

March 17, 2003

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on Monday evening, March 17, 2003, at 7:30, at the Township municipal building. Present were Peggy Dearolf, Daniel Herr, and Thomas Willig.

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

Eric Bieber, **Refton Fire Company** chief, and Ken Harnish, president, reported on the progress of ordering the new fire engine. Sealed bills will be opened on May 23, 2003. They will make the down payment in June and sell the old truck to the highest bidder in July. The chicken waffle dinner in April has been changed to April 12, 2003. They have had 37 emergency calls already this year, many for accidents due to weather conditions and house fires related to the cold weather. Last year they had 119 calls. The number of responders to each call is up, membership has increased, and training is going well. They accepted with thanks the Township contribution of \$10,500.00.

Joyce Gerhart, RGS Associates, presented the **Sight & Sound mylars**. There has been a change in one note indicating LCPC's approval for the waiver to build consolidated islands in the parking area. LCPC is holding a letter of credit, which was recently renewed, for improvements under a previous plan. S&S would like that letter of credit to cover these improvements as well. LCPC has asked the Township for a letter recognizing that. On a motion by Willig/Herr, the Supervisors unanimously authorized the Township secretary to sign the mylars and to write a letter to LCPC recognizing the current letter of credit as sufficient for these proposed improvements.

Willig reported on the breakfast he attended on **roads** in the southern end of the County. Representative Armstrong and Senator Armstrong seemed open to maintaining the rail line as a trail or a utility corridor. The County is willing to take it on as a park and would patrol it with their park rangers. Willig brought up the Township's concern about increased truck traffic if the bridges are removed on Route 222. He was told that PA DOT should respond promptly to an icy situation.

Richard and Michele Barr brought in mylars for the lot add-on to their property on Miller Road. The conditional use hearing and conditions are noted on the mylar. The lot does not appear to be a flag lot as defined by the Township Zoning Ordinance because the road frontage is greater than a flag lot. The setbacks therefore could be different from what are shown. The Barrs were advised to discuss this with LCPC and change the setbacks on the mylars if approved. On a motion by Herr/Dearolf the Supervisors voted to authorize the Township secretary to sign the certification, changing the language from "approved" to "received." If there are changes to the mylars, new ones must be signed.

Herr reported on the status of the **Historic Drive** extension. The developers have produced a plan showing stub streets and intersections for the developments, which seem to comply with PA DOT and Borough requirements. The developers are working on an agreement between

themselves and the municipalities. PA DOT has not yet responded to the proposed changes in the PA DOT agreement. The developers must update the traffic study which was done several years ago, using new figures for the current planned development.

The **roadmaster** has requested that the Supervisors consider a 4 day 10-hour **work week** for the road crew during the summer. Herr suggested that they try it for a week and then evaluate the amount of work getting done. He also suggested starting the work week on Friday, so if work is necessary on Friday, the rest of the work week could be adjusted to accommodate it without overtime. Willig will talk to the roadmaster about this.

Zoning Officer Tom Long reported that **Isaac Lapp** appears to have cleaned up the pallets around his farm. He has built an addition onto the barn without a permit and has been burning waste products from the business on site. He is applying to the Zoning Hearing Board for a farm occupation. Herr said that the Township would like compliance with the Zoning Ordinance with as little variance as possible.

Long also discussed the problems of **land use applications** without dimensions or other requirements. Bob Meck's conditional use application may actually be a non-conforming use. He is adding 20 feet to his chicken house, but he needs to show dimensions from lot lines on the plans.

West Lampeter Township has asked for a letter of support for a **county Transportation Grant** to make improvements to Village Road. On a motion by Dearolf/Willig the Supervisors approved sending a letter of support since the widening of Village Road and adding sidewalks will improve the safety for school buses and those walking.

On May 24, 2003, there will be an extra pay period for the road crew.

Herr suggested that some Saturday in April the Supervisors hold a road inspection with the roadmaster.

After approving checks to be signed in the amount of \$32,748.82, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.