

October 3, 2016

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Monday, October 3, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at the Strasburg Township Municipal Building, 400 Bunker Hill Road. Present were Peggy Dearolf and Michael Weaver; Administrator Mark Deimler; Treasurer Connie Kauffman.

Guests: Jason Shaner, Ron Rinier, Wayne Manley, Chris Kehoe, Kameron Dunn, Jeff Kenderdine, Cody Swords, Chad Vinelli, Gibson Armstrong, Wilmer Smoker.

Public comment was invited. Manley presented a request for the Board to approve the May 13, 2017 "Kat's 5K" footrace use of Township Roads. On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request and conditionally approve the extension of the race to a 10K in 2018.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board unanimously voted to adopt the minutes of September 6, 2016 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 \$13,266.39; General Fund checks #21124 - 21158 in the amount of \$79,244.20; Liquid Fuels Fund checks #1764 in the amount of \$6,698.77; Sewer Fund checks #121-128 in the amount of \$284,718.94

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

The topic of increasing the Treasurer's position to 20 hours per week and raising the wage to \$18.50 per hour was raised. Weaver stated the Township has a good team in place and want to ensure retention. On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to approve the increase effective January 1, 2017.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve the stormwater management plan SWM 2016-05 for Samuel S. King, 1540 Beaver Valley Pike, with requested modifications on condition the comments of the Solanco Engineering letter of September 9, 2016 are satisfied.

Kenderdine and Swords appeared on behalf of the L-S YMCA ("Y") requesting amendments to the June 1, 2007 agreement between the "Y", West Lampeter Township, Strasburg Township, Borough of Strasburg and the L-S School District (SD). The "Y" is seeking relief from the 10% discount for L-S residents and a modification of the makeup of the Branch Board citing financial constraints per the discount and difficulty filling Board positions. The discount would be phased out over several years along with programs subsidized by insurance carriers and employers i.e. Silver Sneakers and Silver & Fit. The Branch Board would retain a

majority of SD members with the remaining members made up of residents or property owners of participating municipalities. Weaver questioned whether these amendments benefit the residents of Strasburg Township and thanked them for the presentation. Since the Chairman was absent, Weaver recommended tabling the matter until the full Board could be present.

Dunn of 116 Main Street, Refton appeared to ask input on a neighboring derelict property of Larry Reinhart. It has 6 foot tall weeds and junk in the yard. Deimler responded the Township does not have a property maintenance ordinance and cannot require Reinhart to clean up. Reinhart was required to remove the uninspected and unregistered vehicles from the property. Weaver commented on the good and bad points of a property maintenance ordinance and its intrusion into individual property owners lives. Rinier commented on the condition of a property on Breneman Road.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve returning \$145,751.65 of Wilmer Smoker/Rocky Ridge Meats escrow deposit retaining a balance of \$45,981.65.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to ratify and affirm the selection of Capital Blue Cross for the 2017 employee health insurance and authorizing the Secretary to execute all pertinent documents.

Shaner presented a preliminary plan for Armstrong and Vinelli to develop the barn at 20 Refton Road into a wedding venue. Armstrong stated he is willing to preserve the majority of the farm property and use approximately 2 acres for the venue. They propose to widen the existing lane, install a separate septic system for the venue and install a parking lot for 77 cars. The venue would operate Friday through Sunday May through September. Armstrong and Vinelli appeared to get a sense from the Supervisors of their willingness to consider the concept. Citing the Chairman's absence, Weaver asked to table to matter to either the October 17 or November 7, 2016 regular meeting.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to approve the holding tank agreement with JEASLAPP Real Estate LLC for 1960 Beaver Valley Pike.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Administrator to send certified letters of mandatory connection to the Refton Waste Water Treatment Plant at the appropriate time. Rinier asked if there would be information regarding payment of the \$3500 connection fee and inspections. Deimler responded the correspondence would include a letter, a permit application form and a procedure outlining the necessary steps and contact information for the inspector.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve the erection of "Watch Children" signs on Paradise Lane near the Route 741 intersection.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to cast ballots for Michael Keller to fill positions on the PSATS UC Group Trust, Pension Trust and Health Insurance Trust boards.

The 2017 draft budget was reviewed. Kauffman mentioned the need to increase hearing fees and water rates for 2017 to offset costs. It looks like the Township will be approximately \$100,000 in the black at years end. At this juncture, it does not appear necessary to increase taxes. Deimler noted the need to replace the F550 dump truck in the next few years, repairs to the Park property and municipal building.

There is a kennel application to the Zoning Hearing Board this month for 522 Weaver Road. It is situated on a 100-acre farm and appears to meet the current Zoning Ordinance criteria.

Rinier asked who is responsible for maintaining the sidewalks in Refton stating they are in poor condition. Deimler responded he doesn't know and would have to check with the Solicitor.

Zoning Officer's Report: Eight (8) permits issued with receipts in the amount of \$768.06; Five (5) complaints received with two (2) closed.

Sewage Enforcement Officer's Report: four (4) probe and seven (7) inspections performed, six (6) permits issued and one (1) violation inspected with receipts in the amount of \$1,850.00.

There being no further business before the Board, the Supervisors adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Judith G. Willig  
Township Secretary