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TO:

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOODNIGHT...

Area Schedule of Events

November 1, 1999 Liberty Township Commissioner Meeting
 November 2, 1999 Election Day! Don't forget to vote!
 November 11, 1999 Veteran's Day
 November 11, 12, 13th International Gifts, Fairfield Mennonite Church, Fairfield
 November 25, 1999 Thanksgiving Day!
 December 4, 1999 Christmas Bazaar at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fairfield
 December 4, 1999 First Day of Hanukkah
 December 7, 1999 Liberty Township Commissioner Meeting
 December 7, 1999 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
 December 22, 1999 First day of winter
 December 25, 1999 Christmas Day
 December 31, 1999 New Year's Eve—The Last Day of 1999!
 January 1, 2000 New Year's Day—First Day of 2000!



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Supervisor's Comments

By Leonard Sites, Chairman

This year's apple harvest looks like one of, if not the best, ever. This blessing should remind us to be thankful for all of God's blessings.

As we head into the holiday season, make sure to have a safe and happy occasion.

Remember to vote on November 2nd.

Happy Thanksgiving!



Treasurer's Report

by Jim Weikert

September 7, 1999

General Fund	State
Beg. Bal. 7/31/99	\$152,183
Receipts	7,021
Expenses	9,386
End. Bal. 8/31/99	\$149,818
Certificate of deposit	\$125,000
Total	\$274,818

October 5, 1999

Beg. Bal. 8/31/99	\$149,818
Receipts	26,365
Expenses	12,276
End. Bal. 9/30/99	\$163,907
Certificate of deposit	\$125,000
Total	\$288,097

Solicitor's Corner

By Matthew R. Battersby, Esquire



"Stand up and Be Counted"

Come January 1, 2000, not only do we embark on a new millennium, we will also take a census as required every ten years by our U.S. Constitution. According to Adams County officials, for every person that is not counted in our county, we lose approximately \$1000 in lost grants and aid from state and federal funding sources.

The Department of Commerce, the federal agency that receives the census data, generally may not make any disclosures of data that would identify particular individuals or establishments and federal law protects the confidentiality of census data. The Secretary of Commerce does furnish tabulations and statistical material but does not disclose information reported by any particular respondent.

Since the collection of this data is for statistical purposes only, it is in the best interest of all residents of Liberty Township to respond and be counted. This is particularly true of renters that may not be on the local tax collection records. Everyone in Liberty Township should be interested in seeing that we get an accurate and complete count so that the Township and County will get the most they can in state and federal dollars.

It's Unofficial!

Old English Hors d'oeuvres

By Peggy Peloquin

1 Jar Old English Cheddar Cheese (Kraft) 1/2 stick margarine 6 1/2 oz can crabmeat
 1/2 tsp salt 1 1/2 tsp mayonnaise dash garlic 1 package English muffins
 Mix well. Spread on English muffin halves. Place on cookie sheet under the broiler until golden and bubbling (about 2 minutes). Cut into quarters and serve warm. Serves 6.

They can be done ahead and frozen for those unexpected guests. Just broil and serve.

These are simply wonderful! Thanks, Peg!

Please send us your favorite recipe for consideration in this newsletter. The recipe must be easy to make and not cost more than \$5. The recipe will be home-tested before publication in this newsletter. Send to: Natalie A. Williams, c/o 39 Topper Road, Fairfield, PA 17320, e-mail to jackwill@cvm.net or fax to 717-642-9685.

Wanted

Residents of Liberty Township and the surrounding area to participate in our newsletter activity. We need interested people to serve as reporters, copy editors, typists, and/or provide general administrative skills to assist in our effort.

Benefits – learn computer skills, meet interesting people and provide a service to our community.

Interested individuals should contact Bob Robinson at 717-642-6131.

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Letters To The Editor

This area is reserved for comments and/or questions concerning Liberty Township. It will provide a forum for open communications from citizens who have questions or issues that they would like addressed.

Editorial Policy

By Bob Robinson

The Liberty Township Newsletter encourages full participation by members of its community, and accepts letters and perspective articles from its citizens. They must be signed by the originator, include a current address, daytime telephone number for verification and must not exceed 200 words in length.

Material will be selected for publication based on its relevance and usefulness to community issues. We reserve the right to edit all submitted material.

Letters, photographs and perspective articles will not be returned.

Address communications to Bob Robinson, Editor, Liberty Township Newsletter, 39 Topper Rd., Fairfield, PA 17320 or e-mail Bob at brob@quespernet.net.

Zoning Report

By Judy Crum
August & September 1999

Building Permits Issued for the month of August & September

John Gills for a new home and driveway
Nita Shank for a new home
Blue Ridge Sportsman for remodeling
Gene & Katherine Valentine—occupancy
Leonard Sites for a storage building
Steve Tremble for a new home
David Clark for a new home
Charles Rentzel for a garage
Larry Hardman for a new home

Road Master Report

By John E. Miller

Individuals are reminded to ensure the placement of their post office boxes do not interfere with snow removal efforts.

Contact the Post Office to ensure you are in compliance with their directives.

Minutes of the Planning Commission September Meeting by Phil Burgess

The September 21st meeting began at 7:31 PM with Phil Burgess, Bob Lawrence and Bart Hogan in attendance.

The first subdivision discussed was the Nevius plan. Zoning comments show no deficiencies and the Commission is awaiting County comments. This property has Hydric soils, Bart Hogan proposed a motion to have a wetlands determination done. This plan was tentatively approved.

Katy Crum's 24-acre subdivision was discussed. Wm. F. Hill comments were read; the required changes and additions will be made. Approved pending changes made to the plan, favorable county comments and a file # added.

Betty Piper was present with Engineer Tim Redding to discuss a proposed land development along Tract Rd for 13 lots. They discussed the possibility of Mr. Redding redrawing the plans to incorporate a private road instead of so many driveways.

The Planning Commission has been invited to take courses pertaining to their positions.

Supervisor Leonard Sites is to speak with the County Commissioners regarding the length of time it takes them to review plans; it affects the 30-day review period.

Monthly meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Township Building, at 39 Topper Road, Fairfield, PA.

Supervisor Board Meeting—September 7, 1999 by James Weikert, Secretary

The September 7th meeting began at 7:30 PM in the Township Building. Present were Chairman Leonard Sites with members John Miller and Charles Alexander.

The subdivision plan of Fred Crum's consisting of 24,8957 acres, which is a lot addition only, was presented for approval. This plan had not been presented nor approved by the Township Planning Commission nor have comments been received from the engineer or the County Planning Office. Motion was made by Mr. Sites to give tentative approval pending favorable comments from all agencies and the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Miller. Mr. Alexander voted yes.

Mr. Battersby, Solicitor, will redraft a new Noise Ordinance.

Liberty Township Voting Ordinance #3-99, an ordinance allowing access to all persons voting at a place in the township, to vote without being harassed, interfered, blocked or to deprive or undermine any person's right to vote. Motion was made to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Miller. Vote was unanimous.

Police Chief Jim Holler reported the following activities: worked 165 hours, drove 1151 miles, responded to 33 incidents, issued 17 traffic citations and 8 traffic warnings. Part-time Police Officer Alepaugh worked 48 hours.

Zoning Officer Judy Crum, issued 5 building permits and collected \$537 in fees.

Road Master John Miller, reported that work this month consisted of cleaning and installing a new culvert pipe. Seal coat should be done this month. He met with Penn DOT officials attempting to get Friends Creek Road back on the list for State Liquid Fuel Funds. The road must be graded in order to qualify.

Many favorable comments and phone calls were received from residents about the Township Newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Supervisor Board Meeting—October 5, 1999 by James Weikert, Secretary

The board reviewed the subdivision plan of Richard D. Nevius, consisting of 2 lots; lot #1 is 73,047 acres and Lot #2 is 72-473 acres. After discussion, several members of the Township Planning Commission cited the necessity of having a Wetlands Delineation made. Mr. Sites made a motion to deny approval until this survey is shown on the plans. Motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. Mr. Alexander abstained.

Engineer and County Planning office comments were read for the Fred Crum subdivision of 1 lot of 24,8957 acres which were favorable. These plans were tentatively approved at the September meeting pending favorable comments from these agencies. Mr. Sites made a motion to approve which was seconded by Mr. Miller. Mr. Alexander voted yes.

Solicitor Battersby requested that the board meet in his office this month to go over the proposed Road Maintenance Agreement with Carroll Valley Borough. We need to work on the details and wording. This will be brought up at the next regular meeting.

Road Master John Miller, reported that the designated roads have been Seal Coated. Work detail this month: made major repairs to GMC truck, did a lot of work on Friends Creek crossing, cut up downed trees across roadways after the storm. He reported that several trees are creating a hazard and need to be removed, one at the Hobbs property on Pecher Road and the other on the Flemer property on Stultz Road. Solicitor Battersby was instructed to write letters to the owners to have the trees cut before winter sets in. Mr. Miller also said he would like an item in the newsletter about mail boxes that are too close to the roadway.

Since the board's next regular meeting is also Election Day, the board voted to have the meeting Monday, November 1st.

Planning Commission Report—Minutes of the August Meeting

by Phil Burgess

The meeting commenced at 7:38 PM with Phil Burgess, Bob Lawrence and alternate member Leonard Sites in attendance.

The items addressed were:

- The Grove subdivisions. The Commission received favorable comments from the County and Township Engineers and the Planning Commission and Supervisors have already approved these plans.
- A sketch plan for Kathryn Crum was discussed for a proposed 2-acre lot along Pecher Road. Utilizing a panhandle, the lot would lay in the woods and therefore minimize the visual impact of development. As the property is enrolled in Clean and Green, only 2 acres can be subdivided this year. 2 more acres can be subdivided next year stopping further development in front of this lot adjacent to the road. The applicant is to further explore Clean and Green requirements before proceeding.
- The Aplanalp plan has received favorable comments from both the County and Township Engineers. This plan has been approved by the Planning Commission and Supervisors.
- The Planning Commission discussed a previously approved plan of Weldon Shanks and the Planning and Zoning requirements surrounding the building of a house on that property. Sewage Modules are to be obtained before construction can begin.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.



	(A) Leonard Sties	(D) William Brent	(B) Patsy S. Gochenaauer	(C) Linda Moose
1 What position are you seeking?	Liberty Township Supervisor	Liberty Township Supervisor	Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds	Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds
2 Have you ever served in an elected position before, if so, when and where?	Yes, 1988-Present, Township Supervisor, Chairman since 1990.	Yes, Liberty Township, 1972-1986	Yes, committee person in Bendersville Borough	Yes, President of the Northeast Santa Gertrudis Association for 4 years. President of Carroll Valley Area Business Association (CWABA) 1994.
3 What positions did you hold and how long?	Same as above.	8 years, Chairman of the board, Roadmaster 14 years	Committee person since 1980.	Same as above.
4 What were your most significant accomplishments while serving in elected office?	Proud of the financial status of the township, the new equipment purchased and the new municipal building.	First in Adams County to adopt a zoning ordinance and maintain and built township roads.	As a committee person, helped Republican candidates get elected to office.	As president of CWABA, we took part in the "Adopt a Highway" program. As president of Santa Gertrudis Breeders Association, hosted field days, seminars in district shows and sales promoting the breed in the northeast area.
5 What are you interested in holding this particular office?	Proud to be a citizen of Liberty Township and feel the need to be helpful in township matters.	Interested in proper management and affairs concerning the township.	Have been working in the Register and Recorders office since I was 16 years old. As Chief Deputy, I was required to attend meetings and know the laws pertaining to this office.	It is time for a change and the introduction of new ways and ideas in the Register and Recorder's Office. We need to solve problems occurring in record keeping that will be effective and user-friendly.
6 What are your goals and objectives if you are elected?	Continue the rapport with the residents, respond to their needs and goals.	In work with the county concerning planning and conservation.	To keep the office friendly and efficient. This office holds the history of Adams County and it is important the records are kept perfect. We must find a system to upgrade technology any additional expense in the taxpayers.	To institute new methods of recording that will save time and manpower, set up a committee of attorneys, title searchers, title agents, realtors, etc. And to enable the office to keep current with growth of the county.
7 What professional and public experiences have you that will contribute to your office, if elected?	15 years in education, extensive background in personal management and fiscal responsibility.	Past experience as a supervisor.	Nothing can teach you like experience. I have been an employee for 43 years working with realtors, attorneys and the public. I work with families who just a loved one.	In 38 years I have started 2 successful businesses. Hold a paralegal degree and a PA Title Insurance Agent license, and attend continuing education courses on a regular schedule to keep abreast of the latest laws.
8 If elected, what major changes do you plan to recommend?	I don't envision any major changes. However, the supervisors must keep abreast of land management and updating.	To work with and for all citizens in a fair and proper manner.	I do not plan any major changes except to upgrade technology without any additional expenditures.	To utilize funds that are designated for "flow Office" improvements to update the technological capability of the Register and Recorder's Office.
9 What special programs do you envision to move the townships or county into the 21st century?	Complete updating all county and township to computerization, possibly updating/changing the tax collection system.	To work with county officials to ensure we have adequate water and maintain a good rural community.	Same as above.	I will diligently strive to take the records of that office "online" to be assessed off-site. I will make available in the office information for families of farmers and large land owners regarding land conservation to enable families to save inheritance taxes and their land.
10 How many years have you served in public office?	12 years	14 years	None	None. This is my first venture into public life.
11 What is your current occupation?	Retired Air Force, Fruit Grower and Chairman of Township Supervisors	Fruit grower	Chief Deputy of Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds of Adams County since 1975.	President of Adams Abstract Associates, Inc., a Title Insurance Agency and Real Estate settlement office. Co-owner of Chapel Ridge Farms, a 400-acre beef operation.

	Michael George	(D) Patricia Font	Eric W. Hooker
1. What position are you seeking?	District Attorney	Prothonotary of Adams County	Prothonotary of Adams County
2. Have you ever served in an elected position before, if so when and where?	Yes, Adams County, 1995	Prothonotary of Adams County for almost 8 years.	None
3. What positions did you hold and how long?	Adams County District Attorney 1995-1999	Same as above.	N/A
4. What were your most significant accomplishments while serving in elected office?	I promised that those who committed serious crime would get serious time. Since then, the number of state prison sentences has actually doubled since 1995. Serious crime is at its lowest point in over 15 years.	I have kept the growth rate in the cost of the office below that of any other courthouse now office. Efficiency has increased by having all staff, including me, work at the counter. Increased efficiency the staff can handle 13% more filings.	N/A
5. Why are you interested in holding this particular office?	I wish to remain in this office to have a positive impact on the community.	I have served the county citizens well, and I wish to continue serving them in this capacity. I enjoy the work, the staff and the public I serve.	I have a real desire to serve the residents of Adams County. After leaving the Defense Department, I realized my skills would benefit the Prothonotary's Office.
6. What are your goals and objectives if you are elected?	To continue efforts to decrease crime through effective rehabilitation for those who can be rehabilitated and quick and effective punishment for those who commit serious crime.	I would like to upgrade the current computer system to make it more accessible to the public. I would like to microfilm documents so that we can free space in the office.	To insure accurate recording of information and the best possible customer service. Provide easy access to information, while protecting individual confidentiality as provided by the law. I will make it more service oriented and much more efficient.
7. What professional and public experiences have you that will contribute to your office, if elected?	I have served approximately 4 years as District Attorney. I serve as executive member of Pennsylvania District Attorney's Association and Chairman of P.D.A.'s Education/Training Committee.	Besides, Prothonotary, I am a life long resident of Adams County. I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Millersville University.	After military service, I worked for the Department of Defense where I investigated fraud, waste and abuse cases. I was in charge of maintaining records for Southern Germany and the United Kingdom. I am able to take charge of complex and multifaceted projects and responsibilities producing positive and profitable results. I am exceptionally qualified in recruiting, staffing and training.
8. If elected, what major changes do you plan to recommend?	Follow through on current policies	Same as #6	I will provide recorded information completed in a timely manner which will eliminate any unnecessary trips to the Prothonotary's Office. I recommend that this information be accessible to the public via an indexed computer microfilm based system.
9. What special programs do you envision to move the townships or county into the 21st century?	Continuation of Adams County Drug Task Force, the STOP Violence Against Women Task Force, the collaborative effort with medical providers to prosecute child abuse offenders.	I have been able to keep the office up to date on state legislation that become laws and mandates from the State Court System. I hope to improve the computer capabilities.	The focus is to begin bringing the office up to date and make the office more service oriented. I will maintain a web site at my own cost as a resource for Adams County residents.
10. How many years have you served in public office?	4 years	17 years and 9 months	None
11. What is your current occupation?	Adams County District Attorney	Prothonotary of Adams County	I am a self employed private investigator and security specialist. I have placed this on hold as well as my quest to finish my degree to devote 100% of my time towards my candidacy.

	8 Patricia Leimbach	9 Larry Barbour	10 Ramona K. Overton, PC	(D) Denis Sullivan
I. What position are you seeking?	County Coroner	County Auditor	County Auditor	County Auditor
2. Have you ever served in an elected position before, if so, when and where?	Coroner since 1992	No	County Auditor for 2 years	None
3. What positions did you hold and how long?	Coroner for 8 years and Deputy Coroner for 8 years	No answer	same as above	Not applicable
4. What were your most significant accomplishments while serving in elected office?	Computerized coroner records. Established prevention, education, public service programs.	No answer	Played a major role in the audit of a local tax collector and the subsequent collection of county taxes that were due at the time of his resignation.	Not applicable
5. Why are you interested in holding this particular office?	Service to residents with professional compassion.	I have over 35 years experience in the accounting field. I feel I would be a great asset to the county.	I created standard procedures for the County Finance Department to follow that will streamline various activities among county departments.	I have an MBA and business experience. As a retiree, I have the available time and the energy level to handle the demands of this office.
6. What are your goals and objectives if you are elected?	Continue to expand public service programs and perform duties of office.	No answer	Establish an audit procedure for township tax collectors; assist them in bookkeeping methods.	Perform more in-depth professional level auditing consistent with the Adams County Code requirement to audit, balance and settle county accounts.
7. What professional and public experiences have you that will contribute to your office, if elected?	Registered Nurse, Ambulance Fire Rescue, Emergency Room and Medic Experience	No answer	Move the Auditing department from the position of supporting the finance office to a more traditional auditing function.	33 years corporate experience with IBM Corporation working as an Engineer and as a Financial Manager for several projects.
8. If elected, what major changes do you plan to recommend?	Establish a county morgue. Establish farm safety program.	No answer	Elected county auditors should be auditing grant sub-recipients to make sure they are in compliance with grant requirements.	I would recommend techniques and methods to more effectively use the existing hardware and software systems of the auditor's office. The efficiencies realized with these process improvements would enable the auditor's function to perform additional in-depth analysis for both mandated programs and standard workload.
9. What special programs do you envision to move the townships or county into the 21st century?	same as above	No answer	Elected township tax collectors should be audited.	I believe the successful implementation of the changes recommended in #8 in conjunction with effective organization and task assignments will prepare the auditor's office to serve the people of Adams County in the new millennium.
10. How many years have you served in public office?	8 years	no answer	12 years	None
11. What is your current occupation?	Coroner and Registered Nurse.	Retired	County Auditor and CPA in private practice	Retired; assists wife with her business.

Questions	(D) Stokes	(D) Weaver	(D) Tom Collins	(D) Raymond Kane
1. What position are you seeking?	County Commissioner	County Commissioner	County Commissioner	County Commissioner
2. Have you ever served in an elected position before, if so, when and where?	Bethsburg Borough Council 1988-1991, Adams County Commissioner 1991-present	McSherrystown Borough Council-3 yrs. Mayor- 10 yrs and Adams County Commissioner 8 yrs	Yes, Bethsburg School Board 1972-78 Adams County Commissioner 1979-1991, 1995-present	I was appointed to fill a vacant position, then elected to the Lake Meade Board of Directors
3. What positions did you hold and how long?	Same as above	Same as above	School Director for 5 yrs, County Commissioner 16+ yrs	Co-chairman of Long Range Planning, Chairman Community Center Development
4. What were your most significant accomplishments while serving in elected office?	As councilman, redeveloped Race Horse Alley Parking Facility a municipally owned portion of a \$12 Million dollar public-private partnership. As a commissioner, I led the establishment of the Land Conservancy which creates a valuable tool for landowners to use in federal income and federal estate tax planning.	As county commissioner, I have maintained one of the lowest property tax rates in PA.	Under my leadership, the board initiated the first interchange zoning, started the adland preservation program and updated the county comprehensive plan. Currently we are gathering all agricultural programs and agencies under one roof as well as planning future needs at the prison.	Developed the Long Range Financial Plan and created the foundation for development of our New Community Center at Lake Meade, PA, which is being constructed.
5. Why are you interested in holding this particular office?	I have tasks and projects I have been working on for a number of years, which I hope to complete if re-elected. If re-elected, this is my final term.	I enjoy public service and want to serve, and I want to improve the quality of life for all county residents, at unaffordable tax rate.	The office of Adams County Commissioner allows me the opportunity to give back to my community, to be a part of governing our county into the millennium. To use my background as a teacher, businessman and commissioner to do the best job that I can do.	It is time our county government addresses the needs of our residents from a business perspective. We need to apply sound business practices, curb spending and manage growth and development.
6. What are your goals and objectives if you are elected?	I am advocating a move toward "community corrections" for non-violent offenders, or a dormitory style of incarceration where prisoners provide their own medical care, food, clothing, laundry and other services.	To manage the challenges that lie ahead in a fiscally responsible manner.	To continue to bring economic growth to our county, to seek further tax relief from the property tax burden, and to work with the remaining townships that currently do not have zoning to protect their citizens.	Develop a sound water program that will benefit all of Adams County. Review our current budget and reduce unnecessary spending. Work with local boroughs and municipalities to make Adams County more efficient and effective. Take action to ensure the public is better informed about Adams County activities. Eliminate the current proposed compost facility unless proven to be cost effective.
7. What professional and public experiences have you that will contribute to your office, if elected?	Master's Degree in Forestry and Environmental Management, Duke University Graduate, state commissioners' 2 year training program 15 years in industry and 14 years in local and county government	Master's Degree in Government Administration, 21 years in local government.	Owned and operated a business for 25 years and a County Commissioner for 16 years.	Self-employed as a businessman most of my life, experienced in public speaking and computer training. Consult small businesses in application of computer technology.
8. If elected, what major changes do you plan to recommend?	Pay more attention to managing resources, quality of life issues, provide better technical support to strengthen our townships and boroughs.	No major changes, stay the course of fiscal conservation, long term planning.	Build a new prison, develop a county park and recreation program, with land set aside for recreational activities.	Develop plans for improving the Adams County water program and improve communications at all levels of the community. Periodically schedule Commissioner meetings throughout the county and review the county accounting system to eliminate errors.
9. What special programs do you envision to move the townships or county into the 21st century?	Build better roads, sewers, promote open, accessible government for all.	A major initiative on water conservation and water source development.	The county is well prepared, as we have always been forward thinking in planning.	Enhance the accounting system to provide more accurate information to the public, resolve audit discrepancies, review the county road improvement program and initiate positive action to bring water management to Adams County.
10. How many years have you served in public office?	14 years	21 years	22 years	None
11. What is your current occupation?	County Commissioner	County Commissioner	County Commissioner	Business owner, consults small businesses in the application of computer technology, instruct and train small business staff in computer technology.