

August 20, 2001

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on Monday evening, August 20, 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 6, 2001, were approved.

Jason Miller, 126 Main Street, Refton, appeared with a group of neighbors to voice **complaints** about the operations of **Quality Stone Company**. The Zoning Hearing Board decision of May, 1997, set hours of operation of machinery from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and stipulated that another zoning hearing would be required if Glen Lengacher wished to have a third shift.

John Kaiser, 134 Main Street, Refton, said that nail guns are still running at 11 p.m., and there are many other noises as well. He cannot sleep in his back bedroom.

Alvin Horst, 128 Main Street, Refton, also owns rental property at 132 Main Street, Refton.

There has been a drastic increase in the noise level which continues all night long. Also about 12 cars are parking along Church Street. Is provision being made for employee parking as part of the new building project now under construction?

Cameron Dunn, 116 Main Street, Refton, also voiced complaints about the increased noise.

Miller said that they would not have complaints if Lengacher complied with the conditions from the hearing and if the hopper were automated so it made less noise. There is also a lot of dust that blows toward their properties. They also expressed concern about rental property and the value of their homes.

Herr said that the Supervisors will look into these complaints, and that the Zoning Officer will speak with Lengacher about the violations of the ZHB decision.

At 8:00 a public hearing was held on **Ordinance #47** revising Section 207.6 of the Zoning Ordinance to **remove references to outdoor storage** in the minimum setback requirements in the **Restricted Commercial** zone. On a motion by Harnish/Herr the Supervisors voted 2-1 to adopt the ordinance. Willig voted against the motion.

Zoning Officer Long showed the Supervisors the plans for the new Quality Stone building which provides for parking and should reduce noise levels.

The Supervisors considered the cost of a study to **limit overweight vehicles** on White Oak Road. The proposal from Township engineer HRG was for \$7,385.00. Willig will note what kind of trucks primarily use the road.

A letter was received from Arthur and Thelma Force suggesting alternatives to the **Route 896 relocation** project, making it a local road instead. Herr updated the Supervisors on the project. Acceptable agreements have not been received from PA DOT or the developers. The plans have been submitted to PA DOT for their review process. Ray Miller has suggested that the road could be shifted to avoid the expensive right-of-way properties. A letter will be sent to the Forces.

The Supervisors will attend the Borough Council meeting on Tuesday, September 28, 2001, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss **sewers**.

The Supervisors discussed the **conditional use application from Sprint for a 130-foot cell tower** along Route 222. It is only a few miles from a tower in Quarryville and a few hundred feet from the Omnipoint tower.

The Supervisors worked on Chapters two and three of the **Employee Handbook**.

After approving checks to be signed in the amount of \$4,854.12, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Caroline D. Herr
Township Secretary