March 7, 2016

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Monday, March 7, 2016, 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.

Guests: John Rintz, Allen Gruver, May Gaynor, Ed Browne, Barry and Lauri Bachman, Ron Rinier, Gerry McCracken, Alan Means, Paul Dochat, Bob Sangrey, John Stoltzfus, Wilmer Smoker, Donna Walker.

Public comment was invited. Gaynor alerted the Board of monies available from the Fish and Boat Commission for stream projects and mentioned the dam on the Pequea Creek near the Village Road bridge. It has deteriorated and catches a lot of debris. Deimler stated the property owner would have to agree to removal or repair and submit the grant application. Weaver noted it is a historic remnant of the mill. The Bachman's and Rinier appeared to voice their displeasure with the Refton Sewer project cost and effect on their property values. Deimler and the Board explained how usage fees were arrived upon and how the project was mandated by the State.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board unanimously voted to adopt the minutes of February 1, 2016 as submitted.

On a motion by Dearolf/Willig, the Board voted to adopt the minutes of February 15, 2016. Weaver abstained.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board unanimously voted to approve bill listings for payment: Payroll and taxes in the amount of \$16,423.03; General Fund checks #20828-20876 in the amount of \$50,226.37; Liquid Fuels checks #1755-1756 in the amount of \$13,715.16; Sewer Fund checks #101-102 in the amount of \$16,464.86.

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

At approximately 8:00 p.m., sealed bids were opened for the Township Building repairs. Brentmore Construction was the sole bidder at \$16,137.00. On a motion by Weaver/Willig, the Board unanimously voted to table the award to the April 4, 2016 meeting to have an opportunity to obtain references for the company.

At approximately 8:15 p.m., sealed bids were opened for the 2016 road projects.

Stone per Ton:				
Allan Myers	2A-6.25	3A-6.50	8A-9.25	
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New Enterprise	2A-6.30	3A-6.25	8A-9.95	Rap-10.25

Sealcoat Applied: Martin Paving Hammaker East	\$1.145/sy \$1.47/sy		
Asphalt per Ton:			
Picked Up:	9.5 mm	Delivered:	9.5 mm
Pennsy	46.89		52.84

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to table the awards to the April 4, 2016 meeting in order to have some pricing and supply questions answered.

Attorney Browne appeared with a follow-up on the Abner King, 116D South Ronks Road, Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) appeal. An estimate of vehicular traffic was done with the results of approximately ten (10) per day including seven (7) trucks and three (3) cars or carriages and two (2) tractor trailer deliveries per month. The ZHB is concerned about access and the business use impact on the neighbors. Weaver and Dearolf asked Browne what changes the neighbors are requesting. Browne's reply was no formal discussions have been had but they appear to want the business to close altogether due to safety concerns about the narrowness of the shared lane. Rintz stated the ZHB had asked King to come back to the March 8, 2016 meeting with options and alternatives. King proposes a reasonable restriction on traffic, installing a 10 MPH speed sign on his property and providing a pull-off space on his property. Weaver stated the conditions imposed by the ZHB were impossible to implement and relief should be given to King from those conditions. Any proposed changes should maximize safety and be enforceable.

Stoltzfus, Strasburg Fire Company, presented the 2015 report. A capital equipment fund is being established to replace apparatus in 2020 with Strasburg Borough pledging \$40,000.00 by 2020. He asked the Township to consider a contribution. Weaver stated the Township owes the Fire Companies more than we know. Providing fire service is a requirement of the Township and the volunteer companies save the Township residents \$100 per year per resident in a fire tax.

Rintz appeared to lodge a complaint about the illegal kennel operation being run by his neighbor Henry K. Stoltzfoos. The Township ZHB has twice denied his request for a variance. Stoltzfoos has eleven (11) dogs, calls them pets and changes breeds regularly. The Zoning Officer must give Stoltzfoos notice of inspection which allows him to remove them from the site. Rintz stated rules are for everyone and Stoltzfoos knowingly breaks them. Deimler responded the Township Planning Commission is looking at ordinance text amendments pertaining to kennels in order to make reasonable regulations to bring the existing operations into compliance and under scrutiny. Means suggested a \$5,000.00 annual fee for breeding in the Township and reported he is aware of four (4) kennels on Weaver Road now. He has complained to Harrisburg.

At approximately 9:15, a hearing was held for proposed Ordinance #97 pertaining to the Township's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO), #98 pertaining to Floodplains and #99 pertaining to zoning ordinance text amendments to establish consistency with the SALDO and Floodplain ordinances. Weaver stated the SALDO provides protection to residents in future developments and agricultural land. On a motion by Dearolf/Willig, the Board voted unanimously to close the hearing and adopt the ordinances as presented.

Deimler has suggested vacating three "no name" Township road stubs and turning them back to the neighboring property owners. A farmer off the Reservoir stub has agreed to maintain that section. The Miller Road and Smithville Road neighbors have not been approached. The Board is not opposed to the vacations if the neighbors all agree.

On a motion by Weaver/Willig, the Board unanimously voted to approve Telco, Inc. as traffic signal maintenance company for the Route 896/741 light.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Wilmer Smoker/Rocky Ridge Meats holding tank agreement.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2016-3 and Resolution 2016-4 amending the General Fund and Sewer Fund budgets, respectively, adding new accounts.

Deimler updated the Board on the Zoning Hearing Board application for 1109 Penn Grant Road. Deimler updated the Board on the Refton Waste Water Treatment Plant progress: excavation has begun, most of the lines have been drilled, the lateral connections and grinder pumps will begin installation on Refton Road and Beaver Valley Pike starting at the north and moving south. Deimler updated the Board on the Twin Elm Bridge project: projected to be installed the first or second week of June and take 2-3 days to complete. Road crew members from Eden and Paradise Townships will be assisting.

The Zoning Officer reports one (1) permit issued with receipts in the amount of \$79.95

The Sewage Enforcement Officer reports no activity

There being no further business before the Board, the Supervisors adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Judith G. Willig Township Secretary