

December 1, 2003

The Supervisors met in **Executive Session** at 7:15 p.m. to interview candidates for appointment to the Strasburg Township Planning Commission.

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on Monday evening, December 1, 2003, at 7:50, at the Township municipal building. Present were Peg Dearolf, Daniel Herr, and Thomas Willig. Supervisor-elect Kenneth Meck was also in attendance.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 17, 2003, were approved.

The Sewage Enforcement Officer's November report was received.

Brian McElroy, **Harbor Engineering**, presented the results of his **Storm Water Runoff Study**, looking at stormwater problems running into the Township from developments in the Borough. At the time the developments were built, not much in the way of stormwater management was required. Most of the existing stormwater facilities were built according to original plans, but have not been maintained. After giving background and discussing current problems, McElroy summarized the recommendations which would help somewhat in normal rains but would not do much to solve the larger problems. These recommendations include:

1. Bunker Hill Road: replace grass strips shown on original plans on property in the Borough and Township which is presently being farmed.
2. Olde Town Strasburg: determine how much the detention basin has filled in and excavate it to the original depth and replace the gravel level spreader.
3. Kingsley/Harnish: replace the orifice plates in the detention basins in the Borough and the Township.
4. The Township should have its own stormwater ordinance which would include an agreement with the Borough that developments in the Borough would need to release stormwater in a similar manner to the way it presently flows. Such an ordinance could include provisions for major and minor developments. Minor development would be a single home or farm building which would need to provide some stormwater management for the impervious surface created. The minor provisions of the ordinance would be linked to the building permit, not to the subdivision ordinance. The Borough could be asked to add to their new stormwater ordinance that developers would need an agreement with the Township if they put water into the Township.

The Supervisors reviewed the solicitor's draft of an agreement for the Hershey Farms/Sight & Sound wastewater treatment facility. Herr made suggestions for wording changes, and the Supervisors approved the draft with these changes.

Deirdre Lehman of DEP has requested a meeting with the Zoning Officer and one Supervisor, regarding the **proposed sewer facility in Refton**, to discuss a letter of intent which would make the project eligible for funding. Herr and Willig will meet with her on a date in December.

The **2004 Liquid Fuels Budget and General Fund Budget** were reviewed. With the road projects and equipment there is a \$60,827.00 overrun which will be taken from reserves. The budget will be adopted at the final meeting of the year on December 15, 2003.

After approving checks to be signed in the amount of \$12,722.00, plus one check on November 24, 2003, for \$644.76, another Executive Session was held to discuss appointments to the Township Planning Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Caroline D. Herr
Township Secretary