

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 Fred Kammerer and Tony Sanders; Solicitor Walton V. Davis; and Secretary Robin Crushong.

Others in attendance were: William Hill, Township Engineer; Mark Walde, Road Master, George Mauser, Sandy and Lawrence Martin, Deb Redding-Arnold, Paul Kriger, Skip Strayer, Robert Spangler, Joyce Wentz and Vanessa Pellechio, *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 February 3, 2014; Planning Commission meeting on January 22, 2014; Recreation Board meeting on January 21, 2014. There were no other meetings.

Public Comment:

None.

Minutes:

Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer, to approve the December 2, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Bills:

Mr. Kammerer moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve the December 5, 2013 and December 26, 2013 bills for payment. Motion carried unanimously with Ms. Hamm recusing herself from the bill paid to Commonwealth Code Inspection Service.

Reports:

Recreation Board – None.

Solicitor – Mr. Davis updated the Board on the Becker case indicating that he attended the pre-trial and the non-jury trial should be scheduled sometime in February 2014.

Engineer – Nothing at this time.

Fire – None.

Road Master – Mark Walde requested that the Board approve him to send bids out on the two (2) road projects that have been budgeted for this year. Swift Run Road (from New Chester Road heading east to the township line) .33 miles and Shealer Road (Hull Dr. to Hunterstown Rd.) .58 miles. The road crew will also be doing base repair on New Chester Road (from the intersection with Swift Run Road to Route 30) .65 miles. **Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders to approve the Road Master to begin the bidding process on the above-referenced projects. Motion carried unanimously.**

Appearances:

None.

Correspondence:

Ms. Crushong announced the following:

- November report from Bonneauville Community Fire Company
- December report and year 2013 report from United Hook & Ladder Company #33
- Minutes of the Gettysburg Municipal Authority Board of Directors meeting held on November 18, 2013
- Minutes of the White Run Regional Municipal Authority meeting held on November 20, 2013
- Minutes of the Adams County Council of Government dated November 21, 2013

Old/New Business:

1. **Keller Farms Subdivision** – Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders to approve the reduction in financial security bond in the amount of \$189,941.95 which remaining bond will be in the amount of \$334,790.51. **Motion carried unanimously.**
2. **Adams County Economic Development Corporation – Phase I** – Mr. Kammerer moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders to approve the reduction in financial security bond in the amount of \$16,652.40 which remaining bond will be in the amount of \$347.00. **Motion carried unanimously.**
3. **Starbucks** – Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to approve the full release of the financial security bond in the amount of \$1,864.50. **Motion carried unanimously.** It was discussed that there seems to be a spring seeping in the area of the entrance to the Starbucks drive through creating an area of ponding water. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the owner of the property and make them aware of this issue.
4. **PSATS PA Municipalities Pension Trust Disclosure Form** – Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to adopt the PSATS PA Municipalities Pension Trust Disclosure Form. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. Greater Gettysburg Investment Group, LP – Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to confirm the timing of the phasing schedules for the limited partnership’s development in Straban Township as follows:

Phase First	October 4, 2018
Phase Second	October 4, 2023
Phase Third	October 4, 2028
Phase Fourth	October 4, 2033
Phase Fifth	October 4, 2038

Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Discovery Gettysburg TIF** – There was a letter dated December 11, 2013 from Jonathan W. Cox of Rhoads & Sinon LLP and a letter dated January 3, 2014 from the Adams County Board of Commissioners requesting the township to respond by January 10, 2014 as to who would be the lead municipality in considering the establishment of a redevelopment area for the benefit of Discovery Gettysburg. There was much discussion concerning the pros and cons of being the lead municipality. The Board would like to be better educated on this matter prior to making any decision. Since the Board of Supervisors have not had a chance to review all the information provided to the TIF Committee with its solicitor, **Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to table this matter. Motion carried unanimously.**

7. **Gateway Gettysburg** – Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to instruct the enforcement officer to send a formal complaint letter to PennDot indicating that pavement markings are not being maintained. Motion carried unanimously.

Land Use Reviews:

Mark Gettysburg – Preliminary Subdivision Plan (south side of York Rd., just East of Rock Creek) Plan Date August 13, 2012 – **Must act by 01/13/14.** An extension letter dated December 24, 2013 was received from Sharrah Design Group, Inc. requesting an extension to June 10, 2014. Since the request letter came in after the Planning Commission met in December, 2013, the Planning Commission recommended to deny the plan because of no activity. It was noted in the extension request letter that the delay is due to litigation between a potential lot purchaser and the developer herein. **Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders to approve the extension for Mark Gettysburg to June 10, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comment:

Robert Spangler – Discovery Gettysburg TIF – Mr. Spangler agreed that a workshop should be scheduled to clear up some of the unanswered questions. It was noted that Phase I has been approved for this project. Ms. Hamm stated that the Planning Commission will be very involved in the process and we all need to be better educated on the process before we go down this path.

Questions from the Press:

Vanessa Pellechio, *Gettysburg Times* – Will the public meeting go by the Sunshine Law? Yes. It will be open to the public. Lead Municipality will be responsible for what? 1) Identify blighted area boundaries; 2) advertise, set up and run the public meeting and order the stenographer; 3) coordinate three (3) taxing bodies to pass the Resolution; and 4) will have jurisdiction over any amendments down the road. The solicitor has not sat down with the Board of Supervisors and the Board needs to be educated on this matter. The school district cannot be the lead municipality because legislature did not allow it to be the lead.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 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 February 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.