

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 organization would like scheduled activities listed in the Area Schedule, E-mail: nawibw@earthlink.net or fax: 717-642-9885 or mail it to Natalie Williams, P.O. Box 619 Fairfield, PA 17320 by the 10th of the month preceding the activity.

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Greetings From Your Supervisors!

By Leonard Sites, Chairman

The township continues to do well, financially. As we move into the Memorial Day holiday, we are reminded that our nation continues in its fight against terrorism. While this does not impact us directly, we should all be aware that it is every citizen's responsibility to remain alert to anything that may appear unusual. If you have any concerns, contact the police at 911 and share with them your concerns.

We continue to succeed in the overall management of our township because of the many individuals who volunteer their time and energy in supporting the business of our community. Again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of our volunteers for their efforts.

Summer is here and with it the opportunity to celebrate Memorial Day and Flag Day. Soon, schools will be out, so watch out for kids who sometimes forget to be careful in their exuberance. **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2002!**

Solicitor's Corner

By Wally Davis, Solicitor

DEP: HOLDING TANKS OK FOR SOME, BUT NOT OTHERS.

In several of the townships that I represent, there has recently been activity concerning the use of holding tanks as a method of sewage disposal. A holding tank is a form of "retaining tank", in the eyes of the Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP"). DEP is the state agency clothed with authority to oversee sewage disposal in the various municipalities.

"Retaining tank" is defined as a "watertight receptacle which receives and retains sewage and is designed and constructed to facilitate ultimate disposal of the sewage at another site." The term includes: chemical toilet; privy; incinerating toilet; composting toilet; recycling toilet; and holding tank. The latter terms is defined as, "a tank, whether permanent or temporary, to which sewage is conveyed by a water carrying system." 25 Pa. Code §71.1.

Generally, holding tanks are not available for residential use unless it is the only way in which a pre-existing on-site sewage disposal system that is failing can be fixed. Those wishing to build a new home on a lot with unsuitable soil for an on-site system cannot obtain a permit to use a holding tank. (This is a very general statement, and there are some limited exceptions to this statement.)

But, DEP does allow holding tanks for "institutions, recreational vehicle dump stations or commercial establishments with a sewage flow of less than 800 gpd [gallons per day]." The only requirement is that the municipality must have adopted an ordinance that puts ultimate responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of such tanks on the municipality should the owner not carry out the duties of pumping, maintenance and inspections of such tanks.

Could a borough or township stop the use of holding tanks by institutional and commercial establishments with low flows (less than 800 gpd) by not adopting an ordinance.

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It's Unofficial!

This portion of the newsletter represents Natalie A. Williams' thoughts and does not represent the township in any shape or form.

By Natalie A. Williams

Potpourri...

- Read the **The Nanny Diaries**, it is a wonderful book.
- I just discovered Mary Engelbreit's Home Companion magazine. If you are a fan of hers, you'll love this magazine.
- School taxes and occupation taxes are going up again. Attend the School Board meetings and stay informed. The school board can increase our taxes without our vote. But, we do vote for who will represent us on the school board
- Did you know that Liberty Township has not increased its taxes in over 25 years?
- "I have a purpose here on earth, and it becomes more clear to me every day." (Transformational Thoughts)
- "You are where you are because you want to be. Otherwise you would change." (Transformational Thoughts)
- Be safe. If you see something that looks suspicious, please call the police.
- Do you know **Flat Stanley**? It is an adorable book for kids.
- Please read the article by Chief Gordon Sachs; it is very informative.
- Congratulations to Kristy Stabler on her recent engagement and promotion at The Carriage House in Emmitsburg.
- I always associate summer with daisies. It is a childhood remembrance thing.

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2002!

We wish you well with all of your endeavors!



Primary Election - May 21st

IT IS TIME TO VOTE! Please be an informed voter. Know the issues, research the candidate; make a difference and vote!

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.

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 tdawood@pa.adephi.net.

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Attention, Parents:

If you want to know how the Fairfield Area School District (FASD) is performing, please look at the Standard & Poor's Report on the Internet. It is an eye-opening report.

It allows one to compare FASD with other districts.

Go to wgai.com and look at the link for schools. Take the time to read it!

School Board Members E-mail Addresses

Recently, the school board established a website at www.fairfieldpschools.org. It depicts the following E-mail addresses for the Fairfield School Board members:

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Meetings of the Board will be held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 PM. All Board meetings will be held in the Fairfield Elementary Library.



YOUTH SAFETY DAY ON MAY 4th AT THE GLIDER AIRPORT. SEE YOU ALL THERE!

Continued from page 1 - Wally Davis

regulating holding tanks? The answer is probably, "yes, in the short term". But as a long term way of blocking the otherwise authorized use of holding tanks, the lack of such an ordinance would probably fail. Here's why.

The Sewage Facilities Act provides a method for land owners to challenge a municipality's sewage facilities plan and ordinances. Where a plan does not adequately address the needs of properties, the failure of the municipality to revise its plan to reasonably accommodate those properties can be appealed to DEP. If it is determined that the municipality has failed to meet the reasonable needs of the properties within its jurisdiction, the municipality can be ordered to amend its plan to come into compliance.

It is this writer's armchair opinion that such an order from DEP could result if a municipality does not, upon request, adopt an ordinance which would facilitate the installation of holding tanks by commercial and institutional low flow users. The reason for this is found in the prior Governor's emphasis on encouraging business growth in Pennsylvania. The policy favoring the use of holding tanks for commercial and institutional users with less than 800 gallons per day of sewage flow is not, without more, consistent with the prohibition of such tanks for residential purposes, where the flow is generally about 250 gallons per day. So why else would some users of up to 799 gallons per day be allowed to use holding tanks, while residents are not, if not to encourage business and institutional growth in Pennsylvania? No other reasons seem to pop out for the differentiation among the uses.

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Fairfield Fire and EMS

Wildfire: Are you prepared (continued)?

- Remove vines from the walls of the home.
- Mow grass regularly.
- Clear a 10-foot area around propane tanks and the barbecue. Place a screen over the grill—use non-flammable material with mesh no coarser than one-quarter inch.
- Regularly dispose of newspapers and rubbish at an approved site. Follow local burning regulations.
- Place stove, fireplace and grill ashes in a metal bucket, soak in water for two days, then bury the cold ashes in mineral soil. (Ashes can stay hot enough to start a fire for several days.)
- Store gasoline, oily rags and other flammable materials in approved safety cans. Place cans in a safe location away from the base of buildings.
- Stack firewood at least 100 feet away and uphill from your home. Clear combustible material within 20 feet.
- Use only UL-approved wood burning devices in your home.
- Have a garden hose that is long enough to reach any area of the home and other structures on the property.
- Install freeze-proof exterior water outlets on at least two sides of the home and near other structures on the property.

Wildfire and other types of disasters – hurricane, flood, tornado, earthquake, hazardous materials spill, winter storm – can strike quickly and without warning. You can cope with disaster by preparing in advance and working together. Fairfield Fire & EMS members work hard to protect your home, please help us by taking the steps listed above.



"Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can somehow become great." Mark Twain

Monthly Schedule

MAY DAY!!!!!!
 May 1st Youth Safety Day
 May 4th Township Supervisors Meeting
 May 7th Planning Commission Meeting
 May 21st Primary Election
 May 27th Memorial Day
 June 4th Township Supervisors Meeting
 June 14th Flag Day
 June 18th Planning Commission Meeting

Township Meetings

The Board of Supervisors for Liberty Township will meet on Tuesday, May 7th, and June 4th at 7:30 PM.

The public is invited to attend. Your input is valued. Become involved in your community and attend these meetings.

The meetings are held at the Township Building, 39 Topper Road.

We hope to see you May 7th at 7:30 PM.

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

The Emmitsburg Branch Library moved to its temporary site in April. It will move back to its renovated site in 2003. Please visit us on Silo Hill (by Subway).

The new C. Burr Artz library on Patrick Street in Frederick opens May 4th. Many activities are planned for the week of May 4-11th.

The Emmitsburg Branch Library is available to Pennsylvania residents. The one time 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 – 6 PM,
 F 1 PM – 5 PM

News From the Liberty Township Tax Collector

by Natalie A. Williams

Important Tax Information
If you did not pay your 2001-02 school and/or occupational taxes, you will be contacted by the county for payment. Please do not send the payment to me because I cannot accept it.

The 2002-03 school and occupation tax notices will be in your mailbox by July 1st.

To obtain a receipt for taxes paid, please enclose a self-addressed **stamped** envelope with your payment and the **taxpayer copy**, which will be returned to you stamped "paid."

I receive calls from taxpayers at 642-1253. If I am unable to answer the phone, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

We appreciate your understanding.

Zoning Officer's Report

By Judy Crum

March Report:

Judy Crum worked 43 hours on township business. She received 35 phone calls; 9 were referred to Mr. Sites, 7 to the courthouse and 2 to the SEO. Permits were issued to Bruce Storrs for a tool shed, and to Timothy Arentz for a pole building. No occupancy permits were issued. Expenses were 17 stamps and 90 copies. Mileage was 75 miles.

April Report:

- Judy Crum worked 59 hours on township business. She received 47 phone calls; 17 were referred to Mr. Sites, 7 to the SEO, 7 to the courthouse and 1 to Mr. Miller.
- Permits were issued to Elias Langas for a new home, Leonard Sites for storage buildings, Lee Flinner for a screened porch and Robert Baker for a storage building.
- An occupancy permit was issued to Pam Bolin on March 1, 2002.
- No road permits were issued.
- Expenses were 18 stamps and 91 copies. Mileage was 67 miles.

Roadmaster Report

By John E. Miller

See pages 4 and page 8.

If you notice any maintenance problems please contact Mr. Miller at 642-9842.



Planning Commission March meeting continued from page 3

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Hogan and seconded by Mr. Sites. The next meeting is April 16th.

Planning Commission Meeting — February 19, 2002 Minutes

By Jane Clements, Secretary

Members present were Phil Burgess, Bart Hogan and Bob Robinson. The minutes of January's meeting were read and approved on a motion by Bart Hogan and seconded by Bob Robinson.

The first item discussed was a multiple lot sketch plan for Walter Rodgers along Water St. The owner is to have a preliminary plan drawn for one lot with the remaining lots to be subdivided at a later date. The commission discussed the township engineer's comments on this sketch plan and also design requirements. The client is to return when he has a preliminary plan drawn.

Fred Crum's lot addition was discussed as were the county comments. Mr. Burgess did the zoning review and stated there are no deficiencies. Form B's were signed and Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve this plan pending receipt of approved form B's, motion seconded by Mr. Hogan. The client is to return township fee and take the plan to the next supervisor's meeting.

The Kipe subdivision was discussed with particular attention to the way the lot lines are drawn on this sketch plan. The commission would like to see fewer corners on the lot and discussed with the client's engineer ways to make the parcel more regular in appearance. The commission reviewed the sewage modules and Mr. Robinson made a motion to sign off on them which was seconded by Mr. Hogan. The plan is to be sent to the township engineers, zoning officer and county for further review once comments are received.

The last subdivision to be discussed was for Herbert Doubin. The commission noted that the perc test is dated 1990, which may mean it is invalid and also believe there may have been a previous subdivision which is missing from the plan. As the client was not in attendance, Mr. Robinson made a motion for Mr. Burgess to call him and clarify the situation of the perc test date and previous subdivision. Motion was seconded by Mr. Hogan.

Lastly the commission discussed the flow chart for the Liberty Twp. Subdivision and Land Development process. Mr. Burgess is to follow up on making the changes needed and giving it to the township secretary with the commission's suggestions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM on a motion by Bart Hogan and seconded by Bob Robinson. Next meeting is March 19, 2002.

Planning Commission Meeting — March 19, 2001 Minutes

by Jane A. Clements, Secretary

Members present were Phil Burgess, Bart Hogan and alternate Leonard Sites. The minutes of February's meeting were approved by a motion made by Bart Hogan and seconded by Leonard Sites.

The first item discussed was the Rodgers subdivision and redrawn plans were submitted by John Lalima on behalf of Mr. Rodgers. The commission is to review the plans and will send them to the township engineer and zoning officer for their reviews. The sewage modules were reviewed and signed off on a motion by Mr. Hogan and seconded by Mr. Sites. Mr. & Mr. Haze and Mr. Strayer who all own properties abutting this proposed subdivision were present and had some questions concerning the amount of wells to be placed and the finished contours of the land. Mr. Lalima stated that he and Mr. Rodgers do not intend to alter the elevation of the land and would be more than happy to work with them to put in a swale if necessary. Mr. Sites also explained that the amount of wells will be within the township's zoning regulations.

The second subdivision was a redrawn plan for the Flora Kipe estate. County and township engineer comments were read and show nothing negative. The zoning officer's report shows no deficiencies. Mr. Hogan made a motion to approve pending the township's receipt of the sewage modules and was seconded by Mr. Sites. This plan is to be presented to the supervisors at their next meeting along with the application forms and fee.

Mr. Dubin's lot addition was discussed. The commission has Form B but still needs the sewage modules. Mr. Dubin is to contact his engineer for those. The plan will be further discussed once the modules are received.

A plan was distributed to the commission for a lot addition on behalf of the Luther Martin Estate. The commission will review it and comment on it at the next meeting.

Paul Goetz's plan for the multiple lots along Tract Road were discussed. The commission would like to see the proposed cul-de-sac extended so there are fewer driveways along the road. They also noted that they cannot give approval for this plan until the sites have been successfully perked and that in the meantime, the zoning regulations may change.

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Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting — March 5, 2002 Minutes

By Natalie A. Williams, Secretary

The meeting began at 7:30 PM. Mrs. Williams made roll call; present were Leonard Sites, John E. Miller and Charles Alexander.

Chair's Opening Remarks:

Mr. Sites stated we live in a great area and in the greatest country in the world. However, there is turmoil in the Middle East now. We have freedoms here that we take for granted. We live in an area that has low crime and we should search our souls and be thankful for all that we have.

Public Participation:

Mr. Sites welcomed Brianna Cheney, Pam Cheney and Larry Hardman to our community.

Minutes:

Mr. Sites made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander voted to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: please see page 10.

Approval of Bills:

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the bills. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander voted to approve the bills.

Other Business:

- Holding Tank Ordinance 1994-1: the nuns want to install a bathroom in their chapel. Gil Picarelli said it was okay and the state said it was okay if it was for an institution, which it is. It cannot be used for residential use. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander voted to abolish ordinance 1994-1 and adopt the state guidelines. Mr. Sites said he would contact our solicitor to write a new ordinance.
- Natalie A. Williams, tax collector, advised the 2002-03 real estate taxes for Liberty Township are \$30,590.98.
- Contribution to the Land Conservatory. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander voted to contribute \$100 to that organization.
- It was decided that the township would buy an ad for \$75 for BCM.
- Mr. Sites stated the township newsletter is very informative and especially Mr. Davis' last column. He continued to say that we need an ordinance on the distribution of public records.
- Mr. Sites advised that Chief Holler and his officers do a fine job! The state should pay back money to the township for fines. He advised Jim to do a summary regarding what the township collects vs. what the state collects.

Solicitor:

The Noise Ordinance and Spray Irrigation Agreement will be tabled until the April meeting.

Police Officer's Report: please see page 6.

Zoning Officer's Report: please see page 10.

Planning Commission:

- Mrs. Williams gave Mr. Foscatto copies of the Kipe and Peloquin/Myers plans.
- Fred & Judy Crum are selling 2 acres to Bruce & Linda Pecher. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander voted to approve the plan.

Roadmaster Report:

- Mr. Miller stated he has someone to work 40 hours community service to move dirt for the salt shed.
- John will start building the salt shed.
- Mr. Miller said that Wenschoff Road should be finished soon.
- The supervisors are to take a road tour of the township roads on March 16th.

Final Comments:

- Karl Hobbs asked about low lying property and Mr. Sites advised him to call Rusty Ryan.
- John Bostek asked about the noise ordinance and was advised it would be approved at the next meeting.
- Mr. Miller asked if his employees can have uniforms and Mr. Sites said the township would pay for them to have shirts with the township name on them.

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WILDFIRES: ARE YOU PREPARED?

By Gordon Sachs, Chief, Fairfield Fire & EMS

More and more people are making their homes in the beautiful woodland settings around Fairfield – in wooded lots, rural areas or remote mountain sites. There, homeowners enjoy the beauty of the environment but face the very real danger of wildfire. This year, in the face of a major drought and extremely dry conditions, the danger of wildfire in our area is greatly increased.

Wildfires often begin unnoticed. They spread quickly, igniting leaves, brush, trees, outbuildings and homes. Reduce your risk by preparing now – *before* wildfire strikes.

PRACTICE WILDFIRE SAFETY

People start most wildfires . . . you can promote and practice wildfire safety.

- Contact Adams County Department of Emergency Services or the Pennsylvania Division of Forestry office for information on fire laws.
- Make sure that fire apparatus and other emergency vehicles can get to your home.
- Clearly mark all driveway entrances and display your address.
- Report hazardous conditions that could cause a wildfire.
- Teach children about fire safety. Keep matches out of their reach.
- Post the emergency telephone number (9-1-1) at every phone, along with directions on how to get to your house.
- Plan several escape routes away from your home – by car and by foot.
- Talk to your neighbors about wildfire safety. Plan how the neighborhood could work together after a wildfire. Consider how you could help neighbors who have special needs such as elderly or disabled persons. Make plans to take care of children who may be on their own if parents can't get home.

Protect Your Home

- Regularly clean roof and gutters.
- Inspect chimneys at least twice a year. Clean them at least once a year. Keep the dampers in good working order. Equip chimneys and stovepipes with a spark arrester.
- Use 1/2-inch mesh screen beneath porches, decks, floor areas and the home itself. Also, screen openings to floors, roof and attic.
- Keep handy household items that can be used as fire tools: a rake, axe, handsaw or chainsaw, bucket and shovel.

BEFORE WILDFIRE THREATENS

Design and landscape your home with wildfire safety in mind. Select materials and plants that can help contain fire rather than fuel it. Use fire resistant or non-combustible materials on the roof and exterior structure of the dwelling, or treat wood or combustible material used in roofs, siding, decking or trim with UL-approved fire-retardant chemicals. Plant fire-resistant shrubs and trees. For example, hardwood trees are less flammable than pine, evergreen, eucalyptus or fir trees.

Create a 30 to 100 foot safety zone around your home.

Within this area, you can take steps to reduce potential exposure to flames and radiant heat. Homes built in pine woods should have a minimum safety zone of 100 feet. If your home sits on a steep slope, standard protective measures may not suffice. Contact the Fire Company or Pennsylvania Division of Forestry office for additional information.

- Rake leaves, dead limbs and twigs. Clear all flammable vegetation.
- Remove leaves and rubbish from under structures.
- Thin a 15-foot space between tree crowns, and remove limbs within 15 feet of the ground.
- Remove dead branches that extend over the roof.
- Prune tree branches and shrubs within 15 feet of a stovepipe or chimney outlet.
- Ask the power company to clear branches from power lines.

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History In The Making

By Priscilla Stors

Most of the articles I have written have been on happenings around Liberty Township and the surrounding area. A recent visit to The Adams County Historical Society in Gettysburg revealed some interesting items in the way of children's toys of the early 1900s era and I thought the young readers as well as the adults might enjoy reading and reminiscing about some of them.

Marbles were very popular for the boys, with sizes ranging from 1/2 to 2 inches in diameter and made of both ceramic and glass. For the younger generation a game of marbles was a game of skill. A circle was drawn in the dirt and everybody put in a quantity of marbles. Then each person would use his finger to hold a larger marble called a shooter and force it to leave his finger by pushing with his thumb. The marble would fly across the circle hitting other marbles and knocking them out of the circle. Any marbles he knocked out of the circle belonged to the shooter and you were allowed to take another shot with the shooter placed on the spot where it had stopped. If the shooter failed to knock a marble out, it was the next player's turn. Several boys had very large stacks of marbles which were used as barter for something they wanted from a poor shooter or sold for cash. In my neighborhood the price was six marbles for a penny.

Companies such as Milton Bradley and Parker Brothers were producing board games during the depression and in 1934 the game of Monopoly entered the scene in German Town, PA. In 1948 the game of Scrabble was available. The first Scrabble factory was in an abandoned schoolhouse in Connecticut which turned out Scrabble games at the rate of 12 per hour.

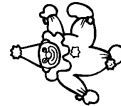
How many boys got A.C. Gilbert metal Erector sets for Christmas? They were sold in six different sets, with the smallest coming in a cardboard box to the largest, which came in a wooden box. That was later changed to a metal box and included a motor. One individual in particular had parts of six different Erector sets from cousins that tired of them. This young man lived close to the factory and would run errands and do chores to earn some spending money. With this spare money he would walk the four blocks to the Gilbert factory store and purchase the parts he needed. Spare nuts were five cents a dozen, other parts were equally low priced and available.

Peg games were as popular in the early 1900s as they are today. Just look on the tables in some restaurants. How many of you remember playing a game called Tiddley Winks or Pick Up Sticks or possibly a game I found very interesting in the Historical Society display called Polar Croquet and was played using miniature wooden mallets and balls?

Of course, little girls always played with dolls. The material each doll was made of varied greatly from area to area. Fancy dolls with ceramic heads and cloth bodies were showcase pieces normally for display. Play dolls were made out of cloth and stuffed with clean rags with the faces hand painted on. Tea sets with ceramic cups and saucers were readily available and very popular with the pre-teen girls. Around 1850, iron doll furniture was being mass produced and was still very popular until about 1975. Some rare pieces of this furniture are still available today and are found mostly in private collections and museums.

Those of us who are now grown up remember special toys we had in our childhood that bring back many memories even though those times were saddened with two world wars and a depression. Many close friendships were cemented while playing with toys and games of the times -- friendships that would last a lifetime.

I would like to thank the Adams County Historical Society for their assistance and the tour. I would also like to thank my husband, Bruce, for his additional research for this article.



Continued from page 4—Board of Supervisors Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM based upon a motion by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Alexander. The next meeting will be April 2, 2002.

Board of Supervisors April 2, 2002 Meeting (draft)

By Natalie A. Williams, Secretary

The meeting began at 7:30 PM. Mrs. Williams made roll call. Present were Leonard Sites, John Miller and Charles Alexander.

Chair's opening remarks:

Mr. Sites stated that people should read and stay informed about the Middle East conflict.

Public Participation:

Mr. Sites said hello to the residents in attendance.

Minutes:

Mr. Sites made a motion to approve the minutes; Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion was approved by the three supervisors.

Treasurer's Report: see page 10

Approval of Bills:

Mr. Sites made a motion to approve the bills. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. Mr. Miller asked when the road inspection took place with respect to the bills for mileage and wages for Mr. Sites and Mr. Alexander. Mr. Sites advised that he and Mr. Alexander did the inspection on March 30, 2002. Mr. Sites stated he would go again with Mr. Miller on April 13th. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander then voted to approve the bills.

Other Business:

- Mr. Sites advised that the township roads are in good shape.
- The township needs a Democratic Minority Inspector for elections. It pays \$85.
- Carroll Valley sent a letter to the Supervisors regarding the park in Liberty Township. Mr. Sites stated that some people thought it was a bad idea. Carroll Valley asked for our interest in building a park for sports. Jim Holler will ask someone involved in sports to go to the meeting with Mr. Sites.
- Mr. Sites said he went to 4 meetings in March for the township.
- Transportation Board -- there is a lack of support from the state for Adams Co.
- Building Code -- the board will have to decide if we follow BOCA. We are looking for the county to do something.
- Inspections will cost \$500. The BOCA Inspector will issue permits and not the zoning officer.

Solicitor:

- Maintenance Agreement for Effluent Spray Irrigation System -- Mr. Sites made a motion to approve the agreement. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. Mr. Sites and Mr. Alexander voted to approve the motion. Mr. Miller abstained from the vote.
- Noise Ordinance 2002-1: Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander voted to approve the motion.
- Mr. Sites made a motion for a Resolution for the Tax Collector to charge \$5 to mortgage companies for a duplicate tax bill. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander voted to approve the resolution. Mr. Davis will write it.
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES): applied for a renewal and we don't have to do anything.
- Jack Williams asked about the federal budget's \$7 million water plan at Site R. Mr. Sites asked Chief Holler to contact Site R and determine their plans for water. (Site R is in Liberty Township.)

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Police Officer's Report: see page 6.

Zoning Officer's Report: see page 10.

Planning Commission:

Kipe Plan: Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the plan. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander voted to approve the plan.
Rogers Plan: not approved by the planning commission yet.

Roadmaster Report:

- Mr. Miller advised that we need to relieve bank for the bond for R J Junk Lumber. Mrs. Williams will send a letter regarding such.
- Guard rails on Steelman Marker Road; Mr. Miller bought them for \$1000, new ones would have cost the township \$20,000.
- Mr. Miller asked for approval to purchase an air hammer. It will cost \$6960 plus \$400 for the adapter. It is a Ford Tractor product to go with our Ford Tractor. Mr. Sites made a motion to buy the air hammer for not more than \$7500. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. Mr. Sites, Mr. Alexander and Mr. Miller voted to approve the motion. Liquid Fuel funds will be used to pay for it. Per Mr. Davis we do not need a project report completed because it is a Ford Tractor and can only use Ford Tractor products.
Mr. Miller said the new salt shed has been started.

Final Input:

- Bob Lawrence inquired about dumpsters in the roadway. Mr. Miller said he would take care of it.
- Mr. Sites asked Mr. Davis about Franklin Township's ordinance for holding tanks (Mr. Davis represents Franklin Twp.). Mr. Davis stated that they have a good ordinance. He will fax it to Mrs. Williams for remittance to the Supervisors.
- Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Alexander seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Police Report for March and April, 2002

By Chief Jim Holler

March:

- Chief Holler reported the police worked 288 hours and drove 2,355 miles.
- He asked residents to volunteer to plan a Youth Field Day in May.
- Chief Holler advised they are looking for land to be used as a new shooting range. He discussed this matter with Commissioner Weaver.
- Mr. Sites advised Chief Holler to pursue a contract with another community for police service.
- Training is required for all police officers.
- Jim Powers cannot continue working for the township and was replaced by Larry Weikert.
- Chief Holler advised residents that if they need assistance to call 911. He stated he stays on call when at home.

April:

- Chief Holler advised that the police department worked 303 hours and drove 2,436.9 miles.
- There were 110 incidents. We have 175 more incidents than last year at this time. It has been a busy year. 27 vehicles were stopped. 10 trucks were stopped and 5 were placed out of service.
- A fertilizer truck was stopped; diesel fuel was coming out of the engine, the front spring was cracked, the back main spring was broken and separated and 4 out of the 5 brackets that hold the main spring were missing. Trucks like these must be taken off the road to prevent serious injuries.
- Pictures cannot be taken of Site R.
- Drug investigations – two drug houses were closed down.
- The Uniform Crime Report has begun in our community. The state loses funds if the municipalities don't have it on their systems.
- Chief Holler completed the proposal for Fairfield; he will present it to our solicitor and Supervisors.
- There will be a Youth Safety Day at the airport on May 4th.

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@cvn.net

Liberty Township Police News

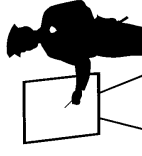
By Police Chief Jim Holler

Public Education News

The Liberty Township Police Department is committed to educating Township residents about crime & safety prevention. In 2001, the department held a safety workshop for women and held numerous safety demonstrations throughout the area. This year we are hosting a Youth Safety Day which will be held on Saturday May 4th from 9:00 to 2:00 at the Glider Airport on Pecher Road. This event is geared for kids; however, everyone will benefit a great deal by attending. Police, Fire & Rescue units from all over will be on display. Make sure you mark your calendar!

Burglary Prevention

During the summer months we see an increase in residential burglaries. Some of this increase is due to people going on vacations. Make sure you take the following steps before leaving town; stop your mail and have someone pick up your newspaper, utilize a timer to turn on & off lights at night, and make sure your grass is mowed. Your Police Department does have a house check program which will have officers check your residence while you are gone. You should contact the office at 642-6103 and request a house check form. Burglary prevention begins with you!



Township Drug Activity

Since September of 2001, we have shut down two drug dealers within Liberty Township resulting in 7 drug related arrests. These were dealers that had set up shop in the township and were dealing to anyone that needed drugs. We are committed in shutting down every drug dealer in our area and need your help in doing so. If you suspect drug activity in your neighborhood, call the office number, 642-6103 and report the activity. You do not have to leave your name when you call. Help us help you in keeping our Liberty Township streets FREE of drugs!

YOUTH SAFETY DAY SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2002 9 AM to 2 PM

At the Glider Airport, on Pecher Road off of Tract Road.

Displays Include:

Police vehicles and demonstrations, fire department vehicles and demonstrations, rescue vehicles and demonstrations, bomb squads, haz mat teams, search and rescue teams, search dogs, medevac helicopters, bike safety robot, car seat inspections, military vehicles and demonstrations and much more!

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