

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: nawlibwp@earthlink.net, 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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Secretary: Jane Clements
Members: Fred Crum, Bart Hogan, Peter Foscatto, and Bob Robinson

**Merry Christmas,
Happy New Year and
Happy Holidays
to one and all!**

A RECIPE FOR FESTIVE FUDGE

Melt in a heavy saucepan over low heat, 3 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips, one can (14 oz.) Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk and a dash of salt. Remove from heat; add 1 1/2 t vanilla and 1/2 cup chopped nuts. Spread evenly onto wax paper or buttered foil-lined 8 or 9 inch square pan. Chill 2 hours until firm. Turn fudge onto cutting board, peel off paper and cut into squares. Store covered in refrigerator. Serving makes about 2 pounds.

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Vote on November 5th!

November 1, 2002

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Greetings from the Liberty Township Supervisors

By Leonard Sites, Chairman

The township continues a very moderate growth and is doing well. The fall election is November 5th from 7 AM to 8 PM at the township building at 39 Topper Road. Please vote!

Vote and make your decision, selection, express of indication, etc. How nice that we have this freedom.

Now we have another horrible situation in the nearby populated areas. We must be very vigilant, be aware at all times but do not let this type of terror ruin or change our lives.

Christmas Star Craft Market—November 9th

The Fairfield Elementary School PTO is again sponsoring the annual Christmas Star Craft Market at the school located on SR 116 in Fairfield from 9 AM-4 PM.



Evelyn Kern, pictured at left, will return with her Victorian dried flower jewelry. Mrs. Kern who lives in Spring Grove, PA began this "take off" of an old craft, which goes back to the 1800's in 1974. The jewelry are flowers pressed flat between two pieces of plastic.

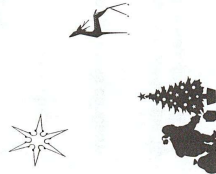
Ken Roberts will do caricatures, which make great gifts.

Fairfield's Judy Crum will be back with handmade aprons. And, Judy's sister, Anita Woods will display hand-painted glasses and dried flowers.

A wide assortment of holiday goodies, Christmas stockings, candles, silk flower arrangements, Polish pottery, origami, handmade children knitted clothing, furniture, and doll clothes are just some of the crafts that will be available. And, for that special pet, homemade dog biscuits will be sold.

Try to arrive early to get a good parking space.

A big thanks to Karolyne Myers for producing this craft show!



From our homes to yours...
Happy Holidays!

Leonard, John & Charlie

It's Unofficial!

Potpouri...

By Natalie A. Williams

- **Mark November 9th on your calendar for the Christmas Star Market at the elementary school! I bought some beautiful hand painted wine glasses there last year. Support our local crafters. Christmas will be here soon, so start shopping!**
- **Thank you, Karolyne Myers for putting this craft market together. It was a lot of hard work!**
- **There are some really good books to read now such as Mount Vernon Story by Mary Higgins Clark, Blessings by Anna Quindlen and Seabiscuit by Laura Hildenbrand.**
- **Don't forget to VOTE on November 5th.**
- **If you haven't seen "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" yet, see it because Winx takes on a whole new meaning.**
- **And, don't forget to leave a little something like cookies, candy, or a gift certificate from McDonald's for the mail-person, newspaper person and garbage collectors during the holidays.**
- **Boyd's Bear Country in Gettysburg is really nice; lots of stuffed bears and other things. A nice place to spend an afternoon. Please be careful when you go out; a lot of strange things have happened in this world since 9/11/01. Watch out for your fellow man. If you see something suspicious, call 911. Stay safe and always look around you!**
- **I want to thank all of you who have said they enjoy reading this column. I agree that the readers want to read more than the monthly minutes. I really enjoy writing, designing and putting together this newsletter for the residents to read.**
- **We need your input. Please let us know what you would like to read in this newsletter...interviews, more women interest stories...? Email nawlibwp@earthlink.net with your comments and suggestions. Let your voice be heard!**

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 dadswood@pa.adelphia.net.

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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.

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.fairfieldschools.org. It depicts the following E-mail addresses for the Fairfield School Board members:

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 Robert L. Smith

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.

Planning Commission Meeting — August 19, 2002 Minutes

by Jane A. Clements, Secretary

The members present were Bart Hogan, Leonard Sites, Peter Foscatto, Fred Crum and Phil Burgess. Minutes of the July meeting were read and approved.

It was reported that the Cisar land development was approved by the supervisors at their meeting.

The Valentine subdivision was approved after a brief discussion by a motion by Mr. Hogan and seconded by Mr. Foscatto. The approval was made pending the receipt of approved Form B modules.

The Kipe subdivision was discussed. Mr. Wally Davis, Township Solicitor, stated there was not progress concerning the status of the farm lane through the subject land.

The Fred Crum Jr. subdivision was discussed. Katie Crum presented the basics of the plan that subdivides the 15 acres surrounding the farm house and the outbuilding of Fred Crum Sr.'s farm on Crum Road. It was decided to table it pending the receipt of the engineer and county comments.

The meeting was adjourned.



Area Church Information

St. John Lutheran Church
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 Web page: <http://sjohnlutheranchurch.intranets.com>
 Please call for more information.

Liberty Worship Center
 Pastors Bob and Louise Costello
 Currently meeting at Village Hall on Main St. in Fairfield
 Sunday: 9:30 AM
 Thursday Family Night: 7:00 PM
 Please call for more information: 717-642-9876

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church
 Pastor Matthew Meisenthaler
 654 Old Waynesboro Road, Fairfield, PA
 717-794-5648
 Please call for more information.

Elias Lutheran Church
 The Christmas Bazaar at the Elias Lutheran Church in Emmitsburg will be held on December 7, 2002. They are having a beef, turkey, ham dinner and will have many craft items and baked goods. It all begins at 1 PM. Cost is \$8 adults, \$9 for carry-outs and \$3 for those 12 and under.

For future reference, we will only list churches in the newsletter if they are hosting an event. Editor



Roadmaster Report

By John E. Miller

See pages 4 and 5.

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

**DON'T FORGET TO
CHANGE THE BATTERIES
IN YOUR
SMOKE DETECTORS!**

Monthly Calendar

November 5th Election Day! VOTE!!
 November 6th Twp Supervisors Mtg. 7:30 PM
 November 7th International Bazaar—Fairfield
 8th and 9th Menomite Church
 November 9th Christmas Star Craft Market at the Fairfield Elementary School!
 November 9th Hickory Bridge Craft Show!
 November 11th Veterans Day!
 November 19th Planning Comm. Mtg. 7:30 PM
 November 28th Happy Thanksgiving Day!
 December 3rd Twp Supervisors Mtg. 7:30 PM
 December 17th Planning Comm. Mtg. 7:30 PM
 December 25th Merry Christmas!
 December 31st New Year's Eve! Please don't drink and drive.
 January 1, 2003 Happy New Year!
 January 6, 2003 Reorganization Meeting of Board of Supervisors at 7:30 PM.

Township Meetings

The Board of Supervisors for Liberty Township will meet on Wednesday, November 6th, and Tuesday, December 3rd at 7:30 PM in the township building at 39 Topper Road.

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

Friends of Frederick County Public Libraries, Inc.,

The Emmitsburg Branch Library

The Emmitsburg Branch Library is now located on Silo Hill adjacent to Subway.

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 ask for one at the Emmitsburg Branch Library.

The Friends of Frederick County Public Libraries are selling canvas book bags at all library locations. They are \$5 for child size and \$10 for adult size bags. They come in various colors and sizes and make great gifts!

The Library Hours are:

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

News From the Liberty Township Tax Collector

Important Tax Information

by Natalie A. Williams

The county, township, per capita, occupation and school taxes are now due. Please pay promptly.

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.

Zoning Officer's Report By Judy Crum

September 3rd Report:

- Judy Crum worked 83 hours. She received 51 phone calls; 6 were referred to Mr. Sites, 2 to the SEO, 10 to the courthouse and 2 to Mr. Miller.
 - Permits issued: Gregory Short for a 4-room addition, George Green for an airplane hangar and Thomas Blittner for a house remodeling.
 - No occupancy permits were issued. No road permits were issued.
 - Expenses were 32 stamps and 160 copies. Mileage was 59 miles.
- Judy attended the supervisor and planning commission meetings in August. She sent out information on zoning regulations and land development books. She received several calls about the new zoning ordinance that the Planning Commission wrote and referred those calls to either Mr. Lawrence or Mr. Burgess.

October 1st Report:

- Judy Crum worked 51 hours. She received 45 phone calls; 10 were referred to Mr. Sites, 5 to the SEO, and 3 to the courthouse.
 - Permits issued: Karl Hobbs for a work shop, Walter Rogers for a new home, Raymond Kipe for an addition, Roscoe Hutzell for a sunroom and Stephen Rhodes for a new home.
 - No occupancy permits were issued. No road permits were issued.
 - Expenses were 34 stamps and 210 copies. Mileage was 38 miles.
- She received several calls about the new zoning ordinance that the Planning Commission wrote and referred those calls to either Mr. Lawrence or Mr. Burgess.
- She is ordering new application forms from the Gettysburg Times because she is almost out of them.



Treasurer Reports

September 3, 2002

by Natalie A. Williams, Secretary/Treasurer

October 1, 2002

General Funds				State	
ACNB	PLGIT	PLGIT		PLGIT	
Beg. Balance 8/01/02	\$13,626.56	\$67,811.18		\$54,167.89	
Receipts	\$25,423.58	\$90.44		\$74.33	
Expenditures	\$25,997.41	\$10,000.00		\$751.36	
Ending Bal. 8/31/02	\$13,052.73	\$57,901.62		\$53,490.86	
CD as of 8/31/02	\$79,262.65				
Total	\$92,315.38				
Grand Total Assets	\$203,707.86				

General Funds				State	
ACNB	PLGIT	PLGIT		PLGIT	
Beg. Balance 9/01/02	\$13,052.73	\$57,901.62		\$53,560.59	
Receipts	\$17,657.35	\$75.93		\$69.73	
Expenditures	\$25,344.39	\$10,000.00		\$751.36	
Ending Bal. 9/30/02	\$5,365.69	\$47,977.55		\$53,560.59	
CD as of 9/30/02	\$79,681.53				
Total	\$85,047.22				
Grand Total Assets	\$166,585.36				

Planning Commission Meeting — September 17, 2002 Minutes

by Jane A. Clements, Secretary

The members present were Bart Hogan, Leonard Sites, Peter Foscatto, Bob Robinson and Phil Burgess. Minutes of the August meeting were read and approved on a motion by Mr. Hogan and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The Fred Crum Jr. subdivision was discussed represented by Katie Crum. The plan subdivides 15 acres surrounding the farm house and outbuilding on Fred Crum Sr.'s farm on Crum Road. It was decided to approve the subdivision on a motion from Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Hogan with the vote being unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Hogan and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Board of Supervisors Meeting — September 2, 2002 Minutes

By Natalie A. Williams, Secretary

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited before the meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mr. Sites. Mrs. Williams made roll call. Present were Leonard Sites, John Miller and Charles Alexander.

Chair's opening remarks: Mr. Sites welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted that we will be observing 9/11 in a week and we should be careful.

Public Participation: Mr. and Mrs. Horrigan recently purchased property by the airport and this is their first meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Green also introduced themselves.

Minutes: Mr. Sites made a motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

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

Receipts/Treasurer's Report: See Page 10.

Other Business:

- Carl Kohn, Adams County Library System Library Board Vice President, made a presentation for the Fairfield Satellite Library. Beth Cool and John Crickden who live in Carroll Valley and also serve on the library board were in attendance.
- Mr. Kohn advised that the board had been looking for a library branch for this area since 1998. They wanted it to meet the cultural needs of students. The site on Water Street will be easy for children, teens, etc., to get to. The library will staff the branch and pay for utility bills, etc. They are asking \$1.45 per resident from the municipalities to pay for the monthly rent. He claims that 44% of the Liberty Township residents use their library. They would like an indication of our support by October 20th. The library will open in January 2003.
- Mrs. Williams advised that the September newsletter asked for the readers to send or E-mail their comments regarding the library.
- Mr. Sites stated that he has received positive calls regarding the library. He thanked Mr. Kohn for his presentation.
- Mrs. Williams advised the insurance coverage for the township increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for 2002-03. 50% of it is due to insurance companies giving an across-the-board increase regardless of claim histories.
- Mrs. Williams advised that Bicky Redman from Adams County Recycle Department wants the township to be a part of a study for regionalization of waste collection. The supervisors approved the township's involvement in the study.

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- Mr. Sites commented on how hard the garbage people work.
- Mrs. Williams stated the Minimum Municipality Obligation (MMO) for Liberty Township is \$7,721.10. (This is for the police pension fund for Chief Holler.)
- We need a new auditor since Mr. Crum resigned at the August meeting to become a member of the Planning Commission.

Secretary's Report:

Mrs. Williams worked 52.5 hours in August. She gave the supervisors a list of the tasks she completed in August.

Solicitor: Mr. Davis was not in attendance due to a meeting in Straban Township.

Police Report: Please see Page 6.

Zoning Officer Report: Please see Page 10.

Planning Commission:

- Mr. Sites advised that Fred Crum's appointment to the Planning Commission is not a conflict of interest; however, Fred must excuse himself if it concerns his property.
- Mr. Sites said he is an alternate member of the board to make sure there is a quorum, and advised Phil that he and the other members can get paid. Phil will discuss with the other board members the possibility of hiring a professional land planner to give them guidance
- Mr. Royer was in attendance for the Valentine plan. Natalie gave the data to the supervisors. Mr. Sites made a motion to approve the plan. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Natalie advised that Gil P'carelli sent her Katie Crum's plans. She gave them to Mr. Sites who gave them to Phil to send to the appropriate people.

Roadmaster Report:

- Mr. Miller advised the township's trailer and truck need to be inspected. The backhoe broke and he said he has been busy repairing things.
- The paving of Crum Road will begin at the end of September.
- Bill Brent asked for a handicapped parking sign for Brent Road because there is a handicapped child living on the street. Mr. Miller will order the signs.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Alexander seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Board of Supervisors October 1, 2002 Meeting (draft)

By Natalie A. Williams, Secretary

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The meeting began at 7:34 PM. Mrs. Williams made roll call. Present were Leonard Sites, John Miller and Charles Alexander.

Chair's opening remarks: Mr. Sites said the rain was great but we need more.

Public Participation:

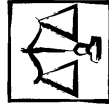
- Bob Lawrence asked when the 2001 audit would be completed since Fred Crum and Teresa Rogers resigned as auditors. (Mr. Sites explained he just received her resignation the other day.) Mr. Sites said that Mrs. Weible from the Governor's Center for Local Government was involved with it. Mrs. Williams added that she has been trying to reach Mrs. Weible for an update to no avail. Mr. Sites explained that the 2002 audit will be done by an auditing firm. Mr. Davis said we can hire a firm to do the audit, but we must advertise by December 10th. Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander concurred with Mr. Sites to hire a firm for the 2002 audit.
- Mr. Lawrence wanted to know when the guardrail would be installed on Steelman Marker Road. Mr. Miller advised when he bought the materials to do it, he stated it would not be completed until the fall.
- Mr. Lawrence asked why Mr. Miller questioned his bill for zoning expenses. Mr. Miller advised that Mr. Sites had told him Mr. Lawrence was not working on the Planning Commission. But, Mr. Lawrence worked on the new zoning ordinance and asked to be reimbursed for printing costs. The bill was approved.

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Solicitor's Corner

Public Records, Revisited

By Wally Davis, Solicitor



In the February edition of this Newsletter, House Bill 2100 was discussed. The bill has since been amended, and it was signed into law on June 20, 2002, by Governor Schweiker. It will be effective on December 29, 2002.

Much of the prior discussion about the bill, now Act 100 of 2002, remains applicable. The bill provides that a request may be oral (now termed as "verbal"), and the township may (but doesn't have to) respond to such a request. But if the person making the request wants the protection of the bill, it must be made in writing. The local government has five (5) days from the receipt of the written request to respond. It makes no difference how many days the office staff actually works at the township office, nor what other work has priority (such as payroll, payment of bills, preparation of the agenda, and processing subdivision plans along before their deadlines run out). Within five (5) days the local government must either provide "access" (an undefined term) to the public record, or notify the requester that it cannot comply.

for any one or more of the reasons specified in the Act. (Those reasons include: the record needs to have confidential information blacked out; the record is located in a remote storage location; there is a "bona fide and specified staffing limitation" [whatever that means]; a legal opinion needs to be obtained; the requester has not followed policy in his or her request; and/or the requester has refused to pay any fees that might be charged.)

There was no change in the definition of "public record," which means that the vague definition which has been in effect for years is still the definition to be used. Instead of correcting the confusion over what a public record is, the Legislature has merely added a series of new procedures to handle the inevitable disputes about what is or is not a "public record."

There is some hope for township staff, should a campaign be brought against a township by zealots. The Act provides that "[w]hen responding to a request for access, an agency [such as a township] shall not be required to create a public record which does not currently exist or to compile, maintain, format or organize a public record in a manner in which the agency does not currently compile, maintain, format or organize the public record." This language will prevent rate requesters from trying to disrupt governmental operations by making unreasonable requests, such as: "produce for my access all subdivision plans ever filed where any of the lots created contained wetlands." Since subdivision and land development records are not filed and indexed based upon the features depicted on the plans, the Township could

respond to the request that no such public record exists in that form, access on that criteria is not possible, and the request is denied. Without such a provision in the law, the requester could have argued that the Township staff had thirty days in which to retrieve, review, and analyze every subdivision plan ever filed to determine whether wetlands were depicted on them. Obviously, such a research demand would cripple most Adams County townships from getting their normal work done.

The Township will be passing a resolution in the near future setting copying fees, and designating the Township official who will be the contact person for requests for access to public records. It will probably be the case that most public record requests will continue to be handled in the less formal manner of simply asking in person, and then receiving access. Because so many Adams County townships, including Liberty, have only part time secretarial staff, use of the new system by those launching campaigns for access to "public records" to fight some hot issue could prove quite time consuming and costly.

History In The Making

By Priscilla Storrs

If some of the old homes in our area could talk, they would have some stories to tell. There are several being restored, while others wait hoping someone will come along who will bring them back to the way they looked when new.

I spoke with Mr. Kipe at the last Supervisors meeting about his home. When it was originally built in 1863, horse-drawn wagons were used to pick up the windows and doors for the house and brought back to be installed. One can visualize two large horses pulling a very large wagon full of house parts over what were then less than perfect roads. The trip had to be taken slowly, I am sure, to keep from having a lot of breakage. Now the house has been sandblasted and repainted to look as it originally did. There is still a lot more restoration work to be done and it will take some time to do it properly.

Not far from my home is a large stone farmhouse and farm that I have watched slowly emerging to what was once the way it looked. The house, built in 1837, had a summer kitchen set apart from it that was used for laundry and other duties that would heat the house up too much. This summer kitchen has since been taken away to another area as part of a preservation project. There was a small bunkhouse type building used by farmhands who worked on the farm that had to be torn down. The stone house, meanwhile, has had filler put in between the stones to repair broken areas and stop further damage, and the front porch has been repaired where honey bees built a very large hive under the roof. Several large containers of honey were removed from this hive after the bees had been killed with insecticide. This, of course, rendered the honey inedible.



Shortly before this farm was purchased by the new owners, many antiques were removed from the barns that told of eras gone by. There were several spinning wheels that the original owners had used to spin their own wool into yarn, a Conestoga wagon that may have been used to move their belongings into this home in 1863 and canoes that might have been used on Middle Creek for hunting or fishing trips. If only this old house could talk, it might tell of Indians that camped along Middle Creek or of the soldiers who marched by during the Battle of Gettysburg.

Today this house has a peaceful look as the grounds have again been landscaped and fresh new flowers show in the spring and during the summer. It has taken a great deal of time and work to bring it back to what it may have looked like when the original family lived there and there is still a long way to go. However, this kind of work cannot be rushed and will be well worth the wait to see what it will look like when finally finished.

Thanks to the restoration efforts of owners who have old homes of historical value in Liberty Township, these homes may be around another hundred years or so to add to the memories and stories talked about around their fireplaces today.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Minutes:

Mr. Sites made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Receipts/Treasurer's Report: See Page 10.

Approval of Bills: Mr. Sites made a motion to approve the bills. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Fairfield Satellite Library:

- Mrs. Williams read letters from residents (9) approving and (2) disapproving the library.
- Mr. Carl Kohn stated there is a 5-year lease beginning January 1, 2003 for the building.
- Mr. Sites made a motion to approve the Fairfield Satellite Library. Mr. Sites and Mr. Miller voted to approve the motion. Mr. Alexander voted against the motion. Motion passed.

Other Business: The Budget meeting will be held on Monday, October 28th.

Secretary's Report: Mrs. Williams worked 75 hours in September. She gave the supervisors a list of tasks she worked on in September.

Solicitor: Mr. Davis advised the supervisors about the Right-to-Know Law. Policies for obtaining public records should be in place by December 29, 2002. He gave a copy of a Resolution that the township should use to the supervisors stating it should be adopted no later than the December Supervisors' meeting.

Police Report: See Page 6

Zoning Officer Report: See page 10

Planning Commission: Katie Crum asked for her mylars to be signed for the subdivision. Mr. Sites says the final plan needs to be notarized. Mr. Sites made a motion to approve the plan. Mr. Miller seconded the motion; motion was approved by all three supervisors.

Roadmaster Report:

- Mr. Miller ordered signs "Caution Children" and the speed limit on Brent Road will be 25 mph.
- Township markers are needed to know where the lines are located.
- Mr. Miller is waiting to hear from Valley Quarries when the Crum Road paving will begin.
- Mr. and Mrs. Storrs advised there is a crack on Liberty Hall Road and asked for it to be repaired.
- Bob Robinson stated Rep. Maitland is waiting for a letter from the supervisors stating they support a "ford cement slob" on Friends Creek Road.

Other Business:

- Mr. Miller advised that Mrs. Williams has resigned as Secretary/Treasurer of the township effective December 31, 2002.
- Mr. Sites said Mrs. Williams does an outstanding job.
- Mr. Sites stated that effective January 1st all township business will be conducted in the township building. Mrs. Williams advised that an office needs to be made for the secretary/treasurer.
- Mr. Sites advised that Mr. Miller used 88% of his budget for 2002, Chief Holler 78%, Mrs. Williams 63% and the newsletter 78%.
- Mr. Sites mentioned reducing the costs of the newsletter.
- Bob Pelouquin stated he has a contract to sell 400 acres of his property to Wormald Inc., which is headquartered in Frederick, Maryland. Wormald will build the sewage plant and this should increase the township's tax base. The Pelouquins are keeping their home plus 21 acres.
- November 5th is a voting day, so the next meeting will be Wednesday, November 6th.
- Mr. Sites said the Reorganization Meeting will be January 6th. He wants to change the meetings to the second Tuesday of the month beginning in January. No motion are vote was taken.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Alexander seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Liberty Township Supervisors Special Public Meeting—DRAFT Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Supervisors Leonard Sites, John Miller and Charles Alexander met at 7 PM to appoint two auditors.

A motion was made by Mr. Sites to appoint Linda Sites as an auditor to replace Teresa Rogers. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander voted yes. Mr. Sites abstained from the vote. The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Sites to appoint Sandra Schultz to replace Fred Crum. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander voted yes. The motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM on a motion made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Alexander.

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

Police Report - September , 2002

By Chief Jim Holler

- The police department worked 336 hours with 159 hours on incidents. Chief Holler was on call for 212 hours.
- One arrest was made. There was one domestic situation.
- Chief Holler advised he picked up the new Crown Victoria (police car).
- The police department conducted the vacation check program on 65 homes.
- The officers are visiting businesses to interact with the owners/employees.
- There were several thefts and drug possession complaints.
- The officers will target stop signs in September.
- The Facts Please Program is updated every 2 weeks.
- Be aware of what is happening and call 911 if you see something unusual.

Police Report - October 1, 2002

- The police department worked 343 hours with 105 hours on incidents. Chief Holler was on call for 253 hours.

- Be aware of what is happening and call 911 if you see anything unusual.

- Chief Holler said the intersection of SR 16 and Orchard Road is very dangerous. There was a serious accident there and he now has a police officer on that corner for one hour on every shift.
- Chief Holler spent the past two weeks taking a Fire Marshall class at the Fire Academy and asked that he be appointed the Fire Marshall for Liberty Township and that Larry Weikert be appointed Deputy Fire Marshall. Mr. Sites made a motion to appoint Jim Holler as our Fire Marshall and Larry Weikert as Deputy Fire Marshall. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander voted yes. Motion was passed.

Don't Forget to VOTE on Tuesday, November 5th!

Liberty Township Police Department

by Chief Jim Holler

Why does it cost so much for a traffic citation and where does the money go?

We hear this question all the time when we issue traffic citations. This is an example of a simple stop sign violation if you fail to stop at a stop sign:

\$25.00 is the fine for the violation itself. Of this amount, the municipality receives only 50%.

\$10.00 goes to the Emergency Medical Services Fund.

\$28.50 is for court costs, which is the processing fee to process the citation.

\$30.00 goes to the Catastrophic Insurance Fund.

\$ 1.50 goes to the Computer Fund. This amount will change to **\$10** effective November 1st.

\$95.00 is the total amount for this citation.

As you can see, the lesson learned here is **OBEY THE TRAFFIC LAWS** and you won't be funding these other state and county agencies.

Meet Officer Bill Orth!

Bill has been with the Liberty Township Police Department for a year but has a total of eight years of police experience working for the Borough of Gettysburg and the Adams County Jail. Bill lives in Biglerville but is a native of Fairfield. He is employed full time as a Deputy Sheriff for Adams County.

Child Drug Usage Reminder

If you suspect drug use by your child and would like to talk to a police officer for advice, please call

Chief Holler at 642-6103.

Safety Tip Alert!

It is the time of year to **CHANGE THE BATTERIES IN YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS!** Each year thousands of people are killed in house fires throughout the United States. Fire does **NOT** discriminate and can happen to anyone at any time. Are you ready if it does?

Time is a factor! Most people feel that they will have ample time to exit their house in a fire. The reality is, they don't. If a couch or chair were to catch fire in a living room (such as yours), within 4 to 6 minutes everything in the room would be burning. During this burning process, many chemicals and noxious vapors are being omitted within the smoke. These products are climbing throughout your house and may take a few minutes to set off a smoke detector depending where it is located. Several breaths of this smoke can kill you. If you are sleeping, you may never wake up, for the carbon monoxide will lull you further into a deep sleep and kill you within seconds. Most people die in their sleep before the fire ever gets to their rooms.

Smoke Detectors are your only line of defense! A simple \$9.00 smoke detector with a \$2.00 battery can save your life and the life of your family. Many people forget to change their battery or they remove the battery because of cooking and forget to replace it. This is the only appliance in your home that will activate, sounding an alarm and giving you the time you need to get out. I have seen the devastation that fire causes and because of this, I have smoke detectors in every room of my house. For the price, you can't go wrong for the added security. You can't put a price on life!

Elderly Care Checks

This program has been a huge success and many people are taking advantage of this service. If you are interested in this service or know someone who could use a visit every now and then, call Chief Holler at 642-6103.