

The Straban Township Board of Supervisors met this date, as publicly advertised, at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Straban Township Municipal Building, 1745 Granite Station Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325 with Board Chair Sharon Hamm presiding. Others in attendance were: Supervisors Tony Sanders and Fred Kammerer; Solicitor Walton V. Davis; and Secretary Robin Crushong.

Others in attendance were: Lawrence and Sandra Martin; Paul Kriger; Lillian Reed (*Evening Sun*); Beth Kanagy (*Gettysburg Times*); and Frank Thomas.

Board Chair Hamm led everyone with the Pledge to the Flag.

- Ms. Hamm informed the residents present of the next scheduled meetings: Board of Supervisors meeting on October 7, 2013; Planning Commission meeting on September 25, 2013; Recreation Board meeting September 16, 2013. There were no additional meetings this past month.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Minutes:**

Mr. Kammerer moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve the August 5, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approve Bills:**

Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer, to approve the August 1, 2013; August 15, 2013 and August 29, 2013 bills for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

**Reports:**

**Recreation Board** – Debbie Redding Arnold, Vice Chair of the Recreation Board addressed the Board of Supervisors and requested that they allow the expenditure from the Recreation Fund in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for the purchase of three (3) double sided “No Hitting Fence with Balls” signs. Having the signs up at each of the backstops could correct this problem. **Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders to approve the expenditure from the Recreation Fund not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for three (3) “No Hitting Fence with Balls” signs including labor. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Arnold also brought up the fact that the Recreation Board would like to do paving at the Recreation Park. Realizing that the Recreation Fund will not cover the cost completely, the Recreation Board wanted to know if 1) it was legal to borrow money from the General Fund to be reimbursed by the Recreation Fund when funds became available; and 2) if the Board of Supervisors were even interested in entertaining this idea. Mr. Davis spoke to the fact that this is not addressed in the Municipal Planning Code (MPC) and there is nothing to stop it legally. It was noted that this must be clearly carried in the township books and would make for better bookkeeping if it was all done in the same year. Ms. Hamm stated that the Board would need to receive numbers very soon since the

budget process for the township is starting. If it is viable, the Board would be willing to entertain. Ms. Arnold will have the Recreation Board come up with some numbers to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors next month.

York Adams Tax Bureau – Mr. Paul Kriger invited everyone in attendance to take time to stop off at the Gettysburg Office. The delinquent taxes have never been collected in Adams County until now and it is being done aggressively. The local magistrates are working with the Gettysburg Office which will result in a faster turnaround of tax to the township.

Solicitor - Ms. Hamm asked Mr. Davis if the letter received from Heywood Becker needed to be addressed. Clem Malot from Commonwealth Code Inspection Services weighed in on this letter too. Mr. Davis stated that Mr. Becker's request might be viable if: 1) the property would be vacated; and 2) convert the property to an allowed use. Mr. Sanders asked if Mr. Becker was aware of the case filed against him. Mr. Davis stated that Mr. Becker has filed preliminary rejections and the case is now sitting on Judge George's desk. If a response is not made by the township there is nothing stopping Mr. Becker from coming to the Court stating that the township is ignoring this case. We need to respond to this letter. **Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to have the solicitor respond to Mr. Becker's letter dated August 20, 2013 stating that he must comply with permitted uses and vacate the property.** Ms. Hamm and Mr. Kammerer approved. Mr. Sanders denied. Motion carried 2 to 1.

Appearances:

None.

Correspondence:

Ms. Crushong announced the following:

- July report from Bonneauville Fire Department
- August report from United Hook & Ladder
- Minutes of the Gettysburg Municipal Authority Board of Directors meeting held on July 15, 2013
- Minutes of the White Run Regional Municipal Authority meeting held on July 17, 2013
- Minutes of the Adams County Council of Government dated July 25, 2013
- Letter from Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) dated July 29, 2013 containing the results of the Public Protection Classification survey

Old/New Business:

1. Traffic Signal Repair/Maintenance - Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to enter into a one (1) year contract for traffic repair/maintenance with Atlantic Transportation Systems, Inc. beginning 2014 for emergency calls during and after hours. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Resolution No. 2013-10 - Mr. Kammerer moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders to adopt Resolution No. 2013-10 authorizing the township to use PennDot e-permitting system. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Resolution No. 2013-11 – Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to adopt Resolution No. 2013-11 prescribing procedures for the refund of tax overpayments in amounts of five dollars or less. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Sewage Facilities Planning Module** – Ms. Hamm stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval of this Sewage Facilities Planning Module. **Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to approve the Sewage Facilities Planning Module for G. Kevin Myers at 180 Goldenville Road. Motion carried unanimously.**
  
5. **Fire Tax** – Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to have the Solicitor work on an MOU and a resolution as required in order to consider a .25 mil fire tax. Also included in this motion is to have Ms. Crushong properly advertise and set up a workshop with our primary Fire Departments for 6 pm on Monday Sept. 30, to be followed with a 7 pm public meeting to discuss a fire tax with our residents. **Motion carried unanimously.**
  
6. **Response to ATAPCO on Impact Fee funds** - Ms. Hamm explained that ATAPCO met with the Board of Supervisors to request consideration of using Traffic Impact Fees to help provide a match for some funding possibly available from the state. The Township does not have the amount of funds ATAPCO is requesting and the Board has earmarked these same funds to aid in causing a better Hunterstown Road Intersection and starting the west end of Camp Letterman Drive. Ms. Hamm stated that the Board does need to respond to the request. **Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to have Ms. Crushong send a letter to ATAPCO informing them it is in the interests of the township for any future discussions regarding our Traffic Impact Fees be inclusive of the Adams County Transportation Planning Organization (ACTPO). We are working together now to improve the Rte. 30 East West Corridor, which could be associated to the ATAPCO request. Motion carried unanimously.**
  
7. **Joint Comprehensive Plan** - Mr. Kammerer moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders to join in the discussions with Gettysburg Borough and Cumberland Township concerning a joint comprehensive plan and appoint Ms. Hamm and a Planning Commission member as representatives. **Motion carried unanimously.**
  
8. **Waste Collection Contract Bidding** – Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders to appoint Ms. Hamm to attend the bid opening on September 18, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**
  
9. **Membership on GMA Board** – Ms. Hamm explained that in early 2012, over 1 ½ year ago Cumberland and Straban Twp sent separate letters to the Gettysburg Borough Council requesting a seat on the GMA Board. Thus far little action has taken place to accomplish the goal of including Straban and Cumberland on its Board. At the last GMA Board meeting they discussed amending and updating the bylaws. However the Articles of Incorporation is the document that needs to be amended to allow for an increase of 2 members to 7. Cumberland Twp. and Straban are both in favor of having a seat on the GMA Board. **Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to have a signed letter and proposed Resolution be sent to the GMA Board and Gettysburg Borough Council as a way of assisting the GMA Board so the increase of the Board membership will be done in a timely manner. Motion carried unanimously.**
  
10. **Health Insurance Renewal Date** – The health insurance carrier for the township is offering an opportunity to do an early renewal as of 12/1/13 to preserve another full 12 months without being affected by the increased costs

of the Affordable Care Act which action would save the township about \$1,600.00. Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to change the renewal date of the health insurance to 12/1/13. Motion carried unanimously.

Land Use Reviews:

**Gettysburg Station** – Final Land Development Plan (York Rd. – south side Rt. 30 – between Peebles and Giant Shopping Centers) – **Must act by 09/24/13**. An extension letter dated August 23, 2013 was received from RGS Associates requesting an extension to December 24, 2013. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this extension. Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders to approve the extension for Gettysburg Station to December 24, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

None.

Questions from the Press:

Beth Kanagy (*Gettysburg Times*) asked who the first response fire companies were. Ms. Hamm answered Gettysburg, Heidlersburg, United Hook & Ladder, Biglerville and Bonneauville.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. this date.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin K. Crushong  
Secretary

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board of Supervisors of Straban Township will be held on October 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.