

ATTENTION!

We would like to include all area organizations and church group major events 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@cnv.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.

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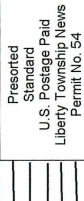
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39 Topper Road
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A newsletter of the people, for the people and by the people...

Liberty Township News



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Election Day is November 7th, Vote!

Supervisor's Comments

By Leonard Sites, Chairman

A big welcome to Charlie Alexander who is back to work on the Board of Supervisors after recovering from an accident.
Don't forget to vote Tuesday, November 7th.
Season's Greeting and Happy New Year!

CHRISTMAS STAR CRAFT MARKET

The Fairfield Elementary PTO is sponsoring "The Christmas Star Craft Market" on November 11th from 9-4 at the Fairfield Elementary School located on SR 116 in Fairfield.

The market will feature handcrafted items such as wool rugs, candles, dolls and more!

Eliminate holiday stress by letting the senior class wrap your gifts for the holidays.

For more information, please call 717-642-9360.

ATTENTION...Township Meeting

Due to the general elections on Tuesday, November 7th, the monthly township meeting will be held on **Monday, November 6th** at 7:30 PM. The December meeting will be Tuesday, December 5th. The public is invited to attend - Township Building, 39 Topper Road, Fairfield.

Solicitor's Corner

By Walton Davis

Traditional Zoning versus Traditional Neighborhoods

Some communities in Adams County have no zoning ordinances. At least one community has zoning controls by virtue of the Adams County Zoning Ordinance. The remaining municipalities have adopted their own zoning ordinances. Have these ordinances solved problems, or created them?

Needless to say, there are many differing opinions on the issue of zoning. These range from accusations of unconstitutionality, to regarding such ordinances as the salvation from ruin. Most communities find, however, that zoning is the most practical approach to preventing a rendering plant from being located next to someone's home. Zoning seems to be the solution to the unwanted mixing of uses.

Many land use commentators, however, have opined that the type of zoning which is most prevalent in the Adams County area can be harmful. Here's why. The typical zoning ordinance accomplishes what the primary goal is the prohibition of the mixing of incompatible uses. These ordinances do an excellent job of segregating uses so that a land fill is not located in the middle of a residential development. But, they may do the job too well.

The result is what some call "homogenous pods of single uses." One district may allow only single family and duplex homes; another will allow retail and other general commercial uses; yet another will be devoted (nominally, anyway) to agricultural uses; another will be set aside for industrial and less desirable uses. The segregation of uses is clear.

But these pods fly in the face of how our communities developed prior to zoning and the extensive use (or overuse) of cars. Perhaps a more effective way to present this concept is to compare

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It's Unofficial!

Potpouri...

The following are my thoughts and do not represent Liberty Township's or the newsletter's.

- November 7th is Election Day, whether you vote for Bush/Cheney or Gore/Lieberman - just VOTE! BE COUNTED.
- On Thanksgiving Day, please say a prayer for EVERYONE you know, and pray for peace in the Middle East. And God bless us all.
- When making your Christmas shopping list, don't forget the people who deliver your mail, newspapers and pick up the garbage. Leave cookies, candy, etc., for them and they will appreciate it very much.
- If you like to read murder mysteries, Margaret Truman's new book, "Murder at Foggy Bottom" was just published and is fantastic.
- The Emmitsburg Branch Library has a book club, which meets the 2nd Friday of each month at 1 PM. Ask the librarian for the month's book and join us. For more information, call me at 642-9681.
- Don't forget to visit the craft shows in Fairfield on November 11th. Sign on MD SR140 reads "eventually we all quote our mothers."
- Life is too short to waste it doing things that you are not happy doing nor spending time with someone who doesn't make you happy.
- Civil-La-Tea in Gettysburg is having a President's Tea on November 4th, in honor of the presidential elections. Try it, you'll like it.
- "We've got to have a dream if we are going to make a dream come true." - Denis E. Wailey
- I am dreaming of a white Christmas...
- From Natalie, Jack and Sammy: Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Wanted

Residents of Liberty Township and the surrounding area to participate in our newsletter activity. We need interested people to serve as reporters, 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

E-mail - dadswood@gscyclone.com

or contact Natalie & Jack Williams, 717-642-9681, E-mail - jackwill@cnv.net.

Recipe of the Month

HOT CARAMEL CIDER

This is yummy! Pour one tablespoon of cinnamon syrup in a cup, pour in cider, caramel syrup or Marzetti's Caramel Apple Dip into a cup and heat in the microwave for 2 minutes. Put a dab of whipped cream on top and enjoy.

I tried this at Starbucks, got the recipe, made it at home and it is really good.

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@cnv.net or fax it to 717-642-9685.



Letters To The Editor

Editorial Policy

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.

Reproductions of official minutes are based on submission by the officials noted. Modifications made for the sake of clarity are approved by the originator before publication.

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 will not be returned. Address communications to Bob Robinson, Editor, Liberty Township Newsletter, 39 Topper Rd., Fairfield, PA 17320 or E-mail at cladwood@gscyclone.com.

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This is the official publication of Liberty Township. Questions concerning township issues and activities should be directed to the appropriate official and/or officer.

The School Report You Must See!

If you want more detail information about your school district, we suggest you visit www.homefair.com. This website will give you information such as SAT scores, the percentage of students that go on to college, etc. It contains considerable information.

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some older communities, such as Gettysburg or Fairfield, with newer communities, such as Carroll Valley or the Lake Heritage subdivision. The older communities are built with residential and commercial uses within close proximity. One living in Fairfield can walk to the grocery store, or to other shops. But in the newer communities, it is virtually impossible to do anything outside of your own home without use of a car. Need a quart of milk or a can of dog food? In the older community, now called a traditional neighborhood, you could walk to the store and pick up what you need. But if you live in a newer community, it is impractical (if not dangerous) to run an errand without a car.

The result is inescapable: as we segregate these uses into "pods," we overburden our existing road systems. When we put a Giant grocery store on a major highway such as Route 30, we find that almost no one can shop there without traveling on that highway (which was already overburdened). No one can walk to work anymore; the places of employment are now being located far away from the residences where the workers live.

Traditional neighborhoods, on the other hand, mixed residential uses and supporting commercial uses. People lived over or near the stores they needed to provide them with food, clothing, and services, or just a few blocks away. There was no need to get into the car every time an errand needed to be run. One could send a child to pick up a quart of milk, on foot. Students could walk to and from schools and athletic practices. "Mom's Taxi" was not the ubiquitous necessity of a family's existence.

The Pennsylvania Legislature has recognized the importance of having traditional neighborhoods as an option in land use planning. Act 67 of 2000 has amended the land use code of the state to specifically discuss the option of mixing residential, commercial and industrial uses in one district to help concentrate activities in one area, thereby lessening the need for expanded and/or new roads. Creating communities where the properties are on smaller lots, such as in the older boroughs of the County, also stops the consumption of land that minimum lot sizes of one acre require. While some people will always prefer to live "in the country," others may now have a choice to live where services are located close by, and where lawns can be mowed in a matter of minutes rather than hours.

For those who want to preserve open space (sometimes called preservation of agriculture, although farming for a living is becoming less feasible), traditional neighborhoods is a concept worth considering as an alternative to the traditional zoning in place now.

Area Schedule of Events

November 6th
November 7th
 November 8th
 November 9-11th
 November 11th
 November 21st
November 23rd
 December 5th
 December 19th
 December 21st
December 22nd
December 25th
December 31st
 January 1st

Liberty Twp. Board of Supervisors Meeting
VOTE! It is election day!
 Crime Watch meeting - see left column
 International Gift Festival-Memonte Church
 Veteran's Day!
Christmas Star Craft Market at the Fairfield Elementary School
 EBPA luncheon meeting
Thanksgiving Day!
 Liberty Twp. Board of Supervisors Meeting
 EBPA luncheon meeting
 Winter begins!
Chanukkah
Christmas Day
 New Year's Eve
 2001 Begins!



Farmer's Field of Interest

by Jack Williams

West Nile Virus

Reports continue in the national and local press noting the serious spread of the deadly West Nile Virus, originally found in Egypt, now in some eastern states, including Pennsylvania.

Passed by mosquitoes to humans as well as other mammals (birds, chipmunks, horses, bats, etc.), many humans have been infected. To date, this year, one person has died and 18 have been ill with this virus. Children and elders are considered the most sensitive to the disease.

Scientists feel the lowly sparrow is a reservoir host "...like a viral gas tank, helped refuel the mosquitoes transmitting the disease" (Washington Post October 22, 2000).

Frost kills most mosquitoes, but sparrows do not migrate and can provide a source of disease to any human or small animal.

Removal of small water sources such as old tires, tin cans, and puddles will assist in reducing the mosquito population. If dead birds or other unusual dead animals are observed, contact Adams County Agriculture or county agents for more information.

This area is dedicated to issues/information about farming in Liberty Township. For comments, suggestions or recommended material, please call Jack Williams at 642-9651 or E-mail jackwill@con.net regarding this exciting new column.

Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association (EBPA)

The EBPA is a business and professional group of individuals from the Emmitsburg, Frederick, Carroll Valley, Fairfield and Liberty Township areas. The officers and Board of Directors are selected from the membership. Those wishing to participate in the informative meetings in a friendly social atmosphere should contact Don Briggs.

Recent meetings have hosted members of the planning functions from both Adams and Frederick Counties, as well as owners and managers of new businesses moving into the community. The Carriage House usually hosts the meetings in Jo Ann's Ballroom. Light fare and drinks are served. You will be pleasantly surprised at the open and friendly discussions about all facets of our community.

Please call Don Briggs at 301-447-3110 or E-mail to tepeyac@erols.com for information and/or to make reservations.

Neighborhood Crime Watch meeting will be held at the Liberty Township Municipal building on Wednesday, November 8th at 7:30 PM. All township residents are encouraged to attend.

CHIPS Update

According to CHIPS (Children's Health Insurance Program of Pennsylvania), 716 children in Adams County have health insurance as of October 19, 2000 compared to 639 children who had it in May, 2000. That is an increase of 77 children!

If you have a family of 4 (including parents), the maximum income to qualify for the **Free Program** is \$34,100 and is \$40,068 for the **Subsidized Program**.

Call 1-800-543-7101 for more information.



Plum Run Hunt Terrier Trials

By Gene and Patti Farkas

Gene and Patti Farkas' Meadowood Farm was the scene of this year's Plum Run Hunt Terrier Trials on September 17th.

The event was sanctioned by the Jack Russell Terrier Club of North America and drew 179 terriers from as far away as Florida and Canada to compete in four divisions:

1. Racing, held on a 150-foot-long fenced-in race course with a foxball as the object of the attentions of six VERY enthusiastic terriers at a time; some races were over small jumps, and there were many heats leading to an overall champion.
2. Agility, which tested the ability of the terriers to negotiate a designated course of obstacles such as tunnel, teeter-totter, small jumps, and hoops; this event is timed and penalties are given for missed obstacles.
3. Go-to-ground, which demonstrates the hunting instincts of the terriers by having them navigate through a 10' to 30' long, 9' square tunnel with two or three 90 degree turns within a required time. The tunnel was built by Bob Robinson, who had to be reminded constantly that this was not a furniture-making project!
4. The conformation division rounded out the competition, showcasing the breeding stock of this terrific type of dog.

A great time was had by all, canine and human, and the Farkas' three terriers now have their very own go-to-ground tunnel to play in every day!



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

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 Library Hours are:

M - W 10 AM-9 PM, Th & Sat 10 AM-5 PM, F 1 PM-5 PM

History In The Making

By Priscilla Storrs

An early history of Pennsylvania doesn't show politics as we know it today. Everyone was a British subject during the first half century after settlement in Adams County.

The first recorded election was for sheriff in October 1749 (just 251 years ago) and was held in York County (then a part of Adams County). The two candidates were Mr. Richard McAlister from the most easterly part and Mr. Hance Hamilton from the most westerly part. It is interesting to note that even though Mr. McAlister received the most votes and won the election, Mr. Hamilton was the favorite of the executive of the Province and was awarded a 3-year term.

There were no election districts as we know them until the Act of Assembly was passed on January 31st, 1801 "to erect Adams County into certain election districts." Section V of that act stated "that the townships of Hamiltonban and Liberty be erected into an election district to be called the fifth election district, and the electors shall hold their elections at the house then occupied by John McKinley, in Millerstown."

In those days election ballots were not secret and they were everywhere like confetti. Each party printed its own ballots and passed them out to voters at the polling places. There were no actual election laws and fights used to break out between the different groups supporting their candidates for office. After the Civil War, and during the first quarter of the 20th century, the voters had a tendency to vote for the Democratic party rather than the Whig or Republican Party. Of course through the years since 1865, there have been many exceptions to this in the countywide elections.

In early elections, only men were allowed to vote and they had to be 21 years of age. Then in 1920 Congress passed the 19th amendment which gave women the right to vote. This, of course, gave candidates a larger group of people to appeal to for their right to take office.

There was still a large, as yet untapped source of votes, which consisted of the 18 to 21 year old young adults. These young people asserted that if they were old enough to fight and die for their country at the age of 18, they should be allowed to vote for the people who sent them in harm's way. Thus the 26th Amendment was passed, allowing citizens 18 years of age and older to vote. The first 18, 19 and 20-year-old citizens from Liberty Township registered to vote in December 1970.

Written voting history in Liberty Township is sketchy and will require more research. I hope to have another article at a later date with more specific data for our township. Much of the above information was taken from NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA prepared by Dr. Fortenbaugh in 1949. I would like to emphasize that as in the 1800's, your vote is extremely important. Please exercise your privilege and go to the polls for the first election of the new millennium, November 7, 2000.

Zoning Report

By Judy Crum

Building Permits Issued for the months of August and September

August, 2000

Permits Issued: 3

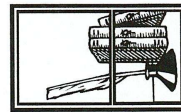
Gary Riley - new home
Alan Orndorf - garage
James Lehman - remodeling garage

September, 2000

Permits Issued: 2

Michael Bramel - house addition
Mark and Samantha Delbert - new home

Occupancy permits: None for August or September.



Road master Report

By John E. Miller

Citizens who notice potholes and/or other maintenance problems should contact township officials at 642-6103.

Treasurer's Report

by Jim Weikert

September 5, 2000

General Fund	State
Beg. Bal. 08/01/00	\$54,289
Receipts	287
Expenses	8,999
Ending Bal. 08/31/00	\$54,480
Certificate of deposit	\$125,000
Total	\$266,461

October 3, 2000	
Beg. Bal. 09/01/00	\$141,461
Receipts	10,956
Expenses	11,670
End. Bal. 09/30/00	\$140,747
Certificate of deposit	\$125,000
Total	\$265,747

\$53,929

Planning Commission Report—Minutes

The secretary of the Planning Commission is on vacation, therefore, the minutes of the September and October meetings will be provided at a later date.



The General Election Slate For November 7, 2000

Courtesy of the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania

President

Bush/Cheney - **Ⓡ**
Gore/Leiberman - **(D)**
Browne/Oliver - **Lib.**
Phillips/Frazier - **Con.**
Buchanan/Foster - **Ref.**
Nader/La Duke - **Green**

US Representative - District 19

Todd Platts - **Ⓡ**
Jeff Sanders - **(D)**

US Senate

Rick Santorum - **Ⓡ**
Ron Klink - **(D)**
John Featherman - **Lib**
Lester Searer - **Con.**
Robert Domske - **Ref.**

Abbreviations:

Ⓡ is Republican
D is Democratic
Lib is Libertarian
Con is Constitution
Ref is Reform
Green is Green

State Treasurer - PA

Barbara Hafer - **Ⓡ**
Catherine Knoll - **(D)**
John Famularo - **Lib.**
John McDermott - **Con.**
Joseph Patterson - **Ref.**
Barbara Knox, **Green**

Senate - District 33

Terry Punt - **Ⓡ**

Attorney General - State of PA

State Representative

Stephen Mailand - **Ⓡ**
Mark Berg - **(D)**

Auditor General - PA

Katie True - **Ⓡ**
Bob Casey Jr. - **(D)**
Jessica Morris - **Lib.**
John Rhine - **Con.**
James Blair - **Ref.**
Anne Goeke - **Green**

Positions in Liberty Township Available

As of December 31, 2000, Liberty Township will need to fill the Tax Collector position due to Anna Grosso's resignation. Anna and her husband, Dan, are moving to the Philadelphia area to be closer to their son and his family. They are expecting their first grandchild in April, 2001. The Liberty Township Supervisors will appoint someone qualified to the position until the 2001 election, at which time the tax collector position will be on the ballot.

We, in Liberty Township, appreciate the hard work and dedication that Anna has provided to all of her fellow citizens for the past nine years. We wish Anna and her family a long and happy time together.

Effective December 31, 2000 the Liberty Township's Secretary, Jim Weikert will be retiring after 28 years of providing the township with excellent records of meetings and filing the endless paperwork which the job requires. Jim will get to play a little more golf and travel for more than three weeks at a time. He had to be at each and every township meeting for those 28 years. He has seen many supervisors come and go in those years, but Jim kept the township in good order. The township will miss Jim; he deserves a hardy **THANK YOU** from each and every one of us. The Liberty Township Board of Supervisors appoints this position.

Jim has agreed to consult for a period of time and hold the position of Treasurer until the new person is comfortable with the Secretary position before handing over the additional job of Treasurer. This will provide the township with backup and assure the same quality of work as in the past.

Anyone having an interest in either or both of these positions should send your resume to the Liberty Township Board of Supervisors, P.O. Box 619, Fairfield, PA 17320. All resumes should include educational and business experiences which you feel qualifies you to fill the position applied for, as well as personal references. The cut-off for all applicants will be November 15, 2000.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES —September 5, 2000 By Jim 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 member John Miller present. Charles Alexander was still absent due to recovering from the auto accident. A motion was made by Mr. Sites to approve the minutes of the August meeting as recorded. Motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion was approved.

The Treasurer's report was read into the record (see page 6). Motion was made by Mr. Sites to approve the bills presented for payment. Motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion was approved. Receipts were read into the record: General Fund \$14,728.86, State Fund \$287.01.

Public Participation:

- A resident at Cessna Trail on Pecher Road inquired about getting Cable TV service. Mr. Sites said he would call GS Communications and report at the next meeting.

Mr. Sites reported that Waste Management called him in response to our Solicitor's letter, saying that he was not aware of the poor service that was reported by the residents in Liberty Township and would look into it at once.

Policeman James Holler reported the following activities for the month: department worked 215.5 hours, drove 1895 miles, responded to 46 incidents, issued 31 traffic citations and 19 traffic warnings. Conducted 4 Commercial Truck inspections resulting in issuing 9 warnings and 10 citations. 3 trucks were placed "out of service."

The Zoning Officer's report was read into the records: issued 3 Building Permits. Total fees collected \$144.00.

Our engineer Wm. F. Hill completed a study on the road conditions on Boyle Road and has recommended that a ten (10) ton weight limit be placed on this road. Solicitor Davis has submitted a Draft Ordinance for review. After the review and discussion, the board voted to advertise and place this on the October Agenda for adoption.

Road master John Miller reported that work for the month consisted of temporarily repainting the shoulders on Bullfrog Road. The ditch at the Brown residence has been graded and seeded and considerable equipment repairs were completed.

Mr. Sites reported that he has secured information on the history of the cemetery on Jacks Mountain Road and will forward it to our Township Historian. Look for the article in the Township Newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES — October 3, 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 member John Miller present. Charles Alexander was still absent and still recovering from the auto accident. A motion was made by Mr. Sites to approve the minutes of the September meeting as recorded. Motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion was approved.

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Public Participation:

- Mr. Sites reported that he had contacted GS Communications about supplying Cable TV service to the resident on Cessna Trail. They reported that they will investigate the feasibility of doing this and give us their decision.
- Mr. Sites also reported that Waste Management had contacted him about the complaints of "poor service" and asked if it had now been corrected. Mr. Sites said that he has not had any additional calls from residents and as far as he knows the problem has been corrected.
- Mr. Russell Hartman asked if Waste Management would be making a Large Item Curbside Pickup for the regular customers in the township. Mr. Sites said he will call them.
- Mr. Samuel Costantino who resides on Boyle Road reported that he had run his automobile into open unmarked trench when attempting to turn into his driveway. This happened at night and he did not know that trenching was being done. This problem was not present when he left for work in the morning. He has sustained some minor damage to his vehicle and is requesting that he be reimbursed. This will be referred to our insurance carrier.

Policeman James Holler reported the following activities for the month: department worked 204.5 hours, drove 1713 miles, responded to 53 incidents, issued 23 traffic citations and 23 traffic warnings. Did 5 Commercial Truck inspections resulting in issuing 11 warnings and 8 citations. 2 trucks were placed "out of service."

The Zoning Officer was on vacation for a portion of this month and her report will be filed when she returns.

A final subdivision plan of Neal Harrington consisting of 2 lots, one lot of 3.293 acres and lot #2 of 3.540 acres located along Waynesboro Pike was approved on a motion by Mr. Sites and seconded by Mr. Miller

Ordinance #2000-2 setting a weight limit of ten tons on vehicles permitted to use Boyle Road between Tract Road on the West and the Township border on the East was adopted on a motion by Mr. Sites and seconded by Mr. Miller.

Motion was made by Mr. Sites that the Minimum Municipal Obligation for year 2001 budgeting purposes for the Police Retirement Plan be \$7692.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller.

Road master John Miller reported that work for the month consisted of shoulder work on Boyle Road to prepare for the motor paving which should be done sometime during this month. The trucks have been inspected and are being prepared for winter. The Board will meet on Tuesday, October 31, at 7:00 PM in the Township Building to hold their Budget Workshop for year 2001. This will be advertised.

The annual convention of the Adams County Association of Township Officials will be held on November 8, 2000 at Heidelsburg Fire Hall. All supervisors and the secretary will attend.

Notification was received from PENN DOT that our estimated Liquid Fuel allocation for year 2001 is \$39,431.88.

Motion was made by Mr. Sites to approve, adopt and place into immediate effect the Emergency Operations Plan of Liberty Township which mandates that the township prepare, maintain and keep current an emergency operations plan for prevention and minimization of injury and damage caused by major emergency or disaster within the township. Motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion was approved.

The first Tuesday in November, which is the normal day for our monthly meeting, is also Election Day. The board voted to change the November meeting to Monday, November 6. The secretary was instructed to so advise.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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@com.net

Liberty Township Police

The Anatomy of a Liberty Township Crime

by Chief Holler

It was a cold and snowy morning on January 21, 2000 when township police discovered a vehicle, which had run off the roadway at the corner of Tract Road and Boyle Road at approximately 0700 hours. After checking the vehicle, police theorized that the vehicle crashed during the night and the owners walked back home leaving the vehicle. Due to the position of the vehicle, police decided to have the it towed so that the roadway would be open.

While police were waiting for the tow truck, officers were dispatched to the 2500 block of Tract Road (several houses north of the accident scene) in a response to a report of a vehicle theft. Sometime during the night, someone entered a 1992 GMC Safari Van, found the keys in the ignition, and took the vehicle from the residence.

Back at the accident scene, police were having a hard time locating the occupants of the wrecked vehicle, but after talking with the owner's mother in Waynesboro they discovered the individuals thought to be in the vehicle at the time of the accident. Police interviewed another occupant's relative in Emmitsburg who advised them that her grandson had been in an accident. The police then drove to Thurmont to interview a 22 year old male at his place of employment.

While these interviews were being done, township police discovered a stolen van wrecked in Carroll Valley near Sk Liberty.

The pieces were beginning to come together. On that frigid January morning, the intoxicated occupants of the Tract Road automobile accident walked until they found another vehicle (Safari van) with keys in the ignition to steal and proceeded to wreck it also.

Later the same night, police formally interviewed a 22 year old from Emmitsburg and charged him with felony theft and unauthorized use of a vehicle. During the interview, two others were implicated. A 28 year old Waynesboro man (the driver) and a 23 year old Sablissville, MD man. Arrest warrants were issued and within two days the 23 year old was picked up in his Sablissville, MD home by the Maryland State Police. The Waynesboro man remained at large until he was arrested in Frederick County last month. During the interviews it was learned that there was a fourth man involved, a 23 year old Cascade man. Warrants were issued and he turned himself in to police.

As of this date, one of the four have pled guilty and the remaining three are awaiting trial. There have been 6 hearings in the case and the victims have attended all of the hearings taking them away from their employment. Police have spent approximately 90 man hours on this case and depending on pleas, could possibly spend another 40 hours if there are jury trials.

Crime prevention can be achieved by a simple task as removing your keys out of your vehicle. Don't be a victim! This is not the first vehicle in Liberty Township that has been taken because keys were left in the vehicle.