

March 3, 2003

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on Monday evening, March 3, 2003, at 7:30, at the Township municipal building. Present were Daniel Herr, and Thomas Willig. Peg Dearolf was absent.

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 3, 2003, were approved.

An **amendment** correcting the name of Isaac Lapp in the minutes of January 6, 2003, was approved.

Lt. Gibble from the **State Police** reported on Township statistics from the last year. There are 4 troopers per shift in the zone that includes Strasburg Township, Providence Township and Martic Township. Twelve Township residents who live along **Beaver Valley Pike** (Route 222) and Bunker Hill Road voiced complaints about speeding on Route 222 between Orchard Road and Old Road. Several have had cars drive into their front yards. There have been 10 fatalities on the road over the years. Cars and trucks pass stopped school buses when the lights are flashing. Tractor trailers and others speed in both directions. Turning into driveways and crossing the highway to get mail are hazardous. People are afraid to be in their front yards. Several residents volunteered their driveways for patrol cars to sit in to watch traffic. Strategies were suggested such as a dummy police car and painting VASCAR lines on the road. Gibble said that this has become a quality of life issue. He will pursue aggressive speed enforcement in the area. He also suggested that residents talk to their state representative about their complaints with highway design, particularly the corner of Route 222 and Bunker Hill Road.

The SEO report showed no activity in February.

**Edwin Hess**, 430 Twin Elm Road, presented mylars to be signed for a **lot add-on** to his property. On a motion by Herr/Willig, the Supervisors approved the Township secretary signing the mylars.

**Glenn Denlinger**, 37 Washington Street, Strasburg, discussed the **conditions proposed by the Township for his excavating business** at 42 Reservoir Road. Condition #5, to remove all large equipment by February 28, 2003, has not been met. A deadline of April 30, 2003, was agreed upon. Condition #11, charging 6% interest, was changed to no interest if the balance was paid by January 1, 2005. If the full amount is not paid, then all accrued interest would be charged. Denlinger asked about other uses for the property and was told that a home occupation has been granted using the entire garage building. Any use by a future owner should be discussed with the zoning officer.

Garry Rubincam, Roadmaster, reported that **David Kopp**, 40 Reservoir Road, who lives back the gravel lane, wanted the Township to salt the **lane**. He has formerly agreed that the Township would not maintain that portion of the drive since he did not want to provide a turnaround for equipment. Willig will talk to Kopp. Rubincam presented a report outlining the **damage to Township roads** caused by winter weather conditions, water under the roads freezing and

thawing. The estimated cost of repairs so far is \$194,250.00. The Supervisors agreed that the time and money allocated for Herr Road widening should be used first on repairing and resealing other roads. There is also repair needed on two of the dump trucks and new tires needed (\$1000) for the backhoe.

Tom Long, Zoning Officer, showed pictures of several **Borough holding ponds** which are not holding back water because they lack a "doughnut plate" which restricts the water flow. This causes water and ice problems on Township roads. He also showed pictures of the Harnish holding pond which is holding water and includes the plate. Long will talk with the Borough manager and engineer to achieve a solution.

Willig will attend the breakfast given by Representative Armstrong on March 7, 2003, about roads in the county.

**Fire Company contributions** will be given out at the next two meetings.

The Supervisors agreed that the **cable contract** negotiations will request a 5% franchise fee.

On a motion by Herr/Willig the Supervisors authorized the filing of an appeal from the deemed approval of **Isaac F. Lapp**, if necessary.

The Supervisors confirmed checks which were signed on February 18, 2003, in the amount of \$10,894.20. After approving checks to be signed in the amount of \$33,815.85, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Caroline D. Herr  
Township Secretary