

April 5, 2021

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Monday, April 5, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. at the Refton Community Fire Company, 99 Church Street, Refton 17568. Present were Peggy Dearolf, C. Michael Weaver and Thomas Willig; Administrator Mark Deimler.

Guests: Brenden Curry remotely, Doug Parkins, Ron Rineer, Steve Hess, Jim Kreider, Bill Potter, Nick Ferretti

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

Public comment was invited. Curry asked about the Board's position on the proposed County Health Department (CHD). Willig responded the matter will be discussed at a future meeting.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the minutes of March 1, 2021 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 \$23,537.82; General Fund checks #25241-25280 in the amount of \$77,827.58; Liquid Fuels Fund checks #1825-1827 in the amount of \$9,304.26; Sewer Fund checks #466-469 in the amount of \$1,490.98; Escrow Fund checks #1123-1124 in the amount of \$33,164.70.

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 approve the agreement for PC2019-04, Meadows at Strasburg on Prospect Road. Parkins noted there will be a preconstruction meeting later in the week, off-street work was completed before the March 31st DEP deadline and an inventory of trees 6" or larger was compiled for replacement. Early 2022 is planned for occupancy.

Hess and Kreider appeared to request Township sponsorship of a grant application for the Sides Mill stream project for an unnamed tributary of the Little Beaver Creek. During a recent historic rainfall, a dam was breached and the grant is for restoration of the streambank. No matching funds are required, but the Township may have some administrative costs associated with the disbursement of grant monies received. Deimler recommended the proposal be forwarded to the Township Solicitor for review of prevailing wage and bidding requirements due to the size of the grant. On a motion by Willig/Weaver, the

Board voted unanimously to approve sponsorship contingent on a favorable response from the Solicitor.

Ferretti appeared for introduce himself to the Board as the new Strasburg Borough Chief of Police. He reported speeding complaints are the most common and asked the Board if they were open to working together to acquire upgraded equipment. The Board thanked Ferretti for coming and asked him to provide some cost information on the equipment.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to accept the audit results from RKL for the 2020 accounts.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Refton Community Fire Company assist the Strasburg Fire Company for the Memorial Day parade on May 31, 2021.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Strasburg Fire Company Fire Police assist with the Clinic for Special Children's 5K race.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to ratify and affirm raising Shane Trout's hourly wage to \$15.00.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2021-05 per disposal of documents.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to award the reconstruction of a stone wall for intersection improvements at Strasburg Pike and Prospect Road to Arment Concrete as the lowest bidder.

The Township is poised to receive approximately \$428,000.00 of American Rescue Plan monies. There are no firm guidelines for the permitted use of the funds, but the initial information shows a fairly broad array of possibilities. The Board will continue the review as more information becomes available.

Deimler provided some handouts to the Board to aid in a discussion of swapping density from R-1 to the Gateway North zone and making some changes to the R-1 section of the Zoning Ordinance. The discussion will continue at a future meeting.

The Board voiced opposition to the Zoning Hearing Board application for 1540 Beaver Valley Pike citing a desire to restrict a proliferation of signs in the Township.

Curry asked the Board to provide a more definitive stance on the CHD issue. The Board members stated they were not comfortable voicing support of something for which they do not have enough information to make an informed decision. A poll was unanimously against.

There being no further business before the Board, the Supervisors adjourned at 9:50 p.m. to hold an executive session to discuss personnel issues. Present were: Dearolf, Weaver, Willig, Deimler and the Secretary.

Judith G. Willig
Township Secretary