

August 7, 2023

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Monday, August 7, 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: Fred Ranck, James Stermer, Wilmer Smoker, Mervin Ebersol

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

Public comment was invited. Ranck appeared to get clarification on the difficulties he is having with his project on Twin Elm Road. Deimler stated Ranck's consultant did not communicate to Ranck the steps he needed to take to be able to begin work and pull a permit. After a long discussion, a compromise was reached for documents and financial guarantee. Stermer had questions about the township instituting Zoom meetings.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the minutes of July 3 and July 17, 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 \$21,676.39; General Fund checks #26378-26429 in the amount of \$367,210.60; Sewer Fund checks #616-621 in the amount of \$6,574.95; ARPA Fund checks #1013 in the amount of \$25,000.00; Liquid Fuels checks #1840 in the amount of \$155,235.00.

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 adopt Resolution 2023-13 to provide for supplemental appropriations of the ARPA funds for the Lancaster County Art Association.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2023-14 authorizing electronic access to PADOT Engineering and Construction Management System (ECMS) and executing the associated electronic access agreement.

On a motion by Willig/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to donate \$500.00 to the James Kiscaden Memorial Golf Tournament.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Addendum to

Intermunicipal Agreement between the Borough of Strasburg and the Township of Strasburg relating to police services and the inclusion of the Township as an additional insured on the Borough's insurance coverage when such Addendum is in a form acceptable to the Chairman and the Township Solicitor.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda to include the following items:

- a. A request for approval to place a pole barn within the SWM easement area at 13 Glenwood Drive
- b. A request for "Hidden Driveway" signage on Beaver Valley Pike
- c. Release of remaining balance of SWM escrow for 404 Hartman Bridge Road
- d. A holding tank agreement for 914 Orchard Road

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to approve the easement encroachment at 13 Glenwood since it will not impact the function of the storm water basin

On a motion by Willig/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve releasing the remaining escrow for John E. Fisher in the amount of \$4,125.00.

On a motion by Willig/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman to sign the holding tank agreement for 914 Orchard Road.

The Board did not support application for the "Hidden Driveway" signage on Beaver Valley Pike. The application would not be approved by PADOT and the resident making the request would spend the money for the study and application for naught.

The Board was neutral on all of the Zoning Hearing Board applications.

Deimler reported the Creekview sewer project is progressing. There have been a few hiccups, but all were resolved satisfactorily.

Willig reported on a conversation with PADOT about Weaver Road. Two property owners have offered acreage to install stormwater management facilities to help with the water runoff from May Post Office Road which is greatly contributing to the ongoing erosion problem. PADOT is not interested in pursuing the option. Willig will try the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Stroud Water Conservancy.

Former Supervisor Daniel C. Herr passed away suddenly on July 30th. Weaver wished the following to be included in the minutes in memorial:

"First, I would like to offer condolences to the Herr family.

Second, I would like to acknowledge and commend Dan as the father of our zoning ordinances and their contribution to land preservation and maintaining the agricultural heritage of Strasburg Township.

Dan's foresight as to the critical importance of farming to Lancaster's culture, economy and quality of life for all who live in the Township was truly visionary.

On a personal note, Dan brought me into Strasburg Township government as a Zoning Hearing Board member and later guided me to the office of Supervisor.

I am indebted and thankful to this epitome of the noble servant of the people."

The Zoning Officer reports twenty-five permits issued with receipts in the amount of \$47,088.00.

The Sewage Enforcement Officer reports one perc test performed and two permits issued with receipts in the amount of \$1,810.00.

There being no further business before the Board, the Supervisors adjourned at 9:30 p.m. to hold an executive session to discuss personnel matters. Present were: Peggy Dearolf, C. Michael Weaver, Thomas Willig, Mark Deimler and Judith Willig

Judith G. Willig
Township Secretary