

September 4, 2001

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening, September 4, 2001, at 7:30 at the Township municipal building. Present were Ruth Ann Harnish, Daniel Herr, and Thomas Willig.

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 20, 2001, were approved.

Garry Rubincam, roadmaster, presented a proposal for **widening more Township roads** by using a belt loader and roller along the edges one year and then capping or tar-and-chipping the road the next year. This would allow the Township to improve roads at a faster rate and for less money. He presented comparative estimates of widening roads the way he has done in the past and using the proposed method. This would necessitate the **purchase of a roller and a belt loader**. Used rollers are available now from \$4000-\$4900 and a new belt loader would be about \$5200. On a motion by Willig/Herr the Supervisors approved the purchase of both pieces of equipment, not to exceed the amounts presented.

The Supervisors met in **executive session** to discuss personnel matters related to the road department.

At 8:00 p.m. a **conditional use** hearing was held on the application of Sprint Spectrum LLP. See Conditional Use notes.

The meeting resumed at 10:00 p.m.

The Supervisors discussed possible revisions to the Zoning Ordinance regarding **telecommunications towers**. More information will be obtained.

A follow-up letter will be sent to the Strasburg Borough Council and Strasburg Sewer Authority summarizing the **sewer issues** discussed with them at their meeting on August 28, 2001.

Strasburg Borough has requested **additional funds** from the Township for the **Historic Drive** project. Since they have agreed to contribute \$150,000 to the project, and the Township has capped its contribution at \$75,000, the Township should be contributing one-half the amount that the Borough has paid. Since funds are needed at this time, on a motion by Herr/Willig the Supervisors agreed to contribute \$11,765.40 at this time, bringing their total contributions to \$25,000. A letter will be sent stating the understanding that at the completion of the project contributions will be adjusted to a 2-1 ratio.

Strasburg Borough requested that the Township put up **signs during the Thomas the Tank** event to route traffic across Fairview Road to Paradise Lane and Route 30 to relieve congestion in the Borough. PA DOT has approved this as long as East Lampeter Township agrees since the traffic will go through their municipality on South Ronks Road. The road crew will put up the signs when approval has been given by East Lampeter.

Tom Long, Zoning Officer, questioned if Section 201.6.3.E.b & c of the Zoning Ordinance regarding **setbacks for accessory structures in the Agriculture zone** should be amended. The Supervisors agreed that this section should be clarified.

A letter was received from Mollie Weaver on **Herr Road** regarding the conditions of that road and its use by Ed's Buggy Rides. The Zoning Officer will see that Ed's Buggy Rides is complying with his agreement with the Township.

Herr signed the **2002 Countywide Local Bridge Inspection agreement** administered through PA DOT.

After approving checks to be signed in the amount of \$78,498.91, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Caroline D. Herr
Township Secretary