

May 21, 2001

The Board of Supervisors of Strasburg Township held their regular meeting on Monday evening, May 21, 2001, at 7:30, at the Township municipal building. Present were Ruth Ann Harnish, Daniel Herr, and Thomas Willig.

The minutes of the meeting of May 7, 2001, were approved.

Fred Van Name, engineer, appeared with **John Ebersole**, property owner on Twin Elm Road. Ebersole wants to subdivide a lot off his farm for Rob Baxter, but the well has tested with very high nitrate levels. Van Name asked about the possibility of installing a denitrification unit and was told that such a unit is the least preferred solution. He agreed to investigate with a hydrogeologist the possibility of a plume easement.

Tom Long, zoning officer, reported that **Hershey Farms** is planning to put a road between Sight and Sound and the Hershey Farm Restaurant, which would cross over the former Cobblestone Gift Shop property, now also owned by Hershey Farms. The Township solicitor is concerned that there be easement agreements in place for the road and the stormwater runoff since either of these properties may be sold separately. Harold Zeager from Hershey Farms explained the nature and purpose of the road to take some bus and car traffic off of Route 896, and route it internally between the two businesses. Van Name said that Hershey Farms would like to submit the plan to LCPC by Friday May 25, 2001, to start the 90-day review process, and they need the zoning officer's notification signed. The Supervisors agreed that Long could sign the notification since they will have a further chance to ensure the plan meets the solicitor's requirements when the plan is brought for the Township's approval. Hershey Farms would also like a determination whether their sewer system is public or private.

The Township solicitor has drafted an enforcement notice for **Denlinger Trucking** which, on a motion by Herr/Harnish, was approved to be sent.

There was a discussion of the lack of communication from **Strasburg Borough** when they are changing zoning or approving development near the border of the Township. A letter will be sent to the Borough asking that they notify the Township when there is such action.

On a motion by Herr/Willig, the Supervisors approved the action of Paradise Township accepting the bid of C. M. High for the **stoplight at Paradise Lane** and Route 741 in the amount of \$72,379.00 including preemption devices.

Willig reported on the **multi-municipal planning** meeting he attended. He sees advantages to the Township in planning for development on a regional basis for the next 10 years. This could serve as a defense mechanism for the provision of further industrial or residential development. Zoning would remain autonomous. However, the plan would take 12 to 18 months to develop and would require 4 representatives from each municipality, including a supervisor, planning commission member, zoning officer, and member-at-large. There are also concerns about the extension of sewers which may be proposed. Before the next meeting on June 21, Danny Whittle will circulate a proposed agreement for the municipalities to review and amend. Herr expressed a concern about whether the Township would be able to opt out or have veto power if they

disagreed with the majority of representatives on an issue.

The Supervisors agreed to send the budgeted contribution of \$5,000.00 to **Strasburg Ambulance** this year and to decide during the budget process for next year whether they will continue to provide financial support after an affiliation with LEMSA.

The **certificate of deposit** has been reinvested at 4.35%.

Willig reported on a meeting with David Kopp, landowner at the end of the gravel road off **Reservoir Road**, regarding providing a **turnaround** for Township equipment at his driveway. He did not want to consider such a thing at this time. He will continue to plow the snow to the present turnaround. The turnaround will remain where Roger Rohrer agreed to put it, just past Lot #3. This means that Lots #1 and #2 will have to provide for their own snow removal.

After approving checks to be signed in the amount of \$18,355.42, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Caroline D. Herr
Township Secretary