

January 7, 2019

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held their organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. at the Strasburg Township Municipal Building, 400 Bunker Hill Road. Present were Peggy Dearolf, Michael Weaver and Thomas Willig; Administrator Mark Deimler.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to nominate and elect Tom Willig as Chairman.

On a motion by Dearolf/Willig, the Board voted unanimously to nominate and elect Michael Weaver as Vice-Chairman.

On a motion by Willig/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2019 appointments, selections and procedures as noted on the attachment.

On a motion by Willig/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to approve 2019 wages as noted on the attachment with the exception of the Secretary.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted to approve the Secretary's wages as noted on the attachment. Willig abstained.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to set the Treasurer's bond at \$1,500,000.00 for 2019.

On a motion by Willig/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve the depositors and advertisers as noted on the attachment.

On a motion by Willig/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2019-01 establishing fees for 2019.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2019-02 appointing RKL LLC to audit the 2018 Township accounts.

At approximately 7:40, the regular meeting was called to order.

Guests: Darcie Stolz, Bruce Tolan, Mike Saxinger, June Mengel, Bill Potter, Dwight Yoder, Justin and Abbie Welk, Richard Fluck, Karlla Brigatti, Herman Boutrager, Mark Martin, Leonard Hurst, Adam Heaps, Erik Puffenberger, Steve Raichler.

Public comment was invited. There was none.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board unanimously voted to adopt the minutes of December 3, 2018 as submitted.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board unanimously voted to approve bill listings for payment: Payroll and taxes in the amount of \$12,600.98; General Fund checks #22303-22345 in the amount of \$31,596.61 ; Liquid Fuels checks #1802 in the amount of \$2,704.8; Sewer Fund checks #317-321 in the amount of \$2,016.05.

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

Yoder, Heaps and Saxinger presented a growth plan for the Clinic for Special Children offering the following: The Clinic was formed as a nonprofit in 1990 on approximately 3 acres at their present location of 535 Bunker Hill Road; they have outgrown the property and wish to purchase an 8.8 acre parcel zoned Agricultural (AG) and approximately 3 acres of an adjoining property zoned Rural Residential (RR) at 385 Bunker Hill Road; the Clinic would like to provide overnight accommodations for the families of patients from outside the area, expand their adult services, offer internships and maintain animals for continuing research; 90% of their clients are Plain Sect and prefer to remain in the Township; the buildings will be situated almost entirely on the RR portion; the AG portion will be barns and pastures for the livestock and stormwater management facilities; the AG portion is not large enough to be a farm and unusable as active farmland. The Clinic has a hearing with the Zoning Hearing Board on Tuesday, January 8th for a special exception and is requesting the Supervisors support.

Stolz, Welk, Mengel and Potter supported the Clinic's mission, but had many questions and concerns about the loss of farmland, traffic increase, current water runoff issues and what will happen when the Clinic moves on from the location. They maintained the use is permitted in other zones, the surrounding farms are preserved and it is prime soil which should stay in production.

Willig polled the Board: Dearolf was neutral; Weaver commented the Board is firmly committed to farm preservation and he appreciated the input of those in attendance. He would love to see the AG portion sold to a neighboring farm, but the current owner is asking more per acre than a farmer could profitably afford. The Clinic is a unique entity and their proposed plans do not fit neatly into any particular zone. He supports the application and would like to see conditions applied pertaining to low-impact lighting, building design and landscaping; Willig agreed with Weaver's comments, but did not think the Clinic's argument that the AG portion is not usable as tillable land was compelling. He stated the stormwater management will be taken very seriously and supported the application.

Willig thanked everyone for their input and comments on this complex issue. It is in the hands of the Zoning Hearing Board which is an autonomous body. The positions of the Supervisors will be communicated at the hearing tomorrow night.

At approximately 10:00 p.m., a hearing for proposed Ordinance #111 pertaining to high tunnel greenhouse storm water management was opened.

On a motion by Willig/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to close the hearing and adopt the ordinance as presented.

On a motion by Willig/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to select actual replacement value for the Township building, actual cash value for the buildings at the Township Park and directed the Secretary to gather more information on the coverage for the WWTP hazard insurance.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the 2018 PSATS pension disclosure statement.

On a motion by Willig/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to approve moving forward with a low-volume road grant application for Sides Mill Road and associated permits and agreements.

There being no further business before the Board, the Supervisors adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Judith G. Willig
Township Secretary