

November 6, 2023

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Monday, November 6, 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: Greg Miller, David K. Lapp, John D. Fisher, Wayne Manley, Kore Fisher, Robin Horner, Ramon Estevez, Rodney and Joyce Young, Brian and Stacy Wertz, Jim Stermer, Charles Barto - LNP

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

Public comment was invited. Horner asked for information on the polling place change.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the minutes of October 2, 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 \$14,033.06; General Fund checks #26507-26553 in the amount of \$262,642.20; Sewer Fund checks checks #627-628 in the amount of \$298.08; Escrow Fund checks #1165-1166 in the amount of \$13,663.53.

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 2023-16 per the sewage planning module for 606 Bunker Hill Road, Greg Miller.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman to sign the holding tank agreement for 606 Bunker Hill Road.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to grant a waiver of land development plan for 15 Girvin Road in Paradise Township.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve PC2023-06, Lot Add-on Plan for 441 Weaver Road on condition all comments of Solanco Engineering review letter of September 25, 2023 are satisfied.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve PC2023-07, Lot Add-on Plan for 373 Walnut Run Road on condition all comments of Solanco Engineering review letter of September 22, 2023 are satisfied.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve PC2023-08, Subdivision Plan for 257 North Star Road on condition all comments of Solanco Engineering review letter of October 10, 2023 are satisfied.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2023-18 per the 257 North Star Road Planning Module.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve use of Township roads and Fire Police assistance for Kat's 5K footrace on May 11, 2024.

Steve Risk, Mick Kauffman and Mike Burke appeared on behalf of the Strasburg Railroad and the Rocky Springs Carousel Association to assess Township support for the idea of installing the carousel at the Railroad. Zoning Hearing Board approval of a variance will be needed since it doesn't fit the existing ordinances as a permitted use. The Board voiced their unanimous support for the project.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve an escrow reduction for 705 May Post Office Road, Kore Fisher, in the amount of \$9,328.37. The remaining balance will be \$3,850.00.

Creek View Lane sewer project final numbers and financing options were discussed:

- The net cost is \$193,706 for 18 lots on Creek View
- Per lot net cost is \$10,761
- Two lots on Edisonville Road will be assessed separately
- The Borough Authority tapping fee is \$5,661
- The Borough Authority quarterly use fee will be \$147.15
- The quarterly fee will be adjusted annually
- A 20-year amortization at 1% is a quarterly fee of \$148.47 to the Township
- A permitting process and form will be established

On a motion by Willig/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve a 20-year loan at 1%, allow connection to the sewer no earlier than December 5, 2023 and mandatory connection no later than June 30, 2024.

The Creek View residents requested a "No Outlet" sign for the cul-de-sac. The Roadmaster will be directed to install one. The electronic speed monitor will be placed on the street to assess speeding.

At approximately 9:00 pm, sealed bids for mowing the disc golf course were opened:

- Mark Harnish bid \$650/week for bulk mowing, \$225/biweekly for detail trimming and \$335/month for partial mowing in dry weather
- DWD Landscaping bid \$595/week for bulk mowing, \$275/biweekly for detail trimming and \$325/month for partial mowing in dry weather.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to award the 3-year mowing contract to DWD Landscaping.

John Fisher had questions about the historic status of a house at 431 Weaver Road which sold at auction recently.

Kore Fisher had questions about as-built plans requirements.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve an escrow reduction for 304 Sawmill Road, John L. Stoltzfus, in the amount of \$4,335.16. The remaining balance will be \$2,594.11.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2023-17 per authorizing PADOT Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement submissions.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to approve repairs to 1323 Beaver Valley Pike from storm damage which does not constitute an enlargement or addition.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the draft 2024 budget as amended.

The Board continued discussing the feasibility of forming a partnership to preserve farmland and open space and budgeting funds toward that partnership. The Township Solicitor advised the Board not to take an active stance in selecting properties, but leave it to administration by whichever agency they choose as a partner. Lancaster Farmland Trust is being considered.

The Zoning Officer reports fourteen permits issued with receipts in the amount of \$4,772.77.

The Sewage Enforcement Officer reports two perc tests performed and one permit issued with receipts in the amount of \$2,030.00.

There being no further business before the Board, the Supervisors adjourned at 10 pm. for an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Judith G. Willig
Township Secretary