

October 5, 2009

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on Monday, October 5, 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 September 8, 2009 were unanimously approved as submitted.

Dan Lake, engineer, and John Glick, owner, appeared for Amish Craft and Furniture located at the intersection of Historic Drive and Hartman Bridge Road. Lake provided the Supervisors with diagrams of the property showing current and proposed entrances labeled A, B and C. Lake stated PADOT has approved widening Entrance A nearest the intersection to twenty-four feet making it easier for trucks and buses to navigate the turn and require it be "enter only". Entrance B is new and located north of Entrance A on Hartman Bridge Road. Entrance C is proposed for a stub street to be built off of Historic Drive. Glick has negotiated with the neighboring property owner to share the expense of constructing a ninety-foot extension to provide access to the rear of both properties. The Supervisors stated the Township's official map has a road reaching to the Township line along the proposed stub. They would like to see the stub reach an additional ninety feet to the line. Tom Long, former zoning officer, mentioned a prior requirement for the Brendle development to build a road to the Township line. The Supervisors asked Glick to talk to the other property owner and negotiate the additional footage. Glick mentioned the cost of extending utilities such as gas, water and sewer along the stub. The Supervisors stated there is no public water or sewer in the Township and they have no desire for Glick to extend them in the course of his project.

Len Ferber, realtor, appeared to discuss a rental management agreement for the park property. Ferber provided a list of suggested repairs for 1323 to be done in preparation of renting. Ferber recommended \$1,500 per month for rent for the house alone with a sliding scale for inclusion of the various outbuildings and pastures to be decided on a case-by-case basis. Ferber reported receiving in excess of thirty calls about the property since erecting a sign and has several showings set up for tomorrow. Details about plumbing, wells and septic were discussed and the maintenance list was divided up. Tom Long was designated as the contact person for electric and plumbing problems and Supervisor Tom Willig was designated as the contact person for all other issues. The management agreement form was reviewed and on a motion by Meck/Dearolf, the Supervisors unanimously voted to approve entering into the agreement.

Resolution 2009-9 naming the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau (LCTCB) as the Tax Collection Committee (TCC) was presented for discussion and possible adoption. On a motion by Dearolf/Meck, the Supervisors unanimously voted to approve the resolution.

The 2010 Humane League contract was revisited. The secretary reported on a conversation with the state dog warden and his ability at this time to pickup and transport stray dogs to other counties at no charge to the Township. After some discussion, on a motion by Meck/Willig, the Supervisors agreed to use the state dog warden in place of the Humane League until some other arrangement becomes necessary.

The secretary provided the Supervisors with information about a state "wayfinding system" of signs. The idea is to reduce the proliferation of directional signs to attractions by concentrating them on one sign. There is no cost to the Township, as the system is designed to be self-sustaining. After some discussion, on a motion by Meck/Dearolf, the Supervisors unanimously voted to send a letter of support to Kip van Blarcom, the LCPC coordinator for the project.

The Secretary reported on a notice of violation letter sent to Enos Zook, 1475 White Oak Road, for violations of a September Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) decision pertaining to a home business and number of horses allowed on the property. Ira Zook, son of Enos and living at the same address, had submitted and withdrawn an application for a home occupation selling solar panels and accessories to the ZHB. Ira stated at the hearing he would run the business out of another address, but asked if he could do paperwork out of the house. He was told as long as the work has no visible activity it was allowed. Following a complaint from a neighbor about the number of horses being kept on the property in excess of the three allowed by the ZHB, Zoning Officer Mark Deimler went to the property to assess the situation. There was no response at the house and upon casual inspection, Deimler noted MasterCard and Visa stickers on a door with an office sign and evidence of solar panel parts and accessories being delivered. There was evidence of five horses and a pony being housed in the barn. Enos Zook came to the Township office earlier today to speak with the Zoning Officer about settling the dispute. Zook stated the extra horses had been removed from the property and would not return. Zook and his wife were reluctant to have their son move his office into the house. Deimler stated an application for a home occupation must be received, an appeal to his decision must be filed or all evidence of the business removed within fifteen days or fines would be incurred. Deimler will inspect the property on Friday to assess what if any progress has been made.

The secretary provided the Supervisors with a draft letter to Borough of Strasburg manager Lisa Boyd requesting Strasburg Borough Council consider authorizing the mayor and police chief to negotiate police coverage for the Township. With a few revisions, the Supervisors requested the secretary send the letter to Boyd for the matter to be put on the next Borough Council agenda.

An amendment to the Highway Commercial Zone height restrictions was brought up. It had been shuffled off of the active list and the secretary asked the Supervisors if they wished to move forward with it. After review and discussion, the Supervisors asked the secretary to forward it to the Township Solicitor for finalization and advertisement of a public hearing.

The Roadmaster has requested the Supervisors provide him with a dollar amount from the 2010 budget for his use. The draft budget was reviewed and discussion continued to the November 2 meeting.

The Sewage Enforcement Officer reports four perc and probe tests and five inspections performed and two permits issued with receipts in the amount of \$530.00. He also reports a system malfunction at 415 Bunker Hill Road.

The Zoning Officer reports six permits issued with receipts in the amount of \$1,019.20.

There will not be a second meeting held on Monday October 19, 2009 due to a lack of quorum.

After approving payroll and liability checks in the amount of \$6,346.13 dated September 28, 2009, and bill payments in the amount of \$15,668.48 dated October 5, 2009, on a motion by Dearolf/Meck, the Supervisors adjourned their meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Judith G. Willig
Township Secretary