

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; Secretary Robin Crushong; and Solicitor Walton V. Davis. William F. Hill, Township Engineer was not present.

Others in attendance were: Lawrence and Sandra Martin; Chris Livelsberger, Freedom Valley Worship Center; Crissy Redding, Township Tax Collector; and Abbey Zelko, *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 September 2, 2014 (note this is a Tuesday); Planning Commission meeting on August 27, 2014; and Recreation Board meeting on August 18, 2014.

Public Comment:

None.

Minutes:

Mr. Kammerer moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve the July 7, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Bills:

Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer, to approve the July 3, 2014, July 17, 2014 and July 31, 2014 bills for payment. Motion carried unanimously with Ms. Hamm recusing herself from the bills paid to Commonwealth Code Inspection Service.

Reports:

Recreation Board – None.

Solicitor – The Zoning Hearing Board decisional hearing is scheduled for August 6, 2014 on the Hanoverian Trust et al (Becker), 2440 Old Harrisburg Road. Another Zoning Hearing case is in the process of being set up sometime in September. The applicant, Ernest Burkholder, is requesting a special exception in the R-R District for an agribusiness of two organic layer barns with 30,000 chickens per barn on property located at 250 Stone Jug Road and owned by John and Amy Mitchell.

Engineer – None.

Fire – None.

Road Master – None.

Appearances: None.

Correspondence:

Ms. Crushong announced the following:

- June 2014 Report from Bonneauville Fire Department
- June 2014 Report from Gettysburg Fire Department
- June 2014 Report from United Hook & Ladder #33
- Minutes of the Adams County COG meeting held on June 26, 2014
- Minutes of the Gettysburg Municipal Authority Board of Directors meeting held on June 16, 2014
- Minutes of the White Run Regional Municipal Authority meeting held on June 18, 2014
- Received notification that the Adams Fire Companies awarded grants to combat forest fires. Four fire companies in Adams County received a share of more than \$590,000 in federal grants. One of the four Adams County fire companies was one of our own fire companies that service Straban Township, Bonneauville Community Volunteer Fire Co Inc. receiving \$2,359. The other three companies were Buchanan Valley Volunteer Fire Department; Cashtown Community Fire Department; and Fountain Dale Volunteer Fire Department.
- The office had received a complaint from Days Inn concerning pot holes on Village Green Drive off of Route 30. An e-mail was sent out to the owner of the private roadway requesting that the pot holds be fixed. The pot holes were fixed by Days Inn. There was never a response from the owner.
- It has been brought to the township's attention that a hazardous condition exists at the intersection of Red Bridge Road and Shriver's Corner Road. The site distance coming off of Red Bridge Road and looking East on Shriver's Corner Road is very hazardous. It was noted that both of these roads are PennDOT roads. Mr. Kammerer indicated that Red Bridge Road is a 35 MPH speed limit. He walked off the site distance and if your vehicle is ten feet back of the pavement edge, the site distance looking East is about 125-150 feet. Not a good site distance. In reviewing the PennDOT code the safe site distance would be Left – 675 feet and Right – 625 feet. There is a house, tree and posts in yard that are obstructions. There is nothing that can be done about the house, however, the landowner, if asked, may be willing to remove the posts in the yard. **Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to have Ms. Crushong prepare a letter to PennDOT requesting that it look at the intersection and see if a better site distance can be accomplished by contacting the homeowner and requesting the wire fence be moved back or taken down. Motion carried unanimously.**

Old/New Business:

1. **1760 Shriver's Corner Rd., Lot 163** – Ms. Hamm explained that more information was received on this request and the sale is only on the mobile home itself, not the property. **Mr. Kammerer moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders to approve the sale price of \$1,500.00 for the mobile home located on property known as 1760 Shriver's Corner Road, Lot 163. Motion carried unanimously.**

2. **EC-1 Sign Amendment** - Ms. Hamm stated that a request came in from ATAPCO to open the Final draft of the EC-1 sign amendment that was worked on about a year ago for further consideration. A lot of time had been spent on this by township officials and the township has incorporated some of the requests of ATAPCO. At this point, if agreed upon by ATAPCO to pay any additional costs incurred, the next step in the process will be to send the Final draft to be reviewed and followed by a hearing where their concerns will be heard. **Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to keep the Final draft of the EC-1 sign amendment dated August 28, 2013 as is with no additional revisions. Motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Municipal Accessory Building site work:** Mr. Sanders explained that the township is in the process of erecting an equipment storage building to store the equipment that has been stored at various locations around the township. The site work needs to be done so that the property is "pad ready" for the building. Three quotes were received for this project and T.J. Smith Trucking & Excavating, Inc. was the lowest quote. The township is not required to go through the full bidding process for this project since the quote came in under the State required \$19,100.00. **Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Kammerer to approve T.J. Smith Trucking & Excavating, Inc. to perform the site work at the municipal accessory building at a cost of \$18,900.00. Motion carried unanimously.**

4. **Freedom Valley Worship Center landscaping modification** – By letter from Wm. F. Hill & Assoc., Inc. dated August 1, 2014, the modifications requested were recommended for approval. The requested modifications will revise the original landscape plan that was within the approved Land Development Plan drawings. The requested field change does not change the overall number of planting units proposed, however the final location and type of plantings has been modified to account for as-built light locations and the storm water management facilities. The main change within this field change is the conversion of the vinca minor groundcover to major and minor planting units. All areas that were proposed to be covered with vinca minor must be seeded and stabilized with a grass mixture suitable for placement in the parking island areas. The number of planting units on site is not decreased, and there is no impact to the overall scope of the project. **Ms. Hamm moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders to approve the landscaping modifications as presented. The amended plan must be formalized and recorded in the Courthouse. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Davis explained to Mr. Livelsberger that he would need to contact Bob Sharrah and tell him that a mylar is needed of the amended plan with a signature block. This mylar and at least (3) paper copies need to be signed by the Board of Supervisors and then recorded at the Courthouse. Mr. Livelsberger asked about the bond. Since this was a minor field change there is no need to increase the bond. Mr. Davis explained that the bond can be released partially every time something is completed or all at once after all work has been completed. Please note that every time a release of bond is requested the township engineer must go out and inspect the property, re-calculate the bond and then do a recommendation letter to the township. The bank issuing the bond would need to adjust the bond accordingly. This could get costly.

Land Use Reviews:

Planning Commission did not meet in July 2014.

Public Comment:

None.

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 7:20 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 September 2, 2014 (Tuesday) at 7:00 p.m.