks in the amount of \$4,371.64 and bill payments in the amount of \$12,213.01 dated July 20, 2009; payroll and liability checks in the amount of \$4,586.16 and bill payments in the amount of \$105,873.56 dated August 3, 2009, on a motion by Dearolf/Meck, the Supervisors adjourned their meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Judith G. Willig  
Township Secretary