

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: nawlibtpw@earthlink.net, fax: 717-642-9685 or mail it to Natalie Williams, P.O. Box 619 Fairfield, PA 17320 by the 10th of the month preceding the event.

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Greetings From Your Supervisors:

Adams County Public Library System Proposes Satellite Library in Fairfield!

By Natalie A. Williams

Mr. Sites requested that I bring to your attention a proposal from Mr. Carl Heidenblad, Director of the Adams County Library for a local Fairfield Area Adams County satellite library. As proposed, Liberty Township, as well as Fairfield, Carroll Valley and Hamiltonban Township would share the cost of the rental of the building at 12 Water Street in Fairfield. Funds for books, management and support staff would be provided by the County Library System. Based upon our population, Liberty Township's share of the annual rental cost would be approximately \$1,541.

The proposed library will offer public access to the Internet, a children's story hour and associated programs, as well as an excellent collection of books. Access will also be provided to all books located in the main library.

Your supervisors want to hear what you think of the proposal before voting on whether to include this cost in the 2003 budget. Please send your comments to Library/NAW, P.O. Box 619, Fairfield, PA 17320, or E-mail nawlibtpw@earthlink.net. Thank you.

Solicitor's Corner

By Wally Davis, Solicitor

Mr. Davis' column will be back in the November issue.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

It's Unofficial!

By Natalie A. Williams

Potpourri...

- Wanted: a few good women to run for elected offices. There must be women who want to be county commissioners or serve on the school board.
- After the long, hot summer, we need a nice, cool autumn.
- Support your library system. Donate books for a book sale, buy books as a memorial, include the library in your will, or just donate some extra money for the library to build more libraries.
- 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!
- I see many children riding their bikes on SR 116, SR 16, etc., and I wonder if their parents know where they are? Are your children aware of the rules and regulations for riding a bike? Please be a concerned parent and know where your children are and what they are doing.
- Second hand smoke can cause asthma, etc., in children who breathe in their parents' smoke. Think about that the next time you light up and close the windows in your car!
- Be a sponge to the inspiration that is all around you.
- Your life is a work in progress.
- Enjoy the fall season.

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The Christmas Star Craft Market will be held Saturday,
November 9th, 2002 at the Fairfield Elementary School.

The market features handcrafted items from local artists and
crafters. Anyone wishing to submit an application for
this event, should contact Karolyne Myers at 717-642-9360.

Hurry! Spaces are filling up fast!

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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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 www.gwal.com and look at the link for schools. Take the time to read it!

The Olympics and Fire Safety

By Lisa Sachs

The 2002 Winter Olympics had a great impact on the world, the country, and believe it or not, on Fairfield, Pennsylvania. Fairfield Fire & EMS Chief Gordon and Deputy Chief Bill Morton were part of the team put together by the U. S. Fire Administration (USFA) to be in the Salt Lake City area during the Olympics to evaluate fire, rescue and EMS planning, training and operations. They were able to bring a lot of good information back to Fairfield.

More importantly, the Olympics were the impetus for a new fire safety campaign that we hope will have a positive impact for citizens and firefighters throughout the Fairfield area. It turns out that Lea Ann Parsley, a silver medalist in the women's skeleton event, is a highly decorated firefighter from Ohio. In cooperation with USFA, she is leading an effort to increase fire safety while at the same time decrease the number of firefighters killed in the line of duty. This new effort urges Americans to check their smoke alarms because they provide an early warning signal to families so they can easily escape fires safely. This, in turn, can save firefighters' lives.

Many firefighters die every year trying to rescue people from homes without working smoke detectors. "I know that many families have smoke alarms, but never check them to make sure they are working," said medalist/firefighter Parsley. "It's a simple thing to do, and it could save your life. It could also save the life of a firefighter." In Fairfield, these firefighters are often your neighbors.

In communities all over the country including Fairfield, Americans are being urged to 1) install smoke alarms and make sure they are working; 2) plan an escape route from your home in case of fire; and 3) do a home fire safety walk-through. Members of Fairfield Fire & EMS will be glad to help you if needed. Simply talk to a local firefighter or call the fire station at 642-8105.

Roadmaster Report

By John E. Miller

See pages 5 and 6.

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



Monthly Schedule

September 1st	Labor Day!
September 3rd	Township Meeting
September 16th	Yom Kippur
September 17th	Planning Commission Meeting
September 29th	PIPPENFEST
October 1st	Township Supervisors Meeting
October 14th	Columbus Day!
October 15th	Planning Commission Meeting
October 16th	Boss' Day!
October 19th	Sweetest Day!
October 31st	Happy Halloween!
November 5th	Election Day!
November 9th	Christmas Star Craft Market at the Fairfield Elementary School!

Township Meetings

The Board of Supervisors for Liberty Township will meet on Tuesday, September 3rd, and October 1st 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 (by 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 Library Hours are:

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

Planning Commission Meeting — June 18, 2002 Minutes

By Jane Clements, Secretary

The members present were Phil Burgess, Peter Foscatto and alternate member Leonard Sites. The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved (with a wording correction) in a motion proposed by Leonard Sites and seconded by Peter Foscatto.

The first item to be discussed was the Pelouquin lot addition for Mr. & Mrs. Phillips. Township Engineer's comments were read and will be complied with and the county comments will also be complied with. The commission understands that no construction will be near wetlands and also county comments #6 will be waived (the lot will remain as drawn). The commission reviewed the Form B's and Leonard Sites made a motion to approve them which was seconded by Peter Foscatto. Form B's were signed by the commission, Leonard Sites and the Zoning Officer who was also in attendance. Mr. Phillips stated he will hand-carry them to the DEP. As all else is in compliance, Peter Foscatto made a motion to approve this lot addition, motion seconded by Leonard Sites. Plan to go before the next Supervisors' Meeting.

The Luther Martin Estate lot addition was discussed next. The final plan was reviewed as all is in compliance, Peter Foscatto made a motion to approve this plan pending no unfavorable comments between now and the next supervisor's meeting (from Hamiltonban who also have this property within their township). Motion was seconded by Leonard Sites. Plan to go before the next supervisors' meeting in July for final approval.

The next lot addition was also for Mr. Pelouquin, this time for Mr. & Mrs. Myers. All is now in compliance, the Form B's are with the DEP so Peter Foscatto made a motion to approve this plan which was seconded by Leonard Sites. This plan will also go before the July Supervisors' meeting for final approval.

Mr. Dubin was present to have his previously approved mylars signed by the planning commission and will take them to the next supervisors' meeting.

Fred Crum presented two sketch plans for discussion which the commission will review and comment upon at their next meeting.

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Planning Commission—continued from Page 2

Alphie Cisar presented a preliminary plan for a land development enabling him to put a new house on existing property. The plan is to be sent to the township engineer. It has already gone to the zoning officer and Mr. Cisar will take it to the county for their review. For further discussion next meeting.

Mr. Clifton Kipe was present with his attorney, Matt Battersby, to discuss a proposed subdivision of property he owns. As it is unclear if the road he may propose to use can be utilized in the manner he wishes, Mr. Battersby will write to the township solicitor to ascertain the allowable uses for said road. The planning commission will proceed when they have comments from their solicitor.

John Lalima (on behalf of Walter Rogers) had a letter from DEP which he had questions about. The commissioners were able to answer those questions.

Leonard Sites reported that he had received a phone call from a landowner regarding the possibility of putting another home on a property she may purchase which also has an existing home business. The commission stated she would have to submit a Land Development Plan and also have the land perked. Mr. Sites will advise her.

Lastly, former planning commission member Bob Lawrence presented draft copies of the zoning ordinance for the members to review.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM on a motion proposed by Peter Foscatto and seconded by Leonard Sites. The next meeting is July 16, 2002.

Planning Commission Meeting — July 16, 2002 Minutes

The meeting commenced at 7:35 PM with the minutes from the last meeting read and approved. Motion proposed by Peter Foscatto and seconded by Bob Robinson.

The first item discussed was a land development plan for Alphie Cisar who wants to build a second house on the property which is on Harbaugh Valley Rd. The commission read the township engineer's comments and comments #1 through 3 will be complied with. #5 refers to a storm water outlet but as the outlet is dry for most of the year and only impacts slightly on Mr. Cisar's and no one else's property, the commission (with the exception of Bob Robinson) feels the comment does not need to be acted upon. #6 (erosion control) will be complied with by Mr. Cisar's engineer.

The next item to be discussed was a subdivision for Mr. Clifton Kipe. The commission has received no formal plan from Mr. Kipe, but is trying to resolve the requirements for any proposals he may make with regard to a road he hopes to utilize to gain access to this property. It is not clear if the road is a public road (maintained or vacated) or if it is deemed an Ancient Private Road. Last meeting Matt Battersby (on behalf of Mr. Kipe) stated he would write to Walton Davis, the township solicitor, to have a determination made as to whether the road to be utilized was an "Ancient Private Road" or a public road. Mr. Davis' response was read at the meeting and Phil Burgess suggested Mr. Kipe does what the letter asks: obtain certification from PennDOT to see if the "Secretary of Highways" has indeed taken the necessary steps to vacate the road in question.

Discussion followed with members of the public with regard to development in the area. The use of the road, past and present and water needs. Mary Cathwell has a home down past the Kipe farm in Frederick County and was at the meeting so she could report back to the North Western Civic Association involved in this area and with concerns about Ancient Private Roads and their importance. Phil Burgess read the relevant portion of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) and explained that Mr. Kipe has to satisfy the requirements before a subdivision can be approved. Once Mr. Kipe has certification from PennDOT he will return to the commission to further discuss this matter.

The next item discussed was two sketch plans for Fred Crum. The commission now requires preliminary plans drawn before they can continue so Judy Crum will have plans drawn when they wish to proceed.

The commission has received a two-lot land addition for Michael Valentine for property he owns along Orchard Road. It appears that the owner wishes to "swap" a driveway with one of his neighbors but as the commission has questions in regard to the drawing of this plan, Mr. Royer will be informed and the commission will further discuss it at their next meeting. The plan will be sent to the zoning officer for her review and we are awaiting county comments. Form B's were reviewed and signed off by the commission on a motion proposed by Bart Hogan and seconded by Bob Robinson.

John Lalima on behalf of property owner Walter Rogers was present with a letter from DEP requiring him to have a formal resolution for the Act 537 part of his plan. Mr. Davis advised the supervisors to enact the resolution at the next supervisors' meeting in August.

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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

July 2nd Report:

- Judy Crum worked 63 hours. She received 52 phone calls; 14 were referred to Mr. Sites, 8 to the SEO, and 5 to the courthouse.
- Permits issued: Gregory Stambaugh for a new home and Richard Horigan for a metal hangar building.
- An occupancy permit was issued to Brad Weatherly. No road permits were issued.
- Expenses were 30 stamps and 125 copies. Mileage was 51 miles.
- Parking RV's on lots was discussed. According to Pennsylvania State laws, an RV must be moved every 14 days or pay property taxes.
- Deed restrictions do not allow RV's in some areas. The township does not intervene in deed restrictions. Judy advised that the sign on SR 16 is allowable. Per the regulations, a sign can be put on another site.

August 6th Report:

- Judy Crum worked 79 hours. She received 49 calls; 14 were referred to Leonard Sites, 5 to the SEO, and 11 to the courthouse.
- Permits were issued to: Kenneth Phillips for a new house, Thomas Lease for a home addition, Drew Wallace for a steel storage building and to Stephen Farkas for a new home/storage building.
- No road permits were issued. No Occupancy Permits were issued.
- Judy attended the planning commission and supervisor meetings in July. She researched information for several subdivisions. She handled complaints about deed restrictions and calls regarding taxes.
- She also fielded calls concerning complaints about our perc test procedures.



Treasurer Reports

July 2, 2002

	ACNB	PLGIT	PLGIT
Beg. Balance 6/01/02	\$28,974.73	\$67,222.70	\$54,501.77
Receipts	\$7,600.44	\$93.37	\$75.46
Expenditures	\$21,001.60	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending Bal. 6/30/02	\$15,573.57	\$67,716.07	\$54,577.23
CD as of 6/30/02	\$79,067.01		
Total	\$84,067.01		
Grand Total Assets	\$216,933.88		

by Natalie A. Williams, Secretary/Treasurer

August 6, 2002

	ACNB	PLGIT	PLGIT
Beg. Balance 7/01/02	\$15,573.57	\$67,716.07	\$54,577.23
Receipts	\$17,859.66	\$95.11	\$76.85
Expenditures	\$19,846.67	\$0.00	\$1,085.40
Ending Bal. 7/31/02	\$13,626.56	\$67,811.18	\$54,167.89
CD as of 7/31/02	\$79,262.65		
Total	\$92,889.21		
Grand Total Assets	\$214,868.28		

Police Report - July 2, 2002		By Chief Jim Holler
• The police department worked 307 hours. • They are investigating an arson fire. • 8 arrests were made. • There are 3 new programs: 1. Elder Check 2. Vacation check 3. FACTS Please regarding terrorism updates • Chief Holler advised the supervisors the Chevy Caprice needed major repairs and asked if it should be done or should we buy a new police car. He was advised to have John Miller look at the car.		
Police Report - August 6, 2002		
• The police department worked 271 hours. • 1 arrest was made. There was one domestic situation. • They had 23 traffic details. • The police department bought their own hats and t-shirts. They gave each supervisor a hat. If you want one, they will cost \$8. • Chief Holler advised that it was going to cost \$2000 to fix the old Caprice, and it wasn't worth it. The supervisors approved the purchase of a new Crown Victoria police car. Mr. Miller made a motion to purchase the 2003 police car. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander approved the motion. • Mr. Sites asked Chief Holler to give Mrs. Williams the data for bids to sell the Caprice.		
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Discussion followed with regard to sewage modules and Form B's and their routing and content. Leonard Sites would like the modules to only be dealt with by the township and not hand carried by the client to DEP. He feels this would make the whole process run more smoothly and would give the township control of knowing where the modules are at any time. The planning commission has agreed to place a routing slip with the modules when they receive them to show when they were signed and to whom they are to be sent next. Phil Burgess stated that the modules are to be reviewed by the commission and signed in all relevant places and it is the client's engineer who holds the responsibility of ensuring all necessary documentation is in the packet for that signing. Next the commission discussed a proposed meeting with Paul Goetz, the supervisors, Mr. Davis and the planning commission, which will be held to consider Mr. Goetz's sketch plan for multiple lots. These lots have been discussed on numerous occasions, involve panhandles and a cul-de-sac and are only in the sketch stage at the moment. Phil Burgess explained that the commission is unable to approve a subdivision at this time due to soil sites not being ready to percolate for at least another year. When Mr. Goetz has the percolation approved they can proceed but in the meantime the zoning ordinance is being updated and requirements may change making any sketch plan invalid. Phil Burgess stated the commission is trying to save Mr. Goetz time and money as any plan he has drawn now will possibly be invalid later. When the date of the meeting is set, the commission members are all to be informed so they can attend. Lastly, a discussion of SALDO took place. Jack Williams, a member of the Zoning Hearing Board, "would like to recommend the Planning Board consider updating and streamlining SALDO." Phil Burgess explained that it is a significant undertaking and the zoning ordinance is what the commission has been and are still working on at the moment. As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10 PM on a motion proposed by Bart Hogan and seconded by Bob Robinson. The next meeting is August 20th.		

Waste Management Holiday Schedule Change

Waste Management observes the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

During the holiday week, if your pick-up falls before the holiday, pick-up will be normal schedule. If your pick-up falls on the holiday, you will receive service the day following the holiday. If your pick-up falls after the holiday, pick-up will be the regularly scheduled pick-up day or no later than the day following.

Board of Supervisors Meeting — July 2, 2002 Minutes		By Natalie A. Williams, Secretary
The Pledge of Allegiance was said before the meeting began at 7:31 PM. Mrs. Williams made roll call. Present were Leonard Sites, John Miller and Charles Alexander. Chair's opening remarks: Fourth of July is in a few days, so be alert. Public Participation: • Raymond Kipe submitted his resume for the Planning Commission. • Jane Clements, secretary of the Planning Commission, was in attendance for Phil Burgess. • Walter Lance from Maryland was welcomed to our meeting. Minutes: Mr. Sites made a motion to approve the minutes from the June meeting. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Approval of Bills: Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the bills. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. Mr. Miller, Mr. Sites and Mr. Alexander voted to approve the bills. Receipts: Mr. Sites asked Mrs. Williams about a refund from Staples. Mrs. Williams advised she ordered fireproof cabinets, then cancelled the order so Staples refunded the amount. Mrs. Williams read the receipts totaling \$7,600.44 Treasurer's Report: See Page 10. Other Business: • The public meeting regarding Paul Goetz' subdivision plans has been scheduled for July 9th. • The auditors will meet on July 11th to finish the 2001 audit. Solicitor: Mr. Davis discussed his letter to the supervisors regarding disposition of fines including the following: ◊ all fines resulting from state laws are payable to the Commonwealth, unless otherwise provided; ◊ vehicle fines, when resulting from the State Police enforcement, are payable to the Commonwealth; but one-half comes back to the municipality in a Liquid Fuels type of distribution; ◊ all snowmobile penalties are paid to the Commonwealth; driving-while-intoxicated fines are paid according to special rules; ◊ one half of all "state" fines goes to the municipality when local police are the enforcement authorities; and, ◊ all fines resulting from violations of local ordinances are payable to the municipality. Police Report: Please see Page 9. Zoning Officer Report: Please see Page 10. Secretary Report: • Natalie advised she worked 75 hours on township business, 41 hours on the township newsletter and 12 hours on taxes in June. • Natalie stated she was advised by Peggy Weibel, from the Governor's Center for Local Government, who is assisting the township with their audit, to make a monthly report to the supervisors regarding hours and activities pursued during the month. • Natalie asked again for the toilet to be replaced in the ladies room. Mr. Alexander to take care of that matter. Mr. Sites Comments: • Mr. Sites stated the township must make a decision regarding having a Building Code Inspector. He wanted the township to hire Ed Stevey who also works for Carroll Valley. He charges \$0.20 a square foot. <i>Continued on Page 5</i>		

History In The Making

By Priscilla Storrs

A short while ago I was visiting a friend who mentioned an active project being undertaken by two men who were documenting the stone markers on the Mason-Dixon Line. Todd Babcock and Diliwyn Knott are doing this as a hobby and have been working for ten years to complete their work. The stones are being lost at an increasing rate, so they feel it is important to find the precise location of each stone so that damaged stones can be repaired and lost stones replaced.

The markers were huge blocks of limestone between 3.5 and 5 feet long weighing between 200 and 600 pounds. They were shipped to America from Southern Great Britain and then carried by wagon to their final resting place on the line at one-mile intervals. These markers had an M on the southern face and a P on the northern face with every fifth marker engraved with the Penn coat of arms on the Pennsylvania side and the Calvert coat of arms on the other. (The whole reason for the dividing line was the boundary dispute between the first Lord Baltimore, George Calvert in the Colony of Maryland and William Penn whose land was on the Delmarva Peninsula. The description of the boundaries didn't match, so the descendants of both families agreed in 1750 to have the line surveyed.)

Many people were employed by Mason and Dixon to work in advance of the surveyors. Some would cut trees for a path through the forest, while others worked as cooks or other helpers. Most worked with the group for only a short time. Towards the end of the line, the terrain became so hilly that Mason and Dixon did not lay markers, but erected large rock groupings or cairns instead. When the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey was done in 1901 and 1903, these cairns were replaced with leftover markers.

Since the last inventory in 1980, several stones have been destroyed or damaged by vehicles. One stone in particular had been photographed by the two men and three months later a snowplow hit it pushing it into a farmer's field. It had been on the line for over 200 years and now the farmer is keeping it in his barn. This is one of the markers the men hope to repair and restore to its original site.

One can only marvel at the longevity of these markers and what it took to put each one in place. The boundary begins 15 miles south of Philadelphia and follows a constant latitude west to a point between western Pennsylvania and what is now West Virginia. In a little over five years, Mason and Dixon used the stars to calculate this path through the wilderness and mark out the 233-mile-long boundary line between Pennsylvania and Maryland and the 83 miles long north-south boundary between Maryland and Delaware. The line has in some places been off the mark by as little as one inch in some places but never more than 800 feet.

Babcock and Knott have been documenting the stones for ten years. Of the 230 stones that delineate the Pennsylvania and Maryland border, 80 to 90 stones lack GPS coordinates and will, therefore, take longer to locate and document. They are hoping to soon complete this process so the repairs and replacements can be made.

There are several stones on the line between Emmitsburg and Liberty Township, but I have yet to locate them. I am continuing to research this and am keeping a log of all information I can document. If anyone has a stone on their property and would like to share this information with me I will archive it with the rest of my notes.

This new information came from an article in the National Geographic about Babcock and Knott's research as well as my conversations with local surveyors in Pennsylvania and Maryland who have been most helpful and informative.

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Tu & Th: 9 AM—1 PM

Please call for more information.



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Pastor Matthew Meisenteiler

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717-794-5648

Church Office: 717-762-3776

Please call for more information.

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- Mr. Davis advised that the township opt out and not have an inspector. The buyer's builder should hire their own inspector. Occupancy permits and all reports will be done in accordance with code. If we opt out, there is no need to do anything now. Act 45 is on hold until the regulations go into effect.
- Jack Williams stated that if the individual builder found their own inspector, it would omit the township and we wouldn't have to hire an inspector.
- It was decided that nothing would be done at the present time.

Planning Commission:

- Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the mylars for: Luther Martin, Rick Myers, Ken Phillips and Mr. Dubin. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander voted to approve the mylars.
- The Rogers subdivision was approved and will be sent back to DEP.

Roadmaster Report:

- Natalie is meeting with Sherman Wright to write the bids for gravel and paving of Crum Road.
- Mr. Miller advised they are working on Crum Road to get it ready for the paving.
- They are mowing again.

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

Board of Supervisors August 6, 2002 Meeting (draft)

By Natalie A. Williams, Secretary

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The meeting began at 7:35 PM. Mrs. Williams made roll call. Present were Leonard Sites, John Miller and Charles Alexander.

Chair's opening remarks: Mr. Sites said "What a day!"

Public Participation: None

Minutes:

Mr. Sites made a motion to approve the minutes after changing Raymond Kipe to Clifton Kipe. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: See Page 10.

Approval of Bills:

Mr. Miller questioned the bill payable to Mr. Bob Lawrence for reimbursement of copying the draft of the zoning ordinance at Staples. Mr. Miller asked Mr. Sites why Mr. Sites had told him Mr. Lawrence had nothing to do with the zoning ordinance. Mr. Foscatto said that it started over 3 years ago and he did the clerical work on his own time. Mr. Sites said Mr. Lawrence has had nothing to do with it for 9 months. Mr. Miller then made a motion to approve the bills. Mr. Sites seconded the motion. Mr. Miller, Mr. Sites and Mr. Alexander voted to approve the bills.

Receipts: \$17,899.66

Other Business:

- Mrs. Williams opened the sealed bids for the paving of Crum Road. Valley Quarries had the lowest bid. Mr. Sites made a motion to approve Valley Quarries to pave Crum Road. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion approved by Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander.
- Mrs. Williams opened the sealed bids for the salt/gravel the township uses. Valley Quarries had the lowest bid. Mr. Sites made a motion to approve Valley Quarries bid. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion was approved by Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander.
- Mrs. Williams asked about the reopening of a road off Skyline Trail. Mr. Sites asked Mr. & Mrs. Crum, who have lived here for a very long time, how long the road has been there. They stated it was there for over 20 years. Mr. Davis, our solicitor stated that we can't just reopen it because it has never been a township road unless it was and it must be reactivated. Mr. Sites asked Chief Holler to talk to Mr. Yocum about opening the road.
- The purchase of a water conditioner was discussed. Alexander's Plumbing said it will cost \$1,863.48. Mr. Miller advised that we do it now since the new toilet was installed. Mr. Sites made a motion to install it now. Mr. Miller seconded. Motion approved with Mr. Alexander abstaining.

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- Mrs. Williams advised the new insurance coverage begins September 1st. Mr. Sites made a motion to approve the new coverage. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Mr. Miller, Mr. Sites and Mr. Alexander approved the motion..

Solicitor:

- Mr. Davis advised that in regards to Mr. Goetz, his attorney will explain the matter to him.
- Kipe update: he is waiting for Matt Battersby to prove it is or isn't a state highway. If opened by action of legislature, it may still be a road. But, if not, may still be a lane. Also may be Ancient Private Road. Clifton Kipe said Battersby asked Rep. Matland's office to contact PENDOT. Mr. Alexander said he checked out the road and that it continues straight o the Maryland state line. Mr. Sites does not remember the road being maintained by the township. Mr. Kipe said this is costing him a lot of money and wants the township to reimburse him. Mr. Davis stated it is up to the applicant to pay for doing a subdivision. The law states that one cannot subdivide on a private lane.
- There is a new Workman's Compensation bill which means the municipalities will have to pay for local freighters workman's comp. The fire company will tell us the amount of people covered etc. We already pay a portion of Fairfield's workman's comp. We also will now have to pay a share for Fountaindale's Fire Department.

Police Report: See page 9.

Zoning Officer Report: See page 10.

Secretary Report:

- Natalie advised she worked 77.5 hours on township business, Told the supervisors the Governor's Center for Local Government advised that she keep the supervisors informed of the many items she works on monthly. The supervisors were given a list of items Natalie for July. (For a copy of the list, please contact Mrs. Williams.)

Mr. Sites Comments:

- Adams County Library System sent a letter stating they want to open a satellite library in Fairfield on 12 Water Street. The director of the library will speak at the Supervisors September meeting. They want the municipalities to pay for the rent which is \$850 a month. Liberty Township will be paying about \$1600 annually, which is based on a census of 1063 residents at \$1.45 per person.
- Mr. Sites asked Mrs. Williams to place an article in the next newsletter asking residents for their thoughts. Mrs. Williams agreed.

Planning Commission:

- Mr. Sites made a motion to approve an Act 537 Resolution for the Rogers subdivision. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion approved by Mr. Miller, Mr. Sites and Mr. Alexander.
- Mr. Miller made a motion to appoint Fred Crum as a member of the Planning Commission to replace Gene Farakas. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- Mr. Crum resigned as an auditor for the township effective immediately.
- Mr. Cisar needs a signature on a mylar. Mr. Sites made a motion to approve the plans to sign the mylar. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Mrs. Williams asked the supervisors about paying for internet service for Jane Clements who is the secretary for the Planning Commission. This would assist her working with the DEP, etc. Mr. Sites said he would talk to her.
- Mrs. Williams advised our solicitor would be attending the next Planning Commission meeting to answer questions and explain SALDO regarding the Goetz matter. Mr. Miller asked if the supervisors can participate and Mr. Sites answered yes.

Roadmaster Report:

- Mr. Miller advised they are having mower problems.
- Mrs. Williams advised she received a phone call from DOT regarding a driveway sign on Tract Road. Mr. Miller said he will take care of that.

Adjournment:

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Alexander seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 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@cvn.net

Liberty Township Police News



By Police Chief Jim Holler

Facts Please.....

The "Facts Please....." The Liberty Township Police community policing information system has turned out to be a HUGE success. A by-weekly E-mail safety informational newsletter is sent out to anyone who wants to participate in the program and any critical information is sent out as it is received. This newsletter covers such topics as child safety, Internet safety for kids, terrorism updates and general safety tips that you and your family can use. Our E-mail list continues to grow and we have received some very positive feedback about the program and its content. Please feel free to pass this around to anyone. If you have any questions or concerns that you think we should address, please let me know. If you want to be added, please E-mail the police department at libertypd@cvn.net.

Traffic Enforcement

We hear complaints from time to time regarding speeding motorists on our roadways. Throughout each month we select certain areas in the Township where we have received traffic complaints and set up traffic details target these motorists. Recently the citizens on Gladhill Road complained that during certain hours of the day, Gladhill Road was turned into a raceway. Several speed zones were set up and yes, they were right! The posted speed limit is 35 mph and the average speed was 60 PLUS! At times we had individuals who were actually racing each other. Many citations were issued during the week of enforcement and I am please to say that during these certain time periods, the speeder have slowed down to at or below the posted speed limit. If you have problems with speed on the road that you live on, please let us. Please note the times that these occurrences happen and that will help in setting up our traffic details.

Child Sexual Assaults

Every year this department charges family members and close family friends with sexually assaulting a child within the family. Some of these child victims have been a young as 7 and the adults doing the assaulting as old as 50. During the next several issues of Facts Please, we will attempt to provide you as a parent with some vital information about signs you should look for indicating sexual abuse. Never underestimate the power an adult, family member or close family friend has over a child under 15. In many cases that we have handled a child was threatened that if they told someone, they would be hurt. More often, the family member or close friend would say they would be arrested if the child told someone and used psychology against the child to prevent them from telling. Watch your child, watch who is with your child and who is spending time with and attention to your child. I would guess that for every adult who is arrested for sexual assault against a family member, there are 20 others who never get caught.

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