

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; George Mauser; Bob Karen; Glenn Zepp; Crissy Redding; Gil Picarelli, KPI; Joey Byrne, United Hook & Ladder; Bernie Yannetti, Attorney for Discovery Gettysburg; Joe Eberly, TRG; Deb Kammerer, Chair of the Recreation Board; William Hill, Township Engineer; Lew Brill; Bob Spangler; Bob Sharrah, Sharrah Design Group, Skip Strayer; and Beth Kanagy (*Gettysburg Times*).

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 November 4, 2013; Planning Commission meeting on October 23, 2013; Recreation Board meeting October 21, 2013. There were no additional meetings this past month.

**Public Comment:**

Representative from Parks Garbage Services encouraged the Board of Supervisors to approve Option 3 of the Waste Collection Proposals because of the benefit to having everyone recycle.

**Minutes:**

Mr. Kammerer moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve the September 3, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approve Bills:**

Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer, to approve the September 12, 2013 and September 26, 2013 bills for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

**Reports:**

**Recreation Board** – Deb Kammerer, Chair of the Recreation Board addressed the Board of Supervisors stating that the Recreation Board would like to do paving at the Recreation Park. The estimated cost that Mark Walde, Road Master presented to the Recreation Board was in the amount of \$33,000.00 which includes labor costs. The Recreation Funds available are around \$28,000.00. There would be a shortfall of about \$5,000.00. Ms. Kammerer asked if the Board of Supervisors would lend the Recreation Fund \$5,000.00 for the paving work to be done next spring.

Also, another matter that the Recreation Board would like some guidance from the Board of Supervisors is how much reserve funds should be kept. Even though the funds can only be used for improvements, the Recreation Board does not think the funds should be depleted. Mr. Davis stated that you do not want to hold onto the funds past the three (3) year limit to be spent. Ms. Kammerer stated that there is about \$9,000.00 that has not expired to date.

Ms. Hamm stated that the Board of Supervisors will consider these issues during its budget workshop and get back to the Recreation Board. The workshop is proposed to be scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Hamm also reminded Ms. Kammerer that the suggestion of the township solicitor was to have the funds back within the same year.

**Fire** – Joey Byrne from United Hook & Ladder presented the Board with its report for September 2013. Mr. Byrne also thanked the Board of Supervisors for hosting the public meeting last week concerning the Fire/EMS tax. He also mentioned that even though the Federal government shut-down they were able to have the memorial service for the firefighter that was killed from their station.

Appearances:

**Village Green** – Mr. Charlie Courtney informed the Board that he has spoken to Mike Kizer from PennDot and confirmed that PennDot will not preclude a light at Hunterstown Road if a light is installed at Village Green. Mr. Courtney knows that the Board of Supervisors need something in writing but wanted to let them know that this can be addressed. Mr. Courtney also noted that if the light at Village Green was installed and then later it was discovered that it was causing problems with Hunterstown Road, it would be removed. Mr. Sanders stated that he thought once a light was there it was not removable. Mr. Courtney stated that they can be removed. Ms. Hamm reminded Mr. Courtney of the policy that the Board of Supervisors adopted which includes the involvement of ACTPO. Mr. Kammerer stated that the Hunterstown light is not going in right away. Mr. Courtney was seeking general direction from the Board so that this project can move forward. It was decided that Mr. Courtney should present a document for review by the Township Traffic Engineer, Jodie Evans and Township Solicitor.

**Discovery Gettysburg (a/k/a Gettysburg Commons)** – Bernie Yannetti, Attorney for Greater Gettysburg Development Corp., developers of Discovery Gettysburg, stated that this project has the preliminary and final approvals for the four phases already. He is here to request that the Board of Supervisors consider appointing a representative to a tax increment financing (TIF) committee. The request has already been made to Gettysburg Area School District and Adams County. The Adams County Industrial Development Corporation will act as the mediator for the committee.

Correspondence:

Ms. Crushong announced the following:

- August report from Bonneauville Fire Department
- September report from United Hook & Ladder
- United Hook & Ladder Company #33 Exempt Organization Tax Returns December 31, 2012
- Minutes of the Gettysburg Municipal Authority Board of Directors meeting held on August 19, 2013
- Minutes of the White Run Regional Municipal Authority meeting held on August 21, 2013
- Minutes of the York Adams Tax Bureau meeting held on July 29, 2013
- Minutes of the Adams County Council of Government dated August 22, 2013

Old/New Business:

1. **Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Committee for Discovery Gettysburg** - Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders to appoint Fred Kammerer as the Board of Supervisor Representative on the TIF Committee. **Motion carried unanimously.** Ms. Hamm also stated that Alan Zepp, Chair of the Planning Commission was also appointed as a representative from the Planning Commission.

2. **Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO)** - Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to accept the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for 2014 for the township non-uniform pension plan. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Fire/EMS Tax** – Ms. Hamm stated that this topic is important to her for many reasons. As a Supervisor of Straban Township she feels it is her responsibility to care for the health, safety and welfare of the residents. This is the basis of her service and why she has undertaken this role and put in the significant amount of hours as Supervisor of Straban Township. Enacting a Fire/EMS Tax helps to ensure the residents of Straban Township will continue to have the quality service they get from our volunteer fire and EMS departments. Enacting this .25 mil tax now indicates she is doing what she can do to keep taxes down for as long as possible. She also feels that it is her responsibility to make sure 100% of the assessed taxable properties in the township help pay into the system of Fire & Emergency Services instead of the less than 25% presently donating. This is the fairest, most equitable process permitted by our PA Tax Code. **Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer that Straban Township consider enacting a .25 mil Fire/EMS Tax starting in the year 2014 Tax year and directed the solicitor to write up the necessary resolution for formal adoption of this tax.** Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Budget Workshop** – Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to authorize the advertisement for a budget workshop to take place on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Waste Collection Contract** – Ms. Hamm thanked the representative from Parks Garbage for coming this evening. She stated that since the Adams Rescue Mission is in Straban Township, the township does not have a mandatory recycling so the residents can choose what to do with their recycling. Option 2 is what the Southeast Collective Group (consisting of Abbottstown Borough, Cumberland Township and Straban Township recommended). **Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to award the Waste Collection Contract to Advanced Disposal out of Shippensburg, PA for a three (3) year term.** Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Certificates of Deposit (CD)** - Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders to authorize the Office Manager to move Certificates of Deposit which mature on October 27, 2013 to best benefit the township. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Maintenance of Traffic Control Signals** - Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to authorize the signing of the Municipal Service Agreement for Maintenance of Traffic Control Signals with Atlantic Transportation Systems, Inc. (ATS). Motion carried unanimously.
8. **Enclosed Storage Ordinance** – Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to send the proposed Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances concerning enclosed storage to the Township Planning Commission and the Adams County Planning Commission for review. Motion carried unanimously.
9. **Recreation Park Improvements, Application No. 3** – Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders to approve payment from the Recreation Fund for Application Number 3 in the amount of \$1,954.20 to C.E. Williams Sons, Inc. for the park improvement work. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Holding Tank Permit Agreement – Stottlemeyer, Wayne and Dani – Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders to approve the Holding Tank Permit Agreement for a holding tank for property owned by Wayne and Dani Stottlemeyer located at 2168 Old Harrisburg Road subject to the Stottlemeyers installing control fill site on property to be used as a sand mound prior to issuance of permit. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Financial Security Reduction – Ken Adams Mechanical, Inc. – Mr. Kammerer moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders to approve the reduction in financial security bond in the amount of \$4,657.50 for the Ken Adams Mechanical, Inc. Land Development Plan with \$330.00 being retained for site lighting. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Gettysburg Municipal Authority (GMA) Membership – Ms. Hamm stated that the Supervisors had requested from the Gettysburg Borough Council to have a seat on the GMA Board back in May 2012. The Council voted unanimously there should be an increase on the GMA Board from 5 seats to 7 with the 2 additional seats incorporating Cumberland & Straban Township. This was a very promising action from Borough Council. Since that time GMA has done nothing. Their most recent action was to make it clear they were not going to be pushed into making any quick decisions about inclusion of Straban and Cumberland Township onto their Board – this being stated over 16 months after our original request. GMA is an inter-municipal authority – it has a strong presence in Straban Township. Also, in April 2006 Straban and GMA entered into a Service Agreement which would give GMA an option to serve a significant portion of Straban Township. At this time I would like that Service Agreement to be reconsidered by this Board of Supervisors. **Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to authorize the solicitor to prepare the necessary documents to rescind the GMA/Straban Township Service Area Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.**

13. Twin Oaks – Right-of-Way Agreement – Ms. Hamm stated that the township has been working with its engineers to correct a degraded storm water issue in Twin Oaks. In order to proceed we need Right of Way Agreement with some landowners in the path of the existing deteriorating underground piping. **Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders to authorize the solicitor to send Right of Way Agreements and letters to affected property owners within Twin Oaks.**

Land Use Reviews:

**Hampton Inn** – Preliminary/Final Subdivision/Land Development Plan (Rt. 30/Shealer Rd.) – **Must act by 10/08/13.** An extension letter dated August 26, 2013 was received from Atapco Properties, Inc. requesting an extension to March 8, 2014. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this extension. **Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to approve the extension for Hampton Inn to March 8, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Gil Picarelli stated that Atapco is working with WalMart on some issues.

**Mark Gettysburg** – Preliminary Subdivision Plan – (south side of York Rd. just East of Rock Creek) Plan Date August 13, 2012 **Must act by 10/14/13.** An extension letter dated September 24, 2013 was received from Sharrah Design Group, Inc. requesting an extension to January 13, 2014. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this extension with the amendment that a progress report be presented to the Planning Commission before any additional extensions are granted. **Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders to approve the extension for Mark Gettysburg to January 13, 2014 with a progress report to be presented to the Planning**

**Commission before any additional extensions are granted. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Bob Sharrah reported that there has been a suit filed on one of the two lots and it has not been resolved yet.

**Public Comment:**

**Bob Spangler – 1)** Wanted an explanation on the process of the Fire/EMS Tax. Ms. Hamm explained that the money would come into the township office, put into separate line items for each fire company. The fire company will make two (2) requests each year for funds by showing original receipts of approved operational expenses. There is a checks and balance for all parties. **2)** Will there be a possible change to five (5) years instead of the three (3) years for pumping tanks. Ms. Hamm stated that she does not see the State approving this. The township did not measure the solid depth at the beginning and we have just started doing that now. It does not look like this will be a possibility.

**Skip Strayer –** What is an enclosed storage? Ms. Hamm explained that it was referenced as recreational vehicles, boats, campers, trailers, trucks, and other recreational equipment. Right now the ordinance does not allow campers on your property for more than 14 days. This Ordinance if adopted will allow these things to be stored on your property in different locations depending upon your zoning district.

**Questions from the Press:**

None.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Kammerer moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 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 November 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.