

December 6, 2021

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Monday, December 6, 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; Treasurer Connie Kauffman. Administrator Mark Deimler participated remotely.

Guests: Pepper and Diane Goslin, John Stoltzfus, Lenny Weitzel, Jason Shaner, David Lapp, Jeff Swinehart, Jeb Musser, Isaac Thomas, Brenden Curry

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

Public comment was invited. Goslin, 931 N. Old Road, requested to be put on the January 3, 2021 agenda to discuss rezoning his property to Commercial. Stoltzfus and Weitzel requested the Board consider donating an additional \$50,000 for 2022 and 2023 to enable the purchase of a rescue pumper apparatus. The Board will consider the additional contribution.

On a motion by Weaver/Willig, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the minutes of November 1, 2021 as submitted.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to approve bill listings for payment: Payroll and taxes in the amount of \$12,211.66; General Fund checks #25524-25563 in the amount of \$52,859.06; Sewer Fund checks #5508-5515 in the amount of \$8,601.88 Liquid Fuels checks #1830-1831 in the amount of \$7,376.46.

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

Shaner and Lapp presented SWM2021-02, 504 Bunker Hill Road for conditional approval.

- The only outstanding comments from the Solanco Engineering review letter of November 26, 2021 are of a housekeeping nature
- There is no plan to remove any trees
- The conservation easement kept disturbance to a minimum

Willig thanked both Shaner and Lapp for their efforts in preserving the woodland. On a motion by Willig/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to approve the plan subject to satisfaction of all comments of the November 26th review letter.

Swinehart and Musser presented the Board with information pertaining to farmland preservation and ways the Township can encourage that preservation.

They reported the Township has 63 preserved farms totaling 3,500 acres which is approximately 30% of all land zoned Agricultural. An additional 7,400 acres is in the Township Agricultural Security Area (ASA). The County has created designated Preservation Priority Areas (PPA). In Strasburg Township, 2,200 acres in the PPA are neither preserved nor in the ASA. Some of the ways the Township could encourage more participation include: direct mailings; informational meetings at the Municipal Building or Fire Hall with multiple agencies presenting preservation options; posting information on the Township website; amending the Township Zoning Ordinance to include Transfer Development Rights; establish a fund to help local farms on the preservation waiting list.

Thomas presented the property, liability and worker's compensation insurance renewal options for 2022. The current carrier, CAN, came back with a 34% premium increase and Thomas recommended Paragon/Trident. Their quote was a 12% reduction from CNA's 2021 premium and includes cyber insurance. AmTrust will continue as the Township worker's compensation insurance carrier. He recommended the Board consider adding a site pollution policy in 2022. It can be implemented outside the other policy renewal cycle.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to approve entering into an intermunicipal agreement with Strasburg Borough to provide more comprehensive police coverage.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2021-14 for the intermunicipal agreement

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve a 3% wage increase for Township employees.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2022 General Fund/Liquid Fuels Fund and Sewer Fund final budgets.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2021-12 levying taxes for 2022 at .555 mils.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2021-13 appropriating funds for 2022.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2021-10 per the sewage planning module for Ridgewall LLC, 1533 Village Road.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of the elected Tax Collector and appoint Lancaster County Treasurer to collect taxes for 2022.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Terry Smith and Brad Leaman to fill vacancies on the Planning Commission.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2021-11 appointing June Mengel to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board beginning January 2022. She will be filling a vacancy created by the resignation of Robert Rush after decades of faithful service on the Zoning Hearing Board.

Reviewing the Zoning Hearing Board applications, the Board's only recommendation was to impose hours of operation for ZHB2021-14, 964 Eisenberger Road.

Zoning Officer's Report: Fourteen permits issued with receipts in the amount of \$5,020.14

Sewage Enforcement Officer's Report: Three inspections and two perc tests performed and one permit issued with receipts in the amount of \$1,050.00

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

Judith G. Willig
Township Secretary