

December 15, 2003

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on Monday evening, December 15, 2003, at 7:30, at the Township municipal building. Present were Peg Dearolf, Daniel Herr, and Thomas Willig arrived at 8:00.

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 1, 2003, were approved.

Stephen Smoker, 322A Hager Road, asked if a **bus shelter for the Amish school** on Route 741/Village Road, could be set back less than the 100 feet required in Zoning Ordinance. Herr said that a permit could not be issued by the Zoning Officer if the shelter does not comply with the Zoning Ordinance requirements. The Supervisors cannot change that. The school would have to apply to the Zoning Hearing Board for a variance; the application would cost \$250.00. Herr suggested a portable shelter could be put in place and moved if a variance is obtained.

Tim Schaeffer, Director, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, explained that his organization is a non-governmental non-profit that was set up to assist in the formation and work of **Environmental Advisory Councils (EAC's)** which are provided for in the Municipalities Planning Code (MPC). EAC's are 3-7 member boards appointed by the elected officials of a municipality to assist with any environmental issues in the municipality. They may advise the Planning Commission and the Supervisors in areas such as the environmental impact of land development plans, looking for recreational land, recycling, doing an environmental resource inventory (ERI), open space plan, etc. They are non-regulatory and can act as a clearing house for environmental issues for the Planning Commission and Supervisors, including coordinating efforts of a watershed alliance. The PA Environmental Council can help the EAC with these projects by providing expertise in organizing and obtaining funds.

Tom Long, Zoning Officer, reviewed the application for a **variance of Keystone Custom Homes** on the Brendle/Arnold property. The Township solicitor and Keystone's attorney will be attending the next Supervisors' meeting to attempt to negotiate an easement for the continuation of Precision Avenue through the proposed lot on the Brendle farm. Long said this is also the area where there is water runoff from the Olde Town development in the Borough. This problem should be addressed at the same time as the easement.

The Supervisors reviewed a letter from the Township solicitor regarding the **Intergovernmental Agreement requested by LCPC for the Joint Comprehensive Plan**. Cleary has raised issues that should be addressed by the Township and the Borough, and the agreement should be revised, before it is signed. The letter will be shared with other members of the Joint Planning Commission so the process can continue to move forward.

The Supervisors reviewed a proposal by Hanover Engineering to write a **Stormwater Ordinance** for the Township for an amount not to exceed \$6,800.00. On a motion by Willig/Herr the Supervisors unanimously voted to proceed with the process.

On a motion by Willig/Dearolf, the Supervisors unanimously adopted **Resolution #2003-4** levying

a **tax of .5 mils** on 100% of the appraised value of real estate in the Township for 2004.

The supervisors also unanimously passed **Resolution #2003-5 adopting the 2004 budget**.

The Supervisors agreed to continue the Nextel **cell phone contract** for the three telephones used by the road crew for 2 years, reducing the cost of each phone by \$10.00/month.

The Supervisors approved a **one-week pay period** for the road crew on December 21, 2003, and the payroll liabilities for the fourth quarter will be paid at that time also.

After approving checks to be signed in the amount of \$11,183.60, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Caroline D. Herr
Township Secretary