

September 5, 2023

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Monday, September 5, 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: Charles Barto – LNP, Robin Horner, Brian Werntz, James Stermer, Rodney Young, Aaron Esh, Tim Trostle – Strausser Engineering, Matt Buckwalter, Bill Potter, Wilmer Smoker, Amos L. Fisher, John and Mervin Beiler.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Public comment was invited. Horner, Werntz, Stermer and Young, all Creekview Lane residents, asked for an update on the sewer installation progress and cost. Deimler provided an update and stated final costs cannot be calculated at this time. He provided information on Borough Authority fees for connection and use as well as the cost of grinder pumps.

At approximately 7:50 pm, a hearing was opened for CU2023-02, 122 Krantz Mill Road, Aaron Esh, to operate a farm-related business repairing equipment. At approximately 8:30 pm, on a motion by Willig/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to close the hearing and testimony and render a decision granting the conditional use. See decision for findings of fact and conditions.

On a motion by Willig/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve SWM2023-04, 245 Hartman Bridge Road, Wilmer Smoker, subject to satisfaction of all comments contained in Solanco Engineering Associates review dated August 18, 2023.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to release escrow for 914 Orchard Road, Amos L Fisher, in the amount of \$95,806.50.

On a motion by Willig/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to reduce the escrow for 13 Martin Lane, Robert Kettering, in the amount of \$11,498.52. The remaining balance will be \$12,501.48.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to reduce Letter of Credit STB398 for 1107 Lime Valley Road, Joe Rohrer, in the amount of \$181,929.80. The remaining balance will be \$10,225.00.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to reduce Letter of Credit 00653752 for 2418 Bachman Road, Philip Good, in the amount of \$54,584.64. The remaining balance will be \$34,324.53.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve a progress payment of \$128,669.59 to DH Funk for satisfactory completion of a portion of the work on the Creekview Lane sewer project.

On a motion by Willig/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to ratify and affirm hiring Vicki Eldridge as the part-time treasurer effective August 15, 2023 and appoint as Treasurer and Chief Administrative Officer for the pension plan effective September 6, 2023.

On a motion by Willig/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to change the employment status of retired Treasurer Connie Kauffman to “as needed” effective through the end of November 2023.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the 2024 defined benefit plan.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to accept the MMO for the 2024 defined contribution plan.

On a motion by Willig/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve Strasburg Borough’s request for Refton Community Fire Police assistance with the CommUnity 5K on October 7, 2023 and Halloween Parade on October 26, 2023.

The Board took no position on the Zoning Hearing Board applications.

At approximately 9:05 pm, a hearing was opened for proposed Ordinance #118 to revise regulations governing residential development and to make technical corrections. Potter stated the Planning Commission’s support for the ordinance revising short-term rentals. At approximately 9:10 pm, on a motion by Willig/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to close the hearing and adopt the ordinance as submitted.

The Beiler’s appeared to ask the Board’s opinion on relocating/repositioning approximately .3 miles of the east end of White Oak Road at May Post Office further south to make it so it doesn’t cut through their business, Strasburg Pallet Company. The Board had no interest in the proposal and stated any costs associated with the proposal, should they choose to move forward, would be borne by the Beiler’s and could exceed \$400,000.00. The Beiler’s asked the Board’s opinion on their use of 3164 White Oak Road to expand the assembly business. The Board was not opposed to their proposed use of the property which would likely need Zoning Hearing Board approval.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the minutes of August 7, 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 \$14,548.43; General Fund checks #26430-26467 in the amount of \$208,971.35; Sewer Fund checks #622-623 in the amount of \$292.59; Escrow Fund checks #1160-1164 and EFT in the amount of \$155,910.32.

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

The Zoning Officer reports sixteen permits issued with receipts in the amount of \$6,438.20

The Sewage Enforcement Officer reports two permits issued with receipts in the amount of \$1,225.00.

There being no further business before the Board, the Supervisors adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Judith G. Willig
Township Secretary