

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: William Hill, Township Engineer; Skip Strayer; Robert Garis; Jim Stine; Beth Kanagy, *Gettysburg Times*; Vanessa Pollechio *Evening Sun*.

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 January 6, 2014; Planning Commission meeting on December 18, 2013; Recreation Board meeting for December has been canceled due to lack of agenda items. There were no other meetings.

Public Comment:

Skip Strayer – Commenting on the agenda item concerning the 2014 Budget. Mr. Strayer asked if a donation to the Rabbit Transit was in the budget. He stated that the new Transportation bill that was passed recently by the State gives counties the option to enact a \$5 surcharge on vehicle registrations to help pay for local transportation projects. If you have a lot of vehicles this could get costly. Rabbit Transit is asking for \$4,000 from Borough of Gettysburg, Cumberland, Mt. Joy and Straban Townships. Rabbit Transit is not a self supporting entity, it gets funding from the County and State. The residents of Straban Township would be taxed three (3) times if the township did donate. Ms. Hamm indicated that a donation to Rabbit Transit was not in the 2014 budget. No one from Rabbit Transit came in and did a presentation for the Board. The Board of Supervisors will look at this next year.

Jim Stine - Waste Collection – received a postcard in the mail from Advanced Disposal indicating that the trash will be picked up on Wednesday but did not indicate what the prices were. Ms. Crushong stated that the price for waste collection would be \$137.28 per year or \$34.32 per quarter. If a resident would like to recycle this is at an additional cost of \$44.28 per year or \$11.07 per quarter. The recycling is not mandatory so that the residents that wish to take their recycling to Adams Rescue Mission can do so. For persons having minimal trash they can purchase the Bag-Tag at 12 bags for \$42.00 with additional bags costing \$3.50 per bag. Ms. Hamm stated that this waste collection service is cheaper than the prior three (3) year contract with IESI. Mr. Stine stated that cheaper is not always better. Ms. Hamm stated that the township is obligated to take the lowest bid unless there is a good reason not to.

Jim Stine - Lights on Route 30 – Mr. Stine indicated that there is a problem with the lights on Route 30. At times the traffic can back-up at the Granite Station Road light back to Hoffman Rd. Mr. Sanders indicated that we are aware of the problem and have asked Swam to correct it. The township has contracted with Atlantic Transportation Services and they have indicated that there is a problem and will be looking into it once its contract with the township starts in January 2014.

Skip Strayer - Dust to Dawn Lights – Mr. Strayer stated that the dust to dawn light on Centennial Road tries to come on but never does. If the township is paying for these lights, they should work. Ms. Crushong stated that calls have been placed with Met-Ed and the lights are on a schedule to be fixed.

Jim Stine - Martin Road – Mr. Stine asked how far back on Martin Rd the township owns. Mr. Sanders stated from Route 394 to the cul-de-sac.

Minutes:

Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer, to approve the November 4, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Bills:

Mr. Kammerer moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve the November 7, 2013 and November 21, 2013 bills for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Recreation Board – None.

Solicitor – Mr. Davis updated the Board on the Becker case indicating that he is getting ready for pre-trial. Mr. Kammerer asked Mr. Davis if he knew why the party responsible for defining a district as blighted in the Tax Increment Financing (“TIF”) for ATAPCO and Discovery Gettysburg are different. ATAPCO listed the township and Discovery Gettysburg listed the County. Mr. Davis’ only reply was that the statute is not clear on this matter.

Engineer – Plank’s Field – the base coat of paving was done last week. The top coat will not be put on until later. The issue of the drainage still needs to be worked out.

Ms. Hamm stated that between Staples and Starbucks at the access road where the crosswalk will be going in water is sitting in this area. If there is a problem, it will need to be corrected before all the bond money is released. Mr. Hill will check on this issue.

Fire – None.

Appearances:

None.

Correspondence:

Ms. Crushong announced the following:

- October report from Bonneauville Community Fire Company
- November report from United Hook & Ladder Company #33
- Minutes of the Gettysburg Municipal Authority Board of Directors meeting held on October 21, 2013
- Minutes of the White Run Regional Municipal Authority meeting held on October 16, 2013
- Minutes of the Adams County Council of Government dated October 24, 2013

Old/New Business:

1. **Ordinance amending Chapter 140-31, concerning unenclosed storage** – Ms. Hamm indicated that the hearing scheduled for tonight on this ordinance did not take place because there are some revisions that need to be

made and it will need to go back to the Planning Commissions for review. Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to table this matter. Motion carried unanimously.

2. 2014 Budget - Mr. Kammerer moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders to adopt the 2014 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Resolution No. 2013-13 – This resolution will amend the levy of taxes to include the .25 mill Fire Tax. Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to adopt Resolution No. 2013-13 which amends the levy of taxes to include the Fire Tax. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Reorganizational Meeting date – Mr. Kammerer moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders to set the Reorganizational meeting of the Board of Supervisors for January 6, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. with the regular meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m. and authorizes the advertisement of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Charts of Accounts – Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to approve the additional Chart of Accounts. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Human Resource Policy – Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to approve the revisions to the Human Resource Policy draft dated November 25, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Land Use Reviews:

Gettysburg Station – Final Land Development Plan (York Rd. – south side Rt. 30 – between Peebles and Gian Shopping Centers) – **Must act by 12/24/13.** An extension letter dated November 6, 2013 was received from RGS Associates requesting an extension to March 24, 2014. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this extension. Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders to approve the extension for Gettysburg Station to March 24, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Robert H. Brougner - Final Subdivision Plan – (200 Beaver Run Road) Plan Date 09/20/13 **Must act by 12/24/13.** Planning Commission recommended conditional approval with conditions #2, #3 and #4 of Wm. F. Hill & Assoc. letter dated November 13, 2013 to be met. All conditions have been met, i.e., #2 The owners' notarized signatures have been added to the plan; #3 a non-building waiver has been prepared and signed by the Township SEO; and #4 the property corners for Lot 3 have been marked and field verified. **Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders to approve the Final Subdivision Plan. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders to approve the Non-Building Waiver. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Skip Strayer – Joint Comprehensive Plan – Mr. Strayer cautioned the Board to be careful what they agree to. This has no benefit for Straban Township. Ms. Hamm stated that Straban Township only joined to be part of the conversations. Straban is not ready to update its comprehensive plan. What will benefit Straban are the updated statistics and the transportation discussions on the Rt. 30 corridor.

Questions from the Press:

Beth Kanagy, *Gettysburg Times* – Asked if a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the township and the fire companies. Mr. Davis stated that an Acknowledgment was sent to the Treasurers of the fire companies to be signed indicating that they agree with Resolution No. 2013-12 which was adopted by the Board of Supervisors setting forth the procedure of disbursements of funds.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 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 January 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.