

October 4, 2021

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Monday, October 4, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. at the Strasburg Township Municipal Building, 400 Bunker Hill Road. Present were Peggy Dearolf, Michael Weaver and Thomas Willig; Administrator Mark Deimler; Treasurer Connie Kauffman.

Guests: Brian Masterson, Bruce Ryder, Kathy Rubincam, Steve Shenk, Kathryn Wieand, Mark Raine, Brian Veety, Pat Lukacs, Carl Esh, Terry Sweigert, Garrett Weaver, Ken Meck

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Public comment was invited. Rubincam had a complaint about graffiti and a clogged stormwater management basin on Sides Mill Road. Deimler responded the road crew had already painted over or removed the most offensive of the graffiti and is prioritizing road work. The storm basin will be addressed. He added the bridge on Sides Mill Road is scheduled to be replaced in Spring 2022.

On a motion by Dearolf/Willig, the Board voted to adopt the minutes of September 7, 2021 as submitted. Weaver abstained.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to approve bill listings for payment: Payroll and taxes in the amount of \$14,659.96; General Fund checks #25460-25490 in the amount of \$73,272.27; Sewer Fund checks #498-501 in the amount of \$2,059.01; Escrow Fund check #1128 in the amount of \$300.00.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to grant permission to use Township roads for "Kat's 5K" on May 7, 2022 and approve requesting assistance from the Strasburg, Refton, Quarryville and Bart Fire Police.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to modify the agenda to include items #6-7.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve PC2021-05, lot add-on plan for 206 North Star Road, Isaac S. Lapp on condition all comments of Solanco Engineering Associates letter dated August 23, 2021 are satisfied.

Residents of Robby and Martin Lane (Weiland, Shenk, Lukacs, Esh, Veety, Raine and Sweigert) appeared to request the Township provide relief from an ongoing severe stormwater runoff problem due to a new house being constructed at 13 Martin Lane. Workers have trespassed on private property to move earth and remove trees, runoff from the now clear-cut lot has caused damage to homes and drain fields, runoff is going onto Township roads leaving mud and debris. Deimler responded the Township is doing what it can within the limits of its powers: A notice of violation and cease and desist order have been sent; the permit has been revoked; multiple site visits by Deimler and his staff have been conducted; a major stormwater management plan must be submitted and approved by the Township before any more earth disturbance of any kind is permitted; runoff onto the road can be addressed in the right-of-way. The Township cannot perform any work on private property. Lancaster County Conservation District and DEP have the ability to enforce compliance and impose penalties. The Board assured them the Township will continue to do everything within its power to apply pressure on the builder and homeowners.

The 2022 budget was reviewed. Ryder appeared to request the Township consider increasing the police coverage line item to \$60,000.00 in order to help cover the expense of a new police officer. The inter-municipal agreement would need modification to allow expanded services to patrol the Gateway North, R-1 and Railroad Heritage zones. Part of each shift would be dedicated to the Township for 911/call response, traffic and speed details. The Treasurer reported the Township: can recoup revenue losses from 2020 for approximately \$66,500.00 from the ARPA funds; will receive approximately \$204,000.00 for fee in lieu of open space money which can be used to pay off the balance of the Park loan with money left over for other projects at the Park. The discussion will continue at the November 1, 2021 meeting.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve a waiver of land development for 1172 Penn Grant Road, Metzler Home Builders.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Township Solicitor advertise a public hearing for proposed Ordinance #117 pertaining to installation of small wireless facilities.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve health insurance renewals for 2022: UPMC and Highmark.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a seal as the official representation of the Township subject to final approval of a revised design and authorize the Secretary to update any Township facilities or documents to use the adopted seal. Weaver offered the following explanation of the symbols represented by the seal for the record: The coat of arms, a red

shield with a diagonal white band, are of Alsace-Lorraine, the municipality surrounding the city of Strasbourg, France for which our Township is named. The crenellated crown represents the sovereignty of the people and government entity. The gold and blue bands encircling the shield represent the colors of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The green foliage represents the agricultural farming foundation of the Township.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to ratify and affirm approval for the Refton Community Fire Company fire police assist at the Solanco Fair parade on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to ratify and affirm hiring a part-time employee to do roadside mowing.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve ballot selections for PSATS Health Insurance Cooperative Trust, Municipal Pension Trust and Unemployment Compensation Group Trust.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve 2022 mowing for Ship Rock Disc Golf course.

The Board was neutral on the Zoning Hearing Board application.

The Zoning Officer report: Seven permits issued with receipts in the amount of \$1,043.79

The Sewage Enforcement Officer report: Two inspections and one perc test performed and two permits issued with receipts in the amount of \$700.00

There being no further business before the Board, the Supervisors adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Judith G. Willig  
Township Secretary