

November 19, 2001

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on Monday evening, November 19, 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 November 5, 2001, were approved.

David Keen was confirmed as a Refton Fire Company fire policeman.

**Doug Rubincam**, road worker, received recognition, including a bonus, from the Supervisors and from LTAP for having completed all the required courses in the **LTAP Roads Scholar** program.

Tom Long, Zoning Officer, present a model **Stormwater Management Ordinance** to the Supervisors for their review. LCPC has drafted this ordinance for the Cocalico area and it would have to be revised for use by Strasburg Township. It would provide for management of water from accessory uses and also for previously subdivided properties, cases which LCPC does not look at.

A public hearing was held on **Ordinance #48**, authorizing the Township to join with Strasburg Borough, West Lampeter Township, and Lampeter-Strasburg School District in a revised intergovernmental cooperation agreement to extend the **L-S Recreation Commission** for another three years. No public comment was received. On a motion by Harnish/Herr the Supervisors unanimously voted to adopt the ordinance and to sign the Revised Intergovernmental Agreement.

Long reported that the **Denlinger complaint** has been sent to the district justice. The Hess matter is proceeding through legal enforcement processes for the fill that has been added to the property.

At 8:00 p.m. a **Conditional Use** hearing was held. (See notes.)

The Supervisors confirmed Fred Townsend and Shawn Miller, both of New Providence, as Refton Fire Company **fire policemen**.

Eric Bieber, Chief of **Refton Fire Company**, provided information to the Supervisors about the boundaries of the fire company's service area. It serves the southwestern and western portion of the Township as well as about one-third of Providence Township. They do receive an annual donation of \$6,000 from Providence Township. The fire company paid off \$95,000 of the debt on the tanker this year; \$45,000 of this was received in three grants. There is about \$107,000 of debt remaining. As their call volume increases, their equipment needs rise, and much of their safety equipment needs to be replaced. New by-laws were submitted to the Supervisors. Bieber reported that fund raising has dropped off this year. They are at a disadvantage compared to many fire companies because their territory does not include any incorporated towns or social

clubs and few businesses. The 1972 International pumper, which is used to go off-road to access water sources, needs to be replaced with a similar vehicle which can also be the first-attack vehicle. Department membership is up, the response time is good, and there is increased interest in training. Bieber spoke about area ambulance units as well. The fire company has developed a Quick Response unit (QRS) to respond to emergencies. They cannot transport patients, but they can give emergency treatment. There are fewer ambulance units available and they serve larger areas. Short-term and long-term funding are concerns for the fire company. The cost of the County's new radio system to the fire company would be about \$60,000.

The Supervisors discussed **2002 budget** contributions and expenses as well as the possibility of using some of the surplus to make capital contributions for purchases and raising the real estate tax .1 mill to provide approximately another \$20,000 of revenue.

After approving checks to be signed in the amount of \$11,111.52, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Caroline D. Herr  
Township Secretary