

December 4, 2023

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Monday, December 4, 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: Brian and Tracy Werntz, Jim Stermer, Joyce Gerhart, John D. Fisher, Lindsay Cassadei, Esq., Brian and Erin Carson, Tony Todd, Terry Smith – Township Planning Commission, Charles Barto - LNP

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

Public comment was invited. Cassadie and Fisher appeared to discuss a proposal to rezone a lot on North Star Road from Gateway North to Industrial. Smith had a question about traffic. Weaver wanted assurance the building would be constructed as presented. The Board unanimously supported the proposal. Todd and the Carson's appeared to ask the Board's economic support in purchasing a used traffic vehicle for the Refton Community Fire Company Fire Police. The Board will have it included in the January agenda for action.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda items.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to approve PC2023-09, Land Development Plan for 300 Hartman Bridge Road, Sight & Sound Building 6B on condition the financial security is provided.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to approve an escrow reduction for 13 Martin Lane in the amount of \$5,184.12 with a remaining balance of \$7,317.36 and 249 Herr Road, Ivan Fisher, in the amount of \$19,625.30 with a remaining balance of \$2,100.00.

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

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to approve SWM2023-06, 48 Prospect Road, Christian F. King on condition financial security and a stormwater management agreement are submitted.

The Creek View Lane sewer project was discussed. The Werntz's had a few questions but expressed their appreciation of the Township's cooperation. On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the

Chairman sign agreements with property owners included in the Creek View Lane sewer project who wish to finance the associated costs and fees.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2023-19 maintaining the millage rate at .555 mills.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2023-20 appropriating funds for 2024.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to approve an addendum to the Strasburg Borough Police agreement.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2023-21 executing the addendum to the agreement with the Strasburg Borough Police Department.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2023-22 amending the Strasburg Township Personnel Policy pertaining to holidays.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the 2024 budget as amended adding funds to the Strasburg-Heisler Library donation.

Deimler requested the Board's opinion on restroom facilities for the proposed boat launch area at the Township Park.

At approximately 9:00 pm, the Board adjourned to hold an executive session to interview a prospective employee. The Board, Deimler, the Secretary and Brandi Tomasetti attended.

At approximately 10:00, the regular meeting reconvened and reported no decision had been reached.

Weaver requested the following excerpts from an LNP article on Lyme disease be entered into the minutes: "The western and eastern parts of the state saw the most forest land lost, and accounted for more than half of the state's Lyme disease cases in 2022." "Because if you do one thing, you might increase the chance of something else, but thinking in terms of forest blocks, if your municipality has a huge section of forest, don't develop that." "Rural communities should consider the effects of forest fragmentation before pursuing suburban-type developments." (Emphasis Weaver's)

The Township supports forest preservation along with farmland and historic resource preservation for the health and welfare of the residents.

The Zoning Officer reports eleven permits issued with receipts in the amount of \$2,634.33.

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 10:35 p.m.

Judith G. Willig  
Township Secretary