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March 6th,
March 7th
March 7th
March 13th
March 17th
March 21st
March 21st
March 25th
March 27th

Area Schedule of Events

Irish Music, Emmitsburg Branch Library, call 301-447-2682 for details
Liberty Township Supervisors Meeting, 7:30 PM
Fairfield Lions Club Meeting, Fairfield, 6:30 PM
Fairfield School Board Meeting, 7:30 PM
St. Patrick's Day!
EBPA, Carriage House Inn, 11:30 AM, call Don Briggs for reservations
Lions Club Meeting, Fairfield, 6:30 PM
Emmitsburg Dispatch Gala at the Carriage House Inn see page 7
Fairfield School Board Meeting 7:30 PM

April 1st
April 4th
April 4th
April 4th
April 10th
April 10th
April 13th
April 18th
April 18th
April 23rd
April 24th
April 30th
June 24th

April Fool's Day!
Primary Elections—Don't forget to VOTE!
Liberty Township Supervisors Meeting, 7:30 PM
Fairfield Lions Club Meeting, Fairfield, 6:30 PM
Fairfield School Board Meeting, 7:30 PM
Dessert Tea, 1-3 PM, Emmitsburg Branch Library Call for details.
EBPA, Carriage House Inn, 11:30 AM, call Don Briggs for reservations
Palm Sunday
Fairfield School Board Meeting, 7:30 PM
Easter Sunday
Basket Bingo; Friends of Frederick County Public Libraries, Inc. Call
301-845-4400 for details.

It's Unofficial!**Banana Oatmeal Bread**

1 c packed brown sugar
1 1/2 c mashed ripe banana
2 cups flour
1/2 t ground cinnamon

7 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 egg
1/2 c fat free milk
1/2 t baking soda
1/2 t salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine first 4 ingredients in a large bowl; beat well at medium speed. Combine banana, oats and milk; add to sugar mixture, beating well. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and cinnamon; stir with a whisk. Add to sugar mixture, beating until just moist. Spoon batter into a 9 x 5" loaf pan coated with cooking spray. Bake at 350 for 1 hour 10 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted comes out clean. Cool in pan for 10 minutes on a wire rack; remove from pan. Yield: 18 servings.

***I added chocolate chips and nuts and it was wonderful!**

Please send us your favorite recipe. The recipe must be easy to make. The recipe will be home-tested before publication in this newsletter. Send it to: Natalie A. Williams, c/o 39 Topper Road, Fairfield, PA 17320. E-mail to jackwill@gov.net or fax to 717-642-9685.

A newsletter of the people, for the people and by the people....

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PRIMARY ELECTION APRIL 4th-VOTE!

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THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE

The roads in Liberty Township were very well maintained in the two snowstorms that hit our area in January 2000. It took a lot of time, late nights and effort for our Roadmaster and his crew. We would like to thank John Miller (Roadmaster and Township Supervisor), Brian Arentz, Robert Kiel and Ron Cool.

These hard working men were also responsible for clearing an area at the airport, which enabled the Medivac Helicopter to land during one of the storms. There was a very serious injury to a skier at Ski Liberty and the landing had to be cleared in a matter of minutes. John and his crew had the area cleared by the time the helicopter arrived. We were told the young man is doing okay and will be back to skiing again.

A big thanks to you all.**Supervisor's Comments**

By Leonard Sites, Chairman

The Supervisors welcome all Libertonians to the new millennium. We wish you happiness and prosperity.

We are pleased none of you suffered any ill effects of the Y2K bug.

Your municipality is doing very well. Two major events will occur in 2000:

- Census 2000
- National and State Elections

Please get informed and participate in the topics. Be involved and knowledgeable.

VOTE TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2000

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

The public is welcome.

Solicitor's Corner

by Walton Davis

At the February, 2000, meeting of the Board of Supervisors, I was appointed as Solicitor to the Township. I take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I am 54 years old, married, with three grown (and mercifully gone) children. I first arrived in Adams County in 1963 to attend Gettysburg College. After graduation in 1967, I spent four years as an owner/operator of Wolfe's Restaurant and Pub on Lincoln Square.

Four years of the restaurant business was enough to make me cry "uncle", and I departed for Knoxville, Tennessee and the University of Tennessee College of Law. After law school, I clerked for Judge MacPhail in 1974.

Beginning in 1975, I started private practice, first as an associate, then as a partner, and finally as a solo practitioner.

Municipal law is an area which has become increasingly interesting to me. Currently I also represent Straban, Franklin, Menallen, Mount Joy, and Butler Townships, and the Hamiltonban and Huntington Zoning Hearing Boards.

I look forward to providing legal services to the Supervisors and the staff of Liberty Township.

Letters To The Editor

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 available space and relevancy to community issues. We reserve the right to edit all submitted material. Letters, photographs and perspective articles to Bob Robinson, Editor, Liberty Township Newsletter, 39 Topper Rd., Fairfield, PA 17320 or E-mail at brob@cvtv.net.

Fairfield School District Information

The following information is provided to assist community citizens, obtain relevant information on public school related subjects. Through use of INTERNET or web site sources, timely information is available. For those who do not have access to the INTERNET, please contact members of the Newsletter staff for assistance.

Federal Government Grant Support (PA): www.egrants.ed.state.pa.us/

Estimated Class Size Reduction: www.pde.psu.edu/edprog.html

Allocations: www.pde.psu.edu/edprog.html

Governor's Teachers for the 21st Century: www.pde.psu.edu/certification/tfcr.html

Inspector General Pennsylvania: www.state.pa.us/PA_Exec/Inspector_General/

Auditor General Adams County: www.auditorgen.state.pa.us/Allocations/OI alloc.html

School District Audit: www.auditorgen.state.pa.us/DepartmentInfo/School/

Right To Know: www.auditorgen.state.pa.us/DepartmentInfo/RightToKnow.html

Auditor General Testimony: www.auditorgen.state.pa.us/Publications/testimon.html

Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE): www.pde.psu.edu/

Education Reform Initiatives: www.pde.psu.edu/esnri.html

Schools of Excellence: www.pde.psu.edu/esgovsch.html

Links to PA School Web Sites: www.pde.psu.edu/fealink.html

PDE Newsroom: www.pde.psu.edu/newsroom.html

Status of Education in PA: www.pde.psu.edu/statistics/status99.html

Performance Funding (1999): www.pde.psu.edu/spf99sp99.html

School Facilities and Construction: www.pde.psu.edu/facilities/esschbld.html

PA System of School Assessment (PSSA/SAT): www.papofiles.org/pa9798/datafiles/

PA School Profiles (County/School Districts/Schools): www.papofiles.org/

National School Boards Association: www.nsba.org/about/index.html

NSB Foundation, Annual Report: www.nsbf.org/home.html

PA School Boards Association (PSBA): www.psba.org/psbaservices.html

Government and Member Relations, PSBA: www.psba.org/gandmr/2000Bud1.html

Instructional Subsidy/Expense Information (1970-1999): www.psba.org/instexp.html

What's Hot (current or breaking issues): www.psba.org/govhot.html

The College Entrance Examination Board (SAT): www.collegeboard.org/

Note: Many federal, state and association web sites will require Adobe Reader software. Any reports requiring this software provide free downloads. Please contact jackwill@cvtv.net for technical assistance.



Candidates for Public Office, Primary Election, April 4, 2000

We want to thank The League of Women Voters for providing the following data to us.

President of the United States of America

Ⓢ George W. Bush

Ⓢ John McCain

(D) Al Gore

(D) Bill Bradley

United States Senator

Ⓢ Rick Santorum

(D) Tom Foley

(D) Allyson Y. Schwartz

(D) Murray Levin

(D) Ron Klink

(D) Phil Berg

(D) Bob Rovner

Office of Attorney General

Ⓢ Mike Fisher

(D) James J. Eisenhower

(D) John M. Morcanelli

Office of Auditor General

Ⓢ Katie True

(D) Bob Casey, Jr.

Office of State Treasurer

Ⓢ Barbara Hafer

(D) Catherine Baker Knoll

Senator in the General Assembly—District 33

Ⓢ Terry Punt

Representative in the General Assembly District 91

Ⓢ Stephen R. Maitland

(D) Robert E. Jones

U.S. House of Representatives

Ⓢ Todd Platts

Ⓢ Christopher Reilly

Ⓢ Al Masland

Ⓢ Charlie Gerow

Ⓢ Dick Stewart

(D) John J. Moran II

(D) Jeff Sanders

INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

You are qualified to Vote in Pennsylvania

1. If you are at least 18 years of age
2. If you have been a citizen of the U.S. for at least a month
3. If you have resided in the state 30 days immediately preceding the election
4. If you are registered to vote.

2000 General Election

Last day to Register
Primary
Last Day to Register
General Election

March 6
April 4
October 10
November 7

Registration

You may register in person at the County Courthouse or pick up a card for registration by mail from any of the following: the Courthouse, the political party chairpersons, or the League of Women Voters. If you wish to vote in primary elections, you must state your party affiliation when registering. Registration is permanent as long as you live at your present address. If you move to another address within the county, you notify the voter registration office. Registration closes 30 days before a primary or general election and opens 1 day after a primary or general election.

Absentee Voting

Application for an absentee ballot may be made in person or by mail and must be received by the County Board of Elections not sooner than 50 days preceding the election. Emergency application may be made until 5 PM on the Friday prior to the election. Absentee ballots must be received by the County Board of Elections no later than 5 PM on the Friday prior to the election.

Citizen Information Center, League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania

P.O. Box 3511, Gettysburg, PA 17325-3511

1-800-692-7281

www.pa.lww.org

For information concerning elections or voting registration, call the Adams County Courthouse at 337-9832 between 8 AM and 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

Commercial Truck Safety Program

Citations	Warnings	Problem
14	5	Brake Systems
3	10	Record of Duty Status/Log Book
3	10	Misc. Equipment Violations
1	1	Suspensions and Steering
3	1	Air Systems
2	30	Lighting
1	2	Registrations
2	5	Tires
1	2	License Class
2	1	Securement Systems

32

Totals

67

Commercial Vehicles Placed Out of Service

These are the statistics for Commercial Vehicles Placed Out of Service: 5 for Air Systems, 2 for Record Duty Status, 6 for Brakes and 1 for Securement Systems totaling 14.

Burglaries and Thefts

Township Police responded to 14 burglaries in 1999 compared to 6 in 1998. There were 33 reported thefts in 1999 compared to 22 in 1998. Burglaries and thefts in Liberty Township represented over \$33,915.00 in property loss.

Vandalism Complaints

There were 22 cases of vandalism in 1999 compared to 21 in 1998. Total property loss due to these acts of vandalism was \$1,470.00.

Criminal Arrests

During 1999, Liberty Township Police made 103* criminal arrests compared to 40 in 1998. The arrests were for the following: Fleeing and eluding police, driving under the influence, theft, liquor violations, public drunkenness, mental health, resisting arrest, assault, burglary, hindering apprehension, criminal conspiracy, disorderly conduct, harassment, terrorist threats, criminal trespass, unauthorized use of auto, motor vehicle theft, bad checks, reckless endangering and false reports.

*Note: Some individuals at the time of their arrest were charged with multiple charges. Our computer program will list an arrest for each charge.

Personal Patrol Vehicle Program

In 1999, the On Call Officer responded to 36 incidents while participating in the Personal Patrol Vehicle Program compared to 24 incidents in 1998. Police logged 1431 hours of on-call time for Liberty Township.

Police Vehicles

In 1999, 16,634.3 miles were logged on the 1992 Chevy Caprice with an additional 1,541.7 miles on the 1989 Ford Crown Vic, with a combined total of 18,195 miles. Police used a total of 1,511.8 gallons of gasoline. **Ending Mileages:** Car #1 1992 Chevy - 118,563.0 and Car #2 1989 Ford - 102,304.0

Please note: If you would like a copy of the official Police Report for Liberty Township, please contact Chief Holler at 642-6103 or stop by the Liberty Township Municipal Building and pick one up.

Editor's Note: Thank you for a job well done. And a hearty thanks for taking unsafe vehicles off the road.

Planning Commission Report—Minutes of the December 21, 1999 Meeting

By Phil Burgess

The Township Planning Commission meeting was held on December 21, 1999. In attendance were Phil Burgess, Bob Lawrence, and Bart Hogan. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The first item to be discussed was a subdivision/land addition for Roy Crum Jr. for property along Tract Rd. A letter was received from Wm. F. Hill and the proposed subdivision was approved pending the notation included in the memo being carried out.

Mr. Joe Arentz discussed a potential subdivision on his property on the corner of Tract and Pumping Station Rds. He is to discuss his options with Mr. Redding.

Mr. Paul Goetz was present to discuss a sketch plan to subdivide two additional lots numbered 19 and 20 on the drawing dated 12 August 1999. Mr. Goetz also requested a second subdivision of seven lots on a plan dated 1 June 1999. Plans to be sent to Township Engineers for their comments.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion proposed by Bart Hogan and seconded by Bob Lawrence. The next meeting is on January 18th 2000.

Planning Commission Report—Minutes of the January 18, 2000 Meeting

By Phil Burgess

The meeting commenced at 7:32 PM. Planning Commissioners Phil Burgess, Bob Lawrence, and Bart Hogan attended. Individuals with business before the board were also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, a spelling error noted, and corrected. Mr. Bart Hogan made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Bob Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion was then approved by unanimous vote.

The first item of business addressed two sketch plans for a 17-lot subdivision owned by Mr. Paul Goetz. A township engineering evaluation and the ordinance on panhandles were reviewed. A detailed discussion ensued noting that the spirit and intent of the panhandle ordinance was not to approve panhandle lots simply to generate additional lots (i.e. in the instant case, lots 19 & 20). It was further noted that the concept of panhandles should only be considered when necessary to permit the property owner to subdivide where there is a "hardship" situation. It was agreed that additional engineering comments must be provided for each individual set of plans.

The commission requested that Mr. Goetz ask the county to provide comments. The request for approval will be addressed, in detail, again next month.

The second item of business discussed was Mrs. Betty Piper's previously approved subdivision of 5.169 acres along Liberty Hall and Water Street. The Commission received Planning Modules for this lot. Bob Lawrence proposed a motion to sign off on them which was seconded by Bart Hogan. Mrs. Piper will take them to the Zoning Officer for her signature and to the township secretary.

The third item addressed was Mrs. Piper's proposed 14 lot subdivision just off Tract Rd. Township Engineering comments were reviewed. A proposed panhandle on lot # 14 was discussed in detail. The Commissioners agreed that the proposed panhandle does not meet applicable zoning requirements, as it does not exit to a public road and therefore cannot be approved. The Commission requested that Mrs. Piper take the sketch plan to the county for their comments.

The Commission then informed Mrs. Piper that the Township zoning ordinance is currently under review and is, therefore, subject to major revision. (They further noted that the current zoning requirements may change significantly in the four years required for the new soils to settle in the projected sand mounds construction sites. There is a good possibility that these anticipated revisions would invalidate her current plan.) This item will remain open for further discussion next month.

The fourth and last item of business was to assess Mr. Neal Harrington's request for advice for a proposed subdivision on land his father currently owns on PA Rt. 16. His father would like to subdivide the property, but maintain ownership. After discussion, the commission felt the proposed land development would satisfy all current township criteria. They then recommended that Mr. Harrington investigate any appropriate options and, when necessary, contact the commission for further guidance.

The Commission then acknowledged receipt of a revised fee schedule from The Adams County Office of Planning and Development. (A personal copy will be provided to all members.)

The Commission then held an in depth discussion on the issue of panhandle lots.

The Township Zoning Ordinance was reviewed and each member was provided pertinent extracts.

The Commissioners then noted that the main reason for establishing panhandle lots is to gain access to land that, otherwise, would not be accessible. (Effectively, land locked). The approval of panhandles should only be used when there are no other acceptable options. The Commission will endeavor to follow the ordinance closely on this issue.

The Commission then reviewed the applicable provisions of the Township ordinance pertaining to private roads. They agreed that additional review and discussion must be conducted on the use of private roads in Liberty Township.

At 9:47 PM, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bob Lawrence. The motion was seconded by Bart Hogan. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote. **The next meeting is scheduled for February 15th 2000.**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES — January 4, 2000

by James Weikert, Secretary

The Liberty Township Board of Supervisors held their annual reorganization meeting at 7:30 P.M. at the township building. (Pennsylvania law requires the reappointment of township officials and other supporting organizations and activities.) The meeting was called to order by Mr. Weikert, Secretary/Treasurer, with members Leonard Sites, John Miller and Charles Alexander present.

Mr. Weikert asked for nominations from the members for the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors position for the year 2000. Mr. Miller nominated Mr. Leonard Sites for the position. Motion was seconded by Mr. Alexander. Motion was approved. (Mr. Sites abstained.)

Motions were made, seconded and approved unanimously for the following positions and individuals as noted:

- Vice-Chairman Board of Supervisors—Mr. John Miller, Secretary-Treasurer Mr. James Weikert, Roadmaster Mr. John Miller, 1st Assistant Roadmaster Charles Alexander, 2nd Assistant Roadmaster Mr. Sites and Zoning Officer Mrs. Judith Crum.
- Retain the Depositories, Farmers & Mechanics Bank and PLGIT.
- Sewage Enforcement Officers, Gili Picarelli and William F. Hill (retained).
- Township Engineer Wm. F. Hill and Associates (retained).

Motions were made, seconded and approved unanimously confirming organizational support structures as follows:

- Increase the wages for Laborers by 3%. Police Chief J. Holler by 3% (as per contract), part-time policeman hourly wages to be increased to \$11.50. Township Planning Commission secretary's monthly wage to be increased to \$100.00. Township Secretary/Treasurer's wage to be increased by 3% plus \$1500.00 per year for newsletter duties. Zoning Officer's monthly wage to be increased to \$150.00. The Road Master's wages are to be increased by 3% and mileage will be paid at \$0.32/mile.
- The Treasurers Bond was set at \$250,000.00
- The Supervisors monthly meetings will be on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Township Building.

Mr. Sites made a motion to accept the minutes of the December meeting as recorded. Motion seconded by Mr. Miller. Vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Bills totaling \$36,066, from General Fund and \$3,129, from State Fund were approved for payment on a motion by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Alexander. Vote was unanimous. Receipts: General Fund \$13,630., State Fund \$3216. Balance in the Treasury, General Fund \$120,000 plus a C.D. for \$125,000. State Fund \$21,997. (See summary p 6.)

Police Report: Policeman James Holler reported the following activities for the month of December: worked 252 ½ hours, drove 1737 miles, responded to 47 incidents, issued 5 traffic citations and 7 traffic warnings. Mr. Holler handed out copies of his yearly report and reviewed numerous sections, outlining some of the statistical data. Worked 2214 hours, responded to 648 police related incidents, investigated 14 burglaries and 33 reported thefts, resulting in a property loss of \$33,915, 22 cases of vandalism with property loss of \$1470. Made 103 criminal arrests and spent 39 hours in court. Issued 204 traffic citations and 143 traffic warnings. Issued 64 truck warnings and 24 truck citations resulting in 14 trucks being placed in "Out of Service." Logged 18,195 miles and used 1512 gals. of gasoline. Total fines collected \$10,300. (See report on pp 8-10.)

Zoning Officer's Report: The following were issued—2 Building Permits and 1 Use & Occupancy Permit. Total fees collected. \$169.00 The yearly report showed that 55 Building Permits were issued and of these, new homes accounted for 24 of the permits.

Roadmaster Report: John Miller reported that work for the month was spent on equipment repairs, cutting back brush along the roadways and opening ditches and culverts.

A final subdivision plan of Roy Crum Jr. consisting of lot A1 of 10.009 acres and lot A2 of 1.5053 acres as a lot addition was reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Sites and seconded by Mr. Miller. Vote was unanimous.

A letter from the Fairfield Area School District was read advising that the \$10.00 Occupation Privilege Tax has been eliminated effective July 1, 1999.

A letter was received from Fairfield Fire & EMS requesting that we adopt along with the BOCA Building Code the BOCA National Fire Prevention Code as the municipality's fire code. A Fire Company official will be invited to attend our next meeting to discuss the issue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Don't Forget to Vote on April 4th!

Traffic Enforcement

During 1999, a total of 259.5 hours were spent on traffic enforcement. Police issued 204 traffic citations and 111 traffic warnings.

Citations

- 7 No Passing Zones
- 79 Maximum Speed
- 10 Stop Signs
- 4 Driving At Safe Speed
- 8 Registration Required
- 14 Inspection
- 5 Driving Without A License
- 4 Careless Driving
- 3 Fuel Tax Stickers Required
- 0 Child Restraints
- 0 Passing A School Bus
- 18 Traffic Control Devices
- 0 Weight Limits
- 0 Trespass By Motor Vehicle
- 17 Brakes
- 35 Other Citations

Fine Revenue

- 1999 \$10,030.37
- 1998 6,960.26
- 1997 2,325.51
- 1996 3,800.00

Traffic Accidents

During 1999, Liberty Township Police responded to 43 auto accidents within the Township.

Number of Accidents:

Location	Number of Accidents	State Route 16 Accidents
• 300 block of RT 16 -	2	1994 17
• RT 16 & Steelman Marker Road -	2	1995 14
• RT 16 & Orchard Road -	1	1996 28
• RT 16 & State Line -	3	1997 17
• 1600 block of RT 16 -	1	1998 16
• Jacks Mountain Road & RT 16 -	3	1999 25
• RT 16 & Old Waynesboro Road -	1	
• 1700 block of the Waynesboro Pike -	3	
• 1800 block of the Waynesboro Pike -	2	
• 1900 block of the Waynesboro Pike -	2	
• Route 16 & Cove Hollow Road -	1**	
• Tract Road -	5	
• 3300 block of Bull Frog Road -	3	
• 3000 block of the Waynesboro Pike -	3	

** One fatality

Police Investigations

Out of the 604 incidents handled by Liberty Township Police, 548 incidents have been closed and 56 incidents continue to be active investigations.

Liberty Township Police Report

Liberty Township Police worked a total of 2,214 hours in 1999 compared to 1,719.5 in 1998. The majority of these hours were spent on handling incidents within Liberty Township.

1999 Police Activities

Liberty Township Police responded to a total of 606 incidents in 1999 compared to 368 in 1998.

The Pennsylvania State Police responded to a total of 42 incidents in Liberty Township in 1999 compared to 42 in 1998.

The total of incidents in Liberty Township in 1999 came to 648 compared to a 1998 total of 410.

1999 Incidents

Liberty Township Police responded to the following emergency incidents in 1999:

14 Burglaries (\$12,100.00 property loss)	1 - Weapons Violations
22 Thefts (\$15,345.00 property loss)	22-Vandalism Complaints (\$1,470.00 property loss)
3 - Vehicle theft	3 - Drug Related Incidents
0 - Robbery	1 - Offenses Against Children
0 - Forgery	1 - Child Abuse Complaints
43-Auto Accidents	14 Underage Drinking
0 - Death/Natural Causes	5 - Driving Under The Influence Arrests
3 - Bad Checks	1 - Public Drunkenness Arrests
5 - Recovered Property	17 Disorderly Conduct
2 - Cruelty To Animals	25 Trespassing Complaints
0 - Solicitation Attempt	1 - Game Law Complaints
1 - Resisting Arrest	6 - Criminal Mischief Complaint
11 Domestic	3 - Missing Persons
1 - Neighbor Disputes	3 - Trash Complaint
36 Assisting Other Police Agency	3 - Dog Complaints
15 Suspicious Vehicle	5 - Other Animal Complaints
13 Suspicious Persons	1 - Disorderly Conduct By Motor Vehicle Complaint
0 - Suspicious Activity	18 Shots Fired
10 Ambulance/Fire Assists	13 Roadway Hazards
24 Burglar Alarms	0 Vehicle Pursuit
10 Disabled Vehicles	14 Vehicle Impounds
9 - Harassment Complaints	24 Traffic Complaints
9 - Harassment By Communications Complaint	8 Check On The Welfare
18 Warrant Serve	4 Noise Complaints
83 Traffic Details	0 Attempted Break-ins
8 - Criminal Conspiracy	8 Recklessly Endangering
4 - Aggravated Assault	3 Receiving Stolen Property
11 Other Assault	6 Fights
0 - Prowlers	3 Runaways
2 - 911 Hangup	4-Speak To An Officer
2 - Suicide Attempts	1 Arson
0 - Good Intent	3 Unauthorized Use Of Vehicle
0 - Use Of Force (mace)	0-Landlord Tenant Disputes
0 - Family Dispute	

The State Police Handled the following:

1 - Burglaries	8-Alarms
10- Referred to other agencies	5 - Call Canceled
5- Accidents	4 - Theft
1 - Liquor Law Violation	5 - Call Canceled By Complainant
1 - Animal Complaint	1 - Criminal Mischief
1 - Firearms Complaint	

Liberty Township Police Department's Address and Phone Numbers

39 Topper Road, P. O. Box 58, Fairfield, PA 17320
Emergency Phone Number: Dial 911
Non-Emergency county control phone number: 334-8101
Office phone numbers: 642-6103 and 642-5307
E-mail address: libertypd@cvt.net

At the December 7, 1999 monthly township meeting, Mr. Sites suggested that key portions of the Police Report be added in the newsletter. A complete copy of the report can be obtained or reviewed by contacting Chief Holler at the above phone number.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES — February 1, 2000

by James Weikert, Secretary

The Liberty Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at 7:30 PM in the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Leonard Sites with members John Miller and Charles Alexander present.

Motion was made by Mr. Sites to approve the minutes of the January meeting as recorded. Vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Bills totaling \$12,216 from General Fund were approved for payment on a motion by Mr. Sites and seconded by Mr. Miller. Vote was unanimous. Receipts: General Fund \$8811. Balance in Treasury: General Fund \$113,660 plus a Cert. Of Deposit of \$125,000. State Fund \$21,997. (See summary on p 6.)

The township needs one Township Auditor to fill the board. Motion by Mr. Sites to appoint Teresa Rodgers for two years, until the next election period. She has previously served on this board in 1999 as an appointee. Motion seconded by Mr. Miller. Vote was unanimous.

Attorney Walton Davis was present and gave a brief statement concerning his background and what other townships he presently represents. He said he would be willing to serve as the solicitor if appointed. Motion by Mr. Sites to appoint Mr. Davis as Solicitor for this board. Motion seconded by Mr. Miller. Vote was unanimous.

Police Report: Policeman James Holler gave his report for his activities in January. Drove 1843 miles, worked 215 hours, responded to 41 incidents, issued 16 Traffic Citations and 7 Traffic Warnings. Mr. Holler advised that our present part-time Police Officer, Donald Alspaugh has not been able to work the 12 hours per week which the board authorized. He asked that we designate another part-time officer Craig Hartley, who is already a Police Officer, to cover the balance of hours, which will not exceed the 12 hour per week limitation. Motion by Mr. Sites to appoint Mr. Hartley as the second part-time Police Officer. Motion seconded by Mr. Miller. Vote was unanimous.

Zoning Report: Officer Judy Crum's report was read into the record as having issued 2 Building Permits and 1 Use & Occupancy Permit. Total fees collected \$50.00.

Roadmaster Report: John Miller reported that his crew had replaced a culvert and cleaned several ditches before the snow arrived. The rest of the time was spent on snow detail. John advised that he cleared an area of snow at the airport so that a rescue helicopter could land for an emergency to pick up a little boy.

Mr. Gordon Sachs, Fairfield Fire Company Chief requested that when the time comes for the Township to adopt the BOCA Code that we consider adding the National Fire Prevention Code as they are very interested in not just putting out fires, but more important, is the prevention of an occurrence. As a side note he thanked the board for clearing the snow at the airport and reported that the child survived.

The BOCA Code was briefly discussed. It appears that final adoption by the state indicates incorporating all the PA rules and regulations and may still be 1 to 2 years away. So at this point there is no urgency for the township to do anything until final state adoption occurs.

A Noise or Disorderly Conduct Ordinance was again addressed with no decision on the proper wording. Officer Holler said he would check into what neighboring municipalities have and get some input from the District Magistrate. This was tabled for later decision.

The board asked the solicitor to prepare a statement outlining what the township's liability would be if there were an emergency in the Friends Creek area and emergency vehicles could not get across the creek or the residents could not get out.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

History In The Making

By Priscilla Storrs

Beginning in the 1730's and continuing until around 1800, settlers passed through successive periods of wilderness (one family miles from another), frontier (more than 2 but less than 6 people per square mile) and then settlement (industrial products and industrial pursuits within a small community). During this time a small amount of industrial development and an increase in population was the beginning of town life.

In the early years of Pennsylvania, townships were formed and named according to the current custom. Thus in the 1780's new established towns were named after Ben Franklin (Franklin Township), in 1800, towns were named Liberty (Liberty Township), 1810 after Alexander Hamilton (Hamilton Township), in 1830 Freedom (Freedom Township) and so on. Liberty Township was officially established on August 25, 1800 when it was created from Hamiltonban Township as part of the structuring of the Adams County government to meet the needs of the people.

It was already home to such families as the Paxtons, McKessons, McClemons, McFerrins and Herrons as well as German families including the Zimmermans and Oberholzers. These people were overwhelmingly religious and had come to this country so they could worship as they pleased. Most were Roman Catholic but by the middle of the 18th century, the German settlers brought with them the Lutheran religion soon followed by the Scotch-Irish and their Presbyterian faith.

Most of the churches were made up of small groups of settlers who would share a common building with the different services being held at different times. This worked until the population started to grow. Then the different groups began splitting into individual churches. One of these was the Fountandale Lutheran congregation in Liberty Township in 1842. But like so many of the little churches that sprang up, it was unable to survive on its own and its congregation moved to the Zion church in Fairfield in 1854.

When the first census was taken in 1810, Liberty Township had a population of 1053 (this included 535 males, 491 females, 7 slaves and 46 free colored). However, in 1838 Liberty yielded land to create Freedom Township and this cut Liberty's population, according to the 1840 census, to 773. Liberty has shown very little growth from then until the census in 1870 showed we had again grown to a population of 1075. In 1980, when Carroll Valley was established after much legal contesting, the census showed Liberty Township down to 823. It will be interesting to see what the 2000 census will reveal for this small community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people at the Adams County Historical Society for their assistance in obtaining more information about Liberty Township. I expect to have several interesting expeditions to Schuylker Hall to gather additional material.

Zoning Report

By Judy Crum

Annual Report and Building Permits issued for the months of December 1999 and January 2000

Annual Report

Building permits issued in 1999:

New home	24
Additions (home)	4
Accessory (deck/garage/misc.)	15
Agricultural buildings	7
Commercial	5

December, 1999

Richard Orndorff for a Sun Room
James Chick for a house addition
Occupancy permit was issued to Larry Hardman

January, 2000

Charles Lettow for metal farm shed
Charles Alexander to rebuild/enclose deck
Occupancy permit was issued to Norm Tyler.

Roadmaster Report

By John E. Miller

The snow removal in the last month has revealed additional work is needed on our road system.

The staff has been "cold patching" as a temporary measure all of the potholes caused by the weather.



Mount St. Mary's Lacrosse

The Mountaineers lost just six players, two of them starters, from last season's Metro Atlantic Conference championship team. That 1999 team is almost intact as head coach Tom Gravante will look to his 11 seniors to help lead the way to a second straight MAAC crown. Eleven new recruits will complement an already-talented team and help the Mount take the program to the next level of competition.

They played their first game Sunday, February 27th losing to Maryland's Terps 19-3.

The Mount won last year's season opener, but could not do likewise this year.

For more information regarding the Lacrosse team as well as other college information, please explore www.msmary.edu.

Good luck Mountaineers!



Friends of Frederick County Public Libraries, Inc., The Emmitsburg Branch Library

Administrative information is provided to the Liberty Township community as many residents receive support from their excellent program.

The Emmitsburg Branch Library is available to Pennsylvania residents. The charge for a library card (non-Maryland residents) is \$40.

If you would like a Frederick County Public Library card, please see a librarian at the Emmitsburg Branch Library.

The Board of Directors announced they will host the following activities in the next 90 days:

- A Dessert Tea on Thursday, April 13, 2000 from 1-3 PM in the library meeting room.
- A plant sale on Saturday, May 13, 2000 at the library.

The Emmitsburg Library Book Club meets on the 2nd Friday of each month. Please contact the librarian for details.

Diane Rehm, author of "Finding My Voice" will be at Border's Book Store in Frederick on April 1st. Please call Border's at 301-624-1577 for details.

The Library Hours are:
Monday - Wednesday 10 AM-5 PM
Thursday 10 AM-5 PM
Friday 1 PM-5 PM
Saturday 10 AM-5 PM

EXTRA! EXTRA! GALA 2000!

The Emmitsburg Dispatch
Gala 2000 Fundraiser
Saturday, March 25th
6 PM

JoAnn's Ballroom, Carriage House Inn

Reserved Seating, \$65 per person, *steak and crab cakes*, Cash Bar, Dinner and Dancing, Live/Silent Auction! Elevator Available. Please call 301-447-2992 to make your reservations. Don't miss this Spring event!

All proceeds donated to the Emmitsburg Dispatch.

Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association (EBPA)

Last month, the EBPA members met at Dr. Houston's home for lunch. We dined on various croissant sandwiches, fresh fruit and eclairs. Thank you, Dr. Houston.

Dr. Houston introduced us to Kathleen T. Snyder, Chairman of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Snyder talked about businesses in Maryland, emphasizing Frederick County and most importantly, Emmitsburg.

The Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Carriage House Inn at 11:30 AM. Cost is \$10 per person. Reservations are required.

The next meeting is March 21st at the Carriage House Inn. The speaker is Ned Remarege, financial advisor at Farmers & Merchant Bank to talk about "Retirement Planning."

EBPA's luncheons bring together representatives from Adams County and Frederick County. It is a great way to find out what is affecting both counties regarding roads, commerce, etc.

If interested, please contact Don Briggs, President at 301-447-3110 or E-mail to tepeyac@erols.com. See Area Schedule of Events on page 12 for dates.

The Mason-Dixon Line Festival will be held in Emmitsburg the weekend of September 16-17, 2000. If you are interested in working on any committees, please contact Don Briggs at 301-447-3110 or by Email tepeyac@erols.com. Thank you.

ATTENTION!

We would like to include all area organizations and church group major event and schedules in our newsletter. We need your help. If your church or organization would like scheduled activities listed in the Area Schedule of Events or an article written about an event, please contact Natalie or Jack by E-mail: jackwill@cvn.net, fax: 717-642-9685 or mail it to Natalie Williams, c/o 39 Topper Road, Fairfield, PA 17320 by the 15th of the month preceding the activity.