

May 1, 2023

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at the Strasburg Township Municipal Building, 400 Bunker Hill Road. Present were Peggy Dearolf, C. Michael Weaver and Thomas Willig; Administrator Mark Deimler.

Guests: Doyle Heisey, Ryan Trees, Douglas Denlinger, Nick Ferretti, Mike Ivers, Pat Morrison, David Bollinger, Bruno Giamba

Prior to the meeting, the Chairman swore in Ronald Laughman, Devon Kennedy and Kylee Kennedy as Refton Community Fire Company Special Fire Police.

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

Public comment was invited. Giamba, 1816 White Oak Road, appeared to voice concerns about commercial tractor-trailers parked on Oak View Drive overnight, citing safety concerns for school children boarding the bus and proximity to the stop sign. The Board responded an ordinance would need to be adopted and will ask the Solicitor for her opinion.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the minutes of April 4, 2023 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 \$15,188.98; General Fund checks #26256-26293 in the amount of \$85,586.67; Sewer Fund checks #597 in the amount of \$150.50.

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

Bollinger appeared to plead the Board's support of his application to the Zoning Hearing Board to operate a short-term rental without living on or adjoining the property. The Board listened to his narrative and adjourned with Deimler for an executive session at 7:55 pm to discuss. The Board reconvened at 8:08 pm and advised Bollinger, though sympathetic to his wishes, they are still opposed to the application on the grounds it does not adhere to the letter or spirit of the ordinance and he has the option to rent the property on an annual basis to defray costs.

Strasburg Police Department Chief Ferretti appeared for clarification of the Township needs for police coverage. The SPD receives approximately six to twelve calls a month from Township residents for minor, non-emergency

complaints like parking violations and retail theft. Responding to these calls has not been specifically approved by the Board and Ferretti wants to inform his officers so they are consistent. The Township has budgeted \$5,000.00 a month for the SPD and this additional coverage should be within that limit.

On a motion by Willig/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to approve the SPD respond to non-emergency calls made by Township residents citing it as an appropriate measure to ensure quality of life issues get a swift response.

SWM2023-02, storm water management plan for 300 Hartman Bridge Road, Sight & Sound's parking lot expansion. Heisey – Sight & Sound and Trees – RGS Associates presented the plan:

- Bus traffic has decreased since Covid and cars have increased
- Have had to park cars in the grass along both sides of the drive to handle the increase
- South lot will be expanded with a net gain of 210 spaces
- The installation will accommodate planned, future building expansion
- Screening vegetation will be planted

Willig asked about planting more trees to replace the ones being removed for the lot. Heisey replied the groundskeeper had purchased 117 large trees last fall. Those were planted and more will be purchased this year.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve the plan as presented on condition all comments of Solanco Engineering review letter dated April 10, 2023 are addressed.

Morrison, PA Railroad Museum, appeared to request the Board support their application for a special event license from the PLCB and Strasburg Fire Department Fire Police assistance for the 7th annual "Rails and Ales" fundraiser scheduled for April 6, 2024.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve both requests.

Ivers, Commonwealth Emergency Crisis Response, appeared to brief the Board on his organization and ask for a one-time donation of \$3 - 5,000.00.

- All volunteer, mental health support for police/fire/EMS
- They are based in Gap
- At present supported by donations, fundraising events and local businesses
- Starting out with plans to expand to full coverage in the County within five years
- All volunteers are trained EMT's

- They will be dispatched through LCWC and by direct calls from other agencies

The Township will consider this request along with other organizations in their allocation of ARPA funds. It was suggested Ivers contact the County Commissioner's for a meeting to get buy-in from the County.

On a motion by Willig/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2023-07 per the 105 Reservoir Road Sewage Planning Module.

The Township applied to the PA Fish and Boat Commission for a grant to install a kayak/canoe launch at the Township Park along the Pequea Creek. It was approved by PFBC for \$41,800.00 with the Township providing an in-kind match

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to authorize signing the contract.

On a motion by Willig/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve modifying the sewage capacity request and holding tank agreement for 1350 Village Road.

On a motion by Willig/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve SWM2023-01, 498 Twin Elm Road, Fred Ranck truck wash facility for his farm equipment.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Township Solicitor to review the pre-tax payroll deductions for conformity with requirements and the Secretary to review the Personnel Policy per employee benefits.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2023-08 amending the 2023 fee schedule Appendix A.

Keystone Custom Homes/Hartman Bridge Village LLC has requested a land development plan pre-submission meeting with the Board and Planning Commission to review conditional use design elements. The advertised third Monday meeting date of May 15th at 1:00 pm was proposed. Deimler will confirm with the applicant and the Secretary will invite PC members to attend.

The Zoning Officer reports twenty-three permits issued with receipts in the amount of \$18,601.04

The Sewage Enforcement Officer reports two perc tests performed and two permits issued with receipts in the amount of \$2,840.00

There being no further business before the Board, the Supervisors adjourned at 9:45 p.m. to hold an executive session to discuss personnel issues.

Judith G. Willig
Township Secretary