

December 7, 2009

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on Monday, December 7, 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. Kathy Rubincam, 155 Sides Mill Road, registered a complaint about junk cars at a property located at 415 Bunker Hill Road.

On a motion by Meck/Willig, the minutes of the regular meeting of November 16, 2009 were unanimously approved as submitted.

Len Ferber, Realtor, appeared with the David Fisher lot add-on mylars for a property located at 948 Strasburg Pike. On a motion by Dearolf/Meck, the Supervisors unanimously voted to approve the secretary sign the mylars.

Borough of Strasburg Mayor Bruce Ryder appeared to present information per a proposed agreement between the Borough and Township for police coverage. He provided a copy of a draft intermunicipal agreement outlining the coverage. If all goes as planned, the agreement can be in place by March 2010. The proposed coverage includes twelve hours per month for targeted traffic enforcement. Preliminary road reviews and traffic counts will need to be completed before the Borough police can begin. Chairman Willig will coordinate with Police Chief Echternach to assign roads for the studies. The contract will renew monthly with an estimated annual cost of approximately \$5,400.00. Ryder recommended the Township Solicitor review the draft agreement and approve it for adoption by ordinance by the Borough and Township. On a separate issue, Ryder noted the section of Georgetown Road from the "Y" to the dogleg is now a Township road. PADOT removed all speed signs from the section. Ryder recommended the Roadmaster coordinate with Chief Echternach to assess signage and have it added to the Township's traffic ordinance.

Caroline Morton, Planning Commission (PC) Chair, appeared to provide an update on PC and Joint PC (JtPC) activity. The Township PC is ready to begin work on a proposed Railroad District. To that end, representatives of the Strasburg Railroad (SRR), Railroad Museum of PA (RRM) and the LCPC will attend the December 14, 2009 PC meeting to discuss how best to proceed. Morton reported on a meeting she had with Scott Wails, LCPC, where he suggested the Township require the SRR and RRM use a master plan as a template for their future development. The plans would be submitted to the PC and Supervisors for review and approval. Any changes to approved master plans would need subsequent review and approval. This would relieve the SRR and RRM of the frequent need for special exception hearings as almost everything they do is not provided for by zoning. The SRR and RRM would pay to have their plans and a text amendment to the zoning ordinance prepared. The JtPC is wrapping up their work on the official map and hope to have it ready for Township and Borough review in February 2010. The JtPC wishes to stress the idea of forming an Environmental Advisory Council in the Township. There are several Township residents who have expressed an interest in serving. Some of the issues they could tackle include watershed protection and recycling.

Work on the official map should be complete and ready for review by the Supervisors and Borough Council by February 2010. Designation of Route 741 as a Historic Byway is the next project. Morton mentioned the urban growth boundary around the Borough is too far to the north of the new Bypass and cuts into the Lapp farm which is prime agricultural land.

The Benuel King/Strasburg Lawn Structure conditional use decision prepared by Township Counsel was reviewed. On a motion by Meck/Willig, the Supervisors unanimously approved the decision as submitted.

Willig reported the dishwasher at 1323 Beaver Valley Pike does not work and will need to be replaced. The new electric service for the house is moving forward.

The proposed budget for 2010 was reviewed and on a motion by Meck/Dearolf was approved for public consideration. The final budget will be approved at a special meeting on Monday, December 28, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

After approving payroll and liability checks in the amount of \$8,131.09 and bill payments in the amount of \$25,419.34, on a motion by Dearolf/Meck, the Supervisors adjourned their meeting at 10:00 p.m. to hold an executive session to discuss possible legal issues.

Judith G. Willig
Township Secretary