

ATTENTION!

We would like to include all area organizations and church group major events and schedules in our newsletter. We need your help. If your church or organization would like scheduled activities listed in the Area Schedule of Events or an article written about an event, please contact Natalie or Jack by E-mail: jackwill@com.net, fax: 717-642-9685 or mail it to Natalie Williams, c/o 39 Topper Road, Fairfield, PA 17320 by the 10th of the month preceding the activity.

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Spring Has Sprung! Celebrate!

Supervisor's Comments

By Leonard Sites, Chairman

Liberty Township will be negotiating for the removal of the trash in the near future. We have been very fortunate to have Waste Management remove the trash for a reasonable fee. The fees for the new contract will increase a small amount because the hauler is going to provide a pick-up of large items if they are notified properly. Please remove the empty containers as soon as possible on the day they are emptied. A blowing/rolling out of place container can be very dangerous. It also invites the theft of containers.

All township functions are going very well. The Supervisors are very appreciative of the work performed on the various boards, committees, elected positions and volunteers. We are very pleased with the police department. Please read Chief Holler's yearly report; it is very informative. The municipality will be constructing an addition to the municipal building. We need a larger meeting room and additional storage.

The Board extends their deepest sympathy to the Kemper and the Hendrickson families. Enjoy the newsletter and be informed of the matters in Liberty Township.

Bulk Pick Up in Liberty Township

March 21st

Liberty Township has arranged for a bulk pick up on Wednesday, March 21st.

Please have your large items at the curb the night before. These include furniture, mattresses, carpeting, appliances, etc. Please do not set out any item that two people cannot handle.

The following items cannot be picked up: Gasoline, batteries, paint, refrigerators, freezers, any appliance that uses freon, tires, cleaning solutions, etc.

Please call 1-800-433-7317 if you have any questions about what can and cannot be collected.

Township Meeting

There will be monthly township meetings on Tuesday, March 6th and April 3, 2001 at 7:30 PM. The public is invited to attend. The meetings are held at the Township Building, 39 Topper Road.

Solicitor's Corner

By Walton Davis

Special Exceptions, Variances and Conditional Uses

There was an error made in the last issue when the text I presented to the Newsletter was transformed to print. The last two sentences of the second paragraph on page 2 should have been just one sentence that reads as follows: "The municipality may choose to compensate the members and alternate members of the zoning hearing board, but that compensation may not exceed the compensation received by the Supervisors." The article as printed incorrectly stated that the zoning board members could receive more pay than the Supervisors, which is not true.

Five varieties of land uses may be found in zoning ordinances: uses permitted "by right"; uses permitted by "special exception"; uses permitted as "conditional uses"; pre-existing non-conforming legal uses; and, variances. A pre-existing non-conforming legal use is one that many people describe as being "grandfathered". It is a use which was legal and predated the zoning ordinance. It is allowed to continue indefinitely because it was established prior to the zoning regulations made it non-conforming. Conditional uses and special exceptions are very similar, with the chief difference being that the board of su-

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It's Unofficial!

Potpourri...

By Natalie A. Williams

- Give your family and friends the gift of a lifetime, stop smoking! When I see little kids buckled up in their seat belts/car seats in a car with someone who is smoking I want to scream. The kids are too young to roll down a window or say "Mom, I can't breathe."
- Happy Birthday to my friends who are turning 50 this year. We are now a half century old and it is downhill from here on in. If only we knew then what we know now....
- Don't forget bulk pick up on March 21st. It is time to do spring cleaning and garage cleaning.
- Buy girl scout cookies! The kids need the money for camping trips. I am sure most of us women can relate to selling those cookies when they were 45 cents per box. They are still good, so enjoy.
- Remember your secretary on April 25th, and men, that means your wife because paying the bills, filling the bills, etc., is secretarial, and she would love the appreciation.
- WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES!
- We tried Jerry's Pizza and Subs at the Amoco Station...um, um good.
- John Grisham's new book, "A Painted House" is good.
- May spring showers bring May flowers.
- If you love tea and scones, please come to the Afternoon Tea the Emmitsburg Branch Library Advisory Board is hosting on April 3rd from 2-4 PM at the library. It is free and the food is delicious.
- Don't forget National Volunteer Week is April 22 - 28th. Volunteers are shining stars! Become a star in your community.
- If you want to make a difference in your community, get involved. Have you ever noticed it is always the same people who do it all? It is because nobody else volunteers.
- Don't forget, Daylight Savings Time begins on April 1st.

Wanted

Residents of Liberty Township and the surrounding area to participate in our newsletter activity. We need interested people to serve as reporters, typists, and/or provide general administrative skills to assist in our effort.

Benefits - learn computer skills, meet interesting people and provide a service to our community. Interested individuals should contact Bob Robinson at 717-642-8131 E-mail - dadswood@gscyclone.com or contact Natalie & Jack Williams, 717-642-1253, E-mail - libertytwp@hotmail.com

Happy Easter to Everyone!



Liberty Township Has Its Own E-mail Address

We have an e-mail address. It is libertytwp@hotmail.com. Please send us your questions, comments or ideas.

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 Tupper Rd., Fairfield, PA 17320 or E-mail at Gauswood@gsycityone.com.

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The School Report You Must See!

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

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pervisors entertains an application for conditional use approval, while the zoning hearing board entertains an application for special exception permission. A special exception is neither special, nor is it an exception. In fact, it is a permitted use, but only if the applicant can demonstrate that certain additional requirements of the ordinance have been met. These requirements are applicable to the special exception use, but not the uses permitted by right in a zoning district.

For example, in Liberty Township's Conservation Residential district, single family detached dwellings are permitted by right. A person wishing to build such a residence need only prove to the building permit officer that the general requirements (building set back, yard sizes, driveway access, etc.) will be met, and a building permit will issue. But someone desiring to have a riding stable must go before the zoning hearing board and prove to the board that no stable or other building housing animals, and no manure storage, will be located within 100 feet of a property line. The riding stable use is permitted in the CR district, but only if these additional requirements are met.

A variance, on the other hand, is permission to develop land in a manner that is contrary to the language of the zoning ordinance. Despite the belief of many, a variance can not be obtained just because the zoning hearing board thinks that the development is a good idea and will be done well. Five criteria must be met in order to qualify for a variance. To paraphrase those requirements (which are spelled out in detail in the Municipality's Planning Code):

1. The need for a variance must be based upon unique physical conditions of the property, such as narrowness, topography, shallowness, or other such conditions which "are peculiar to the particular property." The "hardship" of these conditions must be the result of the oddities of that particular property and not of the requirements of the zoning ordinance in general.
2. No other use of the property in conformity with the ordinance can be pursued because of its peculiar physical condition.
3. The hardship has not been created by the applicant. For example, if I subdivide my property into lots so small that I cannot have a campground, that is a problem that I created and the smallness of the lot will not allow me to then obtain a variance.
4. The variance, if granted, will not alter the essential nature of the district and will not be an affront to the public welfare.
5. The variance, if granted, will be the minimum deviation from the ordinance possible to allow use of the land.

Application of these criteria to a request for a variance results in very few variances being obtained. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court, recognizing this difficulty, has held that the application of the criteria to dimensional variances (such as lot size, yard depth, building coverage, etc.) may be somewhat more relaxed than in cases of use variances (what activity occurs on the property).

The zoning hearing board (or the board of supervisors in the case of a conditional use) does not have a great deal of latitude when dealing with a request for a special exception or a variance. If the applicant meets the requirements of the zoning ordinance for a special exception, then the board has little choice but to grant it. If the applicant fails to meet all of the criteria for a variance, the board has no legal basis to grant the variance.

News From the Liberty Township

Tax Collector

Important Tax Information
 by Natalie A. Williams
 On January 2, 2001, I was appointed your new tax collector. I am pleased to have this opportunity to serve the Liberty Township community in this capacity.

You will receive your per capita and real estate tax notices around March 1st. The discount date is April 30th. The par date is June 30th. My official office hours are 1:30 PM to 6:30 PM on the following dates: April 17, 19, 24, 25, 27, 30th. All other times are by appointment only. Please call 717-642-1253, mail 2 A Skyline Trail, Fairfield, PA 17320, or e-mail libertytw@netnet.com.

In the short time that I have been in this position, several issues continue to come up. The following is provided as guidance to assist you. The homeowner must send their real estate tax notice to their respective mortgage company or lender themselves for payment. Do not send your per capita tax notice to your mortgage company because this tax must be paid by the taxpayer.

To obtain a receipt for taxes paid, please enclose a self addressed stamped envelope with your payment.

Fairfield Fire and EMS

By Gordon Sachs, Chief, Fairfield Fire & EMS
 The Fairfield Fire & EMS has three Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs): one on each ambulance and one on our primary fire engine. They are all relatively new (within a year) at a cost of about \$3,800 each. We received a grant from the PA Dept. of Health for the one on the engine, but the others were paid for from our regular budget (primarily donations and fund-raisers).

The AEDs on the ambulances replaced older models, which we donated to Fountaindale and Greenmount Fire Companies (each of which could respond into parts of Liberty Township). Fairfield Fire & EMS has worked with local police agencies to be sure they are equipped with AEDs, and to ensure that their officers are trained in the use of the AEDs.

We've used the AEDs on several occasions, but the only "save" that I am aware of in the Fairfield area was by an AED in one of the police cars. The important thing is that we have them on our apparatus, and our members are trained to use them if necessary. These devices are very important steps toward saving lives.

We have a new website: www.fairfieldfire-ems.org.

Friends of Frederick County Public

Libraries, Inc.,

The Emmitsburg Branch Library

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

We are collecting books to donate to schools, prisons, etc., that need books. Please drop yours off at the library. Thanks.

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

The Library Hours are:

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

Monthly Schedule

Local tax notices in mail
 Liberty Township Supervisors Mtg. 7:30 PM
St. Patrick's Day - wear green!
 First Day of Spring
 Planning Commission Mtg. 7:30 PM
 Bulk Pick Up Day!
 April Fools Day!
 Daylight Savings Time Begins!
 Liberty Twp. Supervisors Mtg. at 7:30 PM
 Afternoon Tea at Emmitsburg Branch Library. Call 301-447-2682 for info.
Passover
Easter
 Federal Taxes are Due
 Planning Commission Mtg. 7:30 PM
 National Volunteer Week
 Administrative - Professional Day
 Local taxes at discount rate due

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Farmers Field of Interest

species of wild as well as domestic birds (chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys) while not clinically ill, tested positive for the virus and therefore, were infected.

Ticks in Europe and Asia have been found infected with the virus. (Infected ticks cannot be killed with aerial insecticide spraying and can be a carrier of the virus.) Infected mosquitoes which routinely hibernate over winter could emerge this spring and spread the virus.

Recommend you contact your local county agent for specific preventative methods for ponds, and other sources of standing water where chemical treatment may be required. Report any dead birds, domestic or wild life that otherwise appear healthy to the county agent. It is suggested you report it to your local health department or county agent areas where mosquitoes may be present and not treated so they can take the appropriate action.

The source of this information is the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Dr. Robert Musculus, Physician General of Pennsylvania.

This area is dedicated to issues/information about farming in Liberty Township. For comments, suggestions or recommended material, please call Jack Williams at 642-9851 or E-mail jackwill@jvsn.net regarding this exciting new column.

Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association (EBPA)

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

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

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

History In The Making

By Priscilla Storrs

In my last article I wrote about an old cemetery on the site of the original St. John's/Elias Lutheran Church. Because of the attitude, Mr. Edward Shriver and Mr. Leonard Siles have provided new information in excerpts from "A History of Elias Lutheran Church" about this small piece of our history.

The Rev. S. Sentman was servicing the Elias and the Fountain Dale churches in addition to the one in Taneytown, Maryland. The churches were growing rapidly and it became too much for him to "properly perform all the pastoral duties absolutely demanded and necessary." Therefore the division of the Charge was amicably arranged.

The last year for which an Ernsmitsburg Pastor listed three congregations in the Annual Parochial Report to the Maryland Synod was 1858. Beginning in 1859, only two congregations were reported - Ernsmitsburg and Fairfield. It is reasonable to assume the congregation at Fountain Dale ceased to function in 1859.

The Adams County Atlas, which was published in 1858, identified a Lutheran Church standing in Hamiltonban Township very close to the Liberty Township line and just south of the road leading east from the Village of Fountain Dale near a point where a road by Jacks Mountain goes off to the northeast, to Fairfield. The County Atlas published in 1872 makes no reference to the church at all. In fact, no deed made between 1849 and 1886 conveying the church and cemetery land has ever been found. Recent deeds of adjoining properties definitely exclude the cemetery tract from their limits.

Church records in The Trinity Lutheran Church in Taneytown, Maryland indicate the cemetery at Elias Lutheran Church was first put into use as a "place of sepulchre" in 1797. The earliest graves are located immediately behind the church. The majority of this section is unmarked.

Burial records, as kept by early ministers, leave a great deal to be desired since the pastor served more than one parish. He couldn't always be present at the funeral itself but read the burial office over the grave when he visited the congregation. As a result, many burial records were badly kept and sometimes entries were never recorded in the parish register. A copy of the descriptions from Elias Churchyard made in 1956 has been placed in the church archives.

In 1906, James Helman wrote "A History of Ernsmitsburg, Maryland" and recorded names on the old stones in the Elias graveyard. Interestingly, the only names he recorded were all males. What about the wives and mothers who made a home and reared families? There is more than one burial plot in Elias churchyard with a row of small graves - children who died one after the other of diphtheria, scarlet fever or other contagious diseases. Yet he recorded none of these.

A man who used to live near the churchyard during the first quarter of the 20th century remembers there were 25 or 30 tombstones in the churchyard. Now it's the year 2001 and only a shadow of some of these still exists as many have succumbed to time or to vandals. The remaining old tombstones take on added value historically and genealogically as they are a visible link with the past and if they completely disappear all ties with our past are lost. How sad to think that over the next few years there may be nothing for our grandchildren to go back to when they are grown to trace their roots through history.

Most of the above information was taken from the "History of Elias Lutheran Church" excerpt that was provided to me by Mr. Leonard Siles and Mr. Edward Shriver.

Zoning Report

By Judy Crum

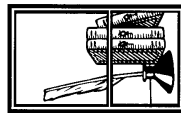
Building Permits Issued for the months of December and January

December, 2000

- Permits issued: none
- Occupancy Permits issued to:
- Joseph Macharsky
 - Curt Lowe

January, 2001

- Permits issued: none
- Occupancy Permit issued to:
- John and Drama Knox



Road master Report

By John E. Miller

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

Treasurer's Report

by Natalie A. Williams

January 2, 2001

	General Fund	State
Beg. Bal. 12/01/00	\$98,654.96	\$2,152.58
Receipts	9,576.93	7.15
Expenses	17,680.23	1,700.00
Ending Bal. 12/31/00	\$90,551.66	\$389.73

Certificate of deposit	\$125,000	0
Total	\$215,551.66	\$389.73

February 6, 2001

Beg. Bal. 01/01/01	\$90,551.66	\$389.63
Receipts	16,825.35	2.03
Expenses	28,311.57	0
End. Bal. 01/31/01	\$79,068.44	\$391.76

Certificate of deposit	\$125,000	0
Total	\$204,068.44	\$391.76

Planning Commission Report—December 19, 2000 Minutes

The meeting commenced at 7:28 PM with Phil Burgess, Bob Lawrence and Peter Foscatto in attendance. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved on a motion proposed by Peter Foscatto and seconded by Bob Lawrence.

The first item to be discussed was the design of a future development for Paul Goetz on the corner of Tract and Boyle Rds. Mr. Goetz presented a written suggestion for a change to the plan design. The commission discussed the design with him and explained their previous ideas for that design and why they felt it would work better than what Mr. Goetz proposed.

The next item to be discussed was a proposed subdivision for Matt Miller on the corner of Tract and Pumping Station Rds. Mr. Miller wishes to purchase this property and subdivide three lots into two as he does not own the lot he would have to allow the present owners to subdivide it and then he could purchase the larger lot. A preliminary/final plans to be submitted and sent to the township engineers, Zoning Officer and the county.

Lastly, Grove discussed proposed plans for a development on their land which would not only expand existing facilities, but also add to them. It is proposed that further beds be added to an existing building and eventually a condominium type development added. As there is some debate as to what the zoning requirements are for this, an informal meeting between Grove, the Planning Commission, the Township Solicitor and the Zoning Hearing Board will be arranged for further discussion at a later date.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM on a motion proposed by Peter Foscatto and seconded by Bob Lawrence. The next meeting is on 16th January 2001.

Planning Commission Report—January 16, 2001 Minutes

by Jane A. Clements, Secretary

The members present were Phil Burgess, Bob Lawrence and Bart Hogan. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, motion proposed by Bob Lawrence and seconded by Bart Hogan.

The first item to be discussed was a previously approved subdivision along Tract and Boyle Roads for Paul Goetz. Mr. Goetz has added an easement area to the driveway. County comments were read from this approved subdivision. Bart Hogan made a motion to approve as modified which was seconded by Bob Lawrence. The new Mylars were signed off by the commission and the supervisors who were present.

The next item to be discussed was a subdivision for Sarah Kugler who was represented by Matt Miller who wished to purchase one of the lots which are situated along Pumping Station Road. The commission is awaiting county, engineering and zoning comments so will discuss this at the next meeting. The sewage modules were presented and signed off on a motion made by Bob Lawrence and seconded by Bart Hogan.

Jim Holler was present to discuss his subdivision of two acres off of his farm. As he had already had a land development approved in 1994 he also has an approved sewage module. The plan is to be sent for zoning and engineering comments and will be further discussed next meeting.

Mr. Harbaugh was at the meeting to represent his aunt Mrs. Working. A letter was received at the January Supervisors meeting asking for an extension of the time limit. This extension was approved. The plan has already been commented upon by the township engineers and the zoning officer, but has not gone to the county. Mr. Harbaugh is to do that and when the comments arrive the subdivision will be further discussed.

The next item of business was a discussion of the Grove property in Blue Ridge Summit, with the Cumberland Management Group of North Carolina (they are under contract to purchase the property) the Zoning Officer, the township solicitor and the township supervisors were present. The Cumberland Management Group have applied to Liberty Township for the Zoning Hearing Board to be convened to determine its application for a special use under Section 7.2 of the Zoning Ordinance to expand a non-conforming use. This meeting has been set for January 23rd. So no further action will be taken until their decision is made.

Lastly, the commission members have received a copy of a letter from the DEP to Mr. Howe who owns property along Tract Rd. The letter states that the DEP will monitor the small flow sewage treatment plant he has on this property once a year. Mr. Howe has to monitor the plant once a month and keep records of the results and maintenance performed.

As there was no other business the meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM on a motion proposed by Bob Lawrence and seconded by Bart Hogan. The next meeting is February 20, 2001.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES — January 2, 2000 By Natalie A. Williams, Secretary

The Liberty Township Supervisors met on Tuesday, January 2, 2001 for the Annual Reorganization Meeting. Present were Leonard Sites, John E. Miller and Charles Alexander. The meeting began at 7:30 PM and was called to order by James Weikert, Honorary Chairman of the meeting. Mr. Weikert called roll.

Mr. Miller made a motion to elect Leonard Sites as Chairman of Supervisors. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. The motion was passed with Mr. Sites abstaining.

Mr. Sites made a motion to elect Mr. Miller as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. The motion was passed with Mr. Miller abstaining.

Mr. Sites thanked Jim Weikert for his contribution and welcomed Natalie A. Williams as the new secretary/treasurer.

Mr. Sites made a motion to appoint Natalie A. Williams as the Secretary/Treasurer for the township. They agreed to pay Mrs. Williams \$100 a week for the first six months of 2001 at which time she will advise if her rate should be increased.

Mr. Sites made a motion to retain Mr. Miller as the Roadmaster for Liberty Township. Mr. Alexander seconded. Motion passed with Mr. Miller abstaining. Mr. Sites made a motion to retain Mr. Alexander as the First Assistant Roadmaster. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion was passed with Mr. Alexander abstaining. Mr. Alexander made the motion to retain Mr. Sites as the Second Assistant Roadmaster. Mr. Miller seconded. Motion was passed with Mr. Sites abstaining.

Motion was made by Mr. Sites to retain Farmers & Merchant Bank and PLGIT as the depositories of our funds.

Mr. Sites made a motion to retain Mr. Walton Davis as the township's solicitor. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Mr. Alexander made a motion to retain William F. Hill Associates as our township engineers. Mr. Miller seconded. Motion was passed.

Mr. Sites made a motion to retain Mr. Pocatello and Mr. Hill as the Sewage Enforcement Officers. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Mr. Sites made a motion to retain Judy Crum as the Zoning Officer. Mr. Miller seconded. Motion was passed.

Mr. Miller made the motion to increase the employees' wages by 3% across the board. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Mr. Sites made a motion to recommend to the Auditors that the Roadmaster's wages be increased by 3%. Motion seconded by Mr. Alexander. Motion passed with Mr. Miller abstaining.

Mr. Sites made a motion to set the Treasurer's bond at \$250,000. Mr. Miller seconded. Motion was passed.

Mr. Sites made a motion to appoint Jim Weikert as Consultant to the new Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Mr. Sites made a motion to retain the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM in the township building for the Liberty Township Supervisors Meetings for the year 2001. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Alexander made a motion to accept Police Chief Holler's employment agreement for 2 years. His hourly wage will be \$13 an hour and the part time police officers wages will be \$12 an hour. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Minutes. Mr. Sites made a motion to accept the minutes as recorded. Mr. Alexander seconded. Motion passed.

Public Participation:

Mr. Jack Williams advised that the Liberty Township's contact person at the Gettysburg Times was changed to Christy Ford. He does not see any change in how things will be handled at the paper regarding the printing of our newsletter.

Bob Lawrence brought it to the Supervisor's attention that the Mr. Picarelli does not have certification for alternate sewage. Mr. Sites advised he is meeting with Mr. Picarelli in the morning and will discuss that matter with him.

Mr. Sites added that he, Mr. Miller, Mr. Alexander, and Bob Lawrence would discuss with Mr. Picarelli the 537 Plan after being approached by Judy and Fred Crum and Bob Paboquin. The 537 Plan has not been open since 1968. This would require a treatment plan at Flat Run. Cluster houses and a golf course have been recommended for the land. It is a concept the state would

(The following article s reprinted from Winter 2001 Horizon, Healthy Decisions, Riverside Osteopathic Hospital.)

Migraine Headaches

About 6% of men and 18% of women in the United States suffer from migraines. Migraines are most likely to occur between the ages of 20 and 35. In most women, migraines are related to their menstrual cycles. Migraines may occur close to the time of their menses. Shifting estrogen levels are the culprit. These women may be able to prevent future headaches by taking medicine to adjust their hormone levels.

Migraines are intense headaches that usually come back again and again. They cause mild to severe throbbing pain on one or both sides of the head. The pain may last for hours, or even days in extreme cases. In fact, the pain can be so bad that it causes nausea and vomiting, as well as sensitivity to light and sound.

Some people get auras or certain symptoms, about 15 minutes before they get a migraine. For these people, the warning signs of a migraine may include vision problems or numbness in the hands, tongue or side of the face.

Migraines No More

You may prevent future migraines by avoiding migraine triggers, such as alcohol, stress, getting too much or too little sleep, nuts, chocolate, peas, shrimp, lunchmeats, citrus fruits, bananas, raisins, and aged cheese, foods containing caffeine, monosodium glutamate (MSG) and some artificial sweeteners - such as aspartame or saccharin, skipping meals, certain medications. Ask your doctor in any medicines you are take could cause migraines.

Tackling Migraines

Many prescription drugs help migraine pain and relieve nausea and vomiting. Some can even prevent migraines from happening in the first place.

Over the counter medicines such as aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen sodium, and acetaminophen also can ease migraine pain.

Experts recommend the following: take the medicine your doctor recommends, lie down in a quiet, dark room, hold an ice pack to your forehead or temples to reduce pain, and talk to your doctor about biofeedback, which has been shown to reduce occurrence.

Continuing Education at the Fairfield High School Penn State - Mount Alto Update

College classes are now being offered at Fairfield High School. To register, call 717-709-0778 or contact them at www.psmall.ma.psu.edu. This is exciting news. Check out the insert in the February 2001 Knight Tyne Edition for the classes being offered in March and April.

Farmer's Field of Interest

West Nile Virus

by Jack Williams

As noted in our last edition, the West Nile Virus commonly found in Africa, West Asia, the Middle East and Europe has migrated to the eastern part of the United States. The virus is primarily spread by the northern house mosquito after it feeds on infected birds and then bites people or animals. This virus can cause encephalitis which is an infection of the brain. Because there is a chance it can spread throughout the state this summer, several state agencies, local governments and health professionals have launched a plan to find and control the kind of mosquitoes known to carry the virus. This will require testing of animal populations that may act as a host of the virus and the monitoring of public health to provide early warnings of this serious viral infection.

There are some easy things that we can do to protect ourselves and our families. Detailed information can be found at this site: www.westnile.state.pa.us, the Adams County Health Department and your local county agent.

The key is to reduce the local mosquito population. Some simple steps are as follows: Dispose of water holding containers such as tin cans, ceramic pots, etc. discard old tires that often contain rain water because this is where most mosquitoes breed, drill holes in recycled containers outside, ensure clogged roof gutters are cleaned every year because a roof gutter can produce a million mosquitoes in a season, turn over plastic wading pools when not in use, turn over wheelbarrows and bird baths which provide excellent breeding habitats for mosquitoes, aerate ornamental pools and/or stock them with fish, clean and chlorinate swimming pools not in use. Mosquitoes can breed in water that collects in pool covers. (Mosquitoes can breed in any puddle that last for more than 4 days.)

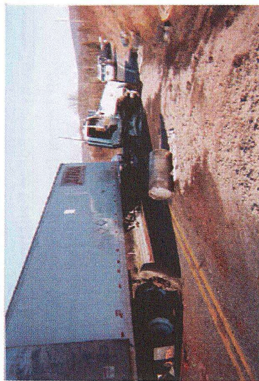
In New York, 7 of 61 individuals affected with the virus, died. They were all over 75 years of age. About 3-15% of people infected die. Symptoms include fever, headache, body ache, skin rash, swollen lymph glands, stiffness of the neck, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsion and or paralysis. There is no specific treatment. In severe cases, hospitalization and intensive support therapy may be required.

Last year in New York, sick and dead cats, crows and horses were laboratory confirmed with virus infection. Dogs, many other

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State Route 16 Accidents

1994	17
1995	14
1996	28
1997	17
1998	16
1999	25
2000	6



Collective EMS Activities Responded to Major Truck Accident on SR 16 and Orchard Road, Liberty Township

On December 13, 2000 a tractor trailer and a car collided creating a serious fuel spill, which blocked traffic for over one hour. A coordinated effort included Carroll Valley, Fairfield Fire and EMS, Vigilant Hose Company of Emmitsburg, Fort Dietrick Haz Mat Unit, the Emmitsburg Ambulance and Maryland State Police helicopter "Trooper 3." The drivers of both vehicles were injured. One was airlifted by a MSP helicopter to a trauma center, Washington county Hospital. The other occupant was transported by an emergency vehicle to Gettysburg Hospital.

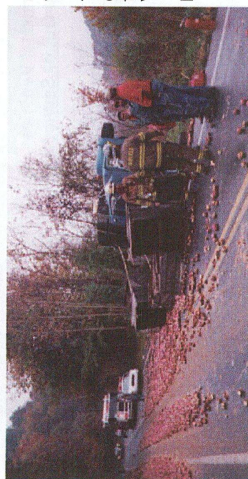
According to Lisa Sachs, Emergency Management Coordinator for Liberty Township, a special drill, pump and disposable drums were used by fire personnel to offload the remaining 100 gallons of fuel from the fuel tanks, both of which were torn off in the crash. This action, according to Sachs, prevented further fuel from spilling. No environmental damage occurred as a result of the spill.

Picture courtesy of Lisa Sachs.

SR 116 Accident Involving a Truck Loaded With Apples On October 16, 2000

The Pennsylvania State Police inspected this truck at the request of Liberty Township Police Chief Jim Holler on October 17, 2000. Trooper Lawrence Byrd, Sr. found the following 9 violations on the truck, 4 of which were out of service violations:

1. Axle #3, left side tires have less than 2/32 inch of tread remaining. Tires were bald. OOS
2. Low air warning device was inoperable. OOS
3. Axle #3, right inside tire is flat. OOS.
4. Unable to maintain air pressure at idle speed. OOS.
5. Air lines to the air bags are leaking at the connections.
6. Axle #3, left wheel is missing a fastener. 1 of 5.
7. Axle #3, brake hoses chafing against the frame.
8. Left rear tail lamp inoperable.
9. The bed of the truck, wooden was rotten.



OOS means that the violation was an out of service violation.

Two citations were filed against the company for equipment violations. The truck was being driven from Fairfield, Pennsylvania to Summit Point, West Virginia.

Picture courtesy of Chief Jim Holler.

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like to go to, and the supervisors like that idea. Mr. Peloquin and the Crum's are promoting this plan and the supervisors have a duty to look at their plan.

On January 16th, there will be a workshop for the Planning Board, Supervisors, and anyone who wants to attend. Marriott International (Cumberland Management Group) wants to purchase the Grove Training Center. The Planning Board will have their meeting first, then the workshop. The Zoning Hearing Board cannot attend the meeting because it would be a conflict of interest. Mr. Patterson has been in communication with Mr. Davis.

On January 23rd there will be a Zoning Hearing Board Meeting. Mr. Harold Eastman is the attorney for the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Eastman will bring his own secretary to record the minutes of the meeting. Mr. Eastman will assure that it is advertised in the Gettysburg Times.

If Mr. Voelk cannot attend the Zoning Hearing Board meeting, another person will have to be appointed. It would have to be advertised. Mr. Williams and Dr. Finner are able to attend. Mr. Welkert advised that the reason for the Zoning Hearing Board meeting must be in the legal ad.

Treasurer's Report: Natalie A. Williams read the report as follows:

	General Funds	PLGIT	State Funds	PLGIT
Beginning Bal 12/1/00	\$21,681.52	\$76,973.44	\$2,152.58	
Receipts	4,986.34	4,590.59	7.15	
Expenditures	17,680.23	0	1,770.00	
Ending Bal 12/31/00	8,987.63	81,564.03	389.73	
Certificate of Deposit		125,000.00		
Total Assets		\$215,551.66		\$389.73

Bills for payment: There was a discussion about Chief Holler spending \$1300 instead of \$900 for the video camera. He bought a new one instead of fixing the old one. The cost is allowable in the budget. Mr. Sites made a motion to approve the bills. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Sites made a motion to pay Mr. Miller's wages. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. Motion was passed with Mr. Miller abstaining.

Receipts for \$9,576.93 were approved.

The Policeman Report was read by Mr. Welkert. There were 42 incidents in December 2000 compared to 47 in December 1999. The police drove 1,389.2 miles and used 110.5 gallons of gas. They worked 175 hours. They issued 7 citations, 5 traffic warnings, stopped one truck and put one truck out of service.

Zoning Officer Report for December 2000 was read by Natalie A. Williams. Judy Crum received 21 calls for various zoning issues. She referred 10 calls to Leonard Sites, one to John Miller and 2 calls to the courthouse. No permits or road permits were issued in December. She issued an occupancy permit to Joseph Macharsky on December 6th and one to Curt Lowe on December 18th. Judy received communications from our solicitor regarding the Grove/Marriott project and the proper scheduling of meetings and workshops. She also conferred with Mr. Patterson, who represents the Marriott Corp. regarding the scheduling of meetings and referred him to Mr. Sites. Judy's expenses for the month included 12 stamps for mailings. Her mileage was 58 miles.

Mr. Sites stated that only 6 new homes were built last year in Liberty Township compared to the 24 houses built in 1999. The township does not have the revenue coming in like previous years from permits and new homes. He continued that the summary from Judy for the years 2000 and 1999 gave a good overview of what happened this past year.

Roadmaster Report. Mr. Miller stated there was a lot of brush to clean on Bull Frog Road. Mr. Sites thanked Mr. Miller and Brian Arenz for keeping the roads clean during the snowfalls.

Mr. Sites reiterated the plan for the meeting on January 16th for the Grove/Marriott project.

Mr. Sites advised the Auditors would meet on Wednesday, January 3rd for their annual reorganization meeting.

Mr. Sites welcomed and thanked Natalie A. Williams for accepting the job as Secretary/Treasurer.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sites seconded the motion. Motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES February 6, 2000

By Natalie A. Williams, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM. Natalie Williams called the roll; present were Leonard Sites, John Miller and Charles Alexander.

Minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Sites to approve the minutes as written and seconded by Mr. Miller.

Public Participation:
Mrs. Williams advised articles for the newsletter must be remitted by February 10th.

Treasurer's Report was read by Mrs. Williams (see page 10).

January Bills for Approval:
Mr. Sites questioned the payment of \$1.99 per gallon for diesel fuel. Mr. Miller will resolve the problem because apparently, we were taxed incorrectly. Motion to approve receipts except the gas bill was made by Mr. Sites and seconded by Mr. Alexander. Motion was approved with Mr. Miller abstaining.

Receipts were \$16,444.31.

Waste Management: Bulk pick up will be Wednesday, March 21st. Our contract expires June 1, 2001, and we need to negotiate the contract. We will advertise the bulk pick up in the newsletter.

Solicitor:

- Mr. Walton Davis discussed Penn Forest Indemnification. He also discussed small treatment facilities and a conversation with Mr. Picarelli. Mr. Davis stated he and the supervisors should meet to craft an ordinance monitoring a properly maintained small treatment plant.
- Mr. Sites advised he signed a letter to the Washington Township Sewage requesting they support the Grove/Marriott project in sewage assistance. Mr. Miller made a motion to sign the letter. Mr. Alexander seconded. Motion passed.
- Peter Foscolo asked that Bob Lawrence be included in the meeting with Mr. Davis and the Supervisors.

Police Report: Chief Holler gave his January report and the annual report. (See police report on page 7.)

Zoning Officer Report was presented by Mrs. Williams (see page 10).

Roadmaster Report:

- Mr. Miller advised new signs were installed where needed in Liberty Township.
- Due to an early thaw, there are many pot holes that need to be repaired.
- The Borough of Carroll Valley wants us to go along with them to repair about a half mile of Old Waynesboro Road. Mr. Miller will price the work and advise Carroll Valley. Mr. Sites advised since we were not planning on doing any roads this year, this is a good time to do Old Waynesboro Road.
- Mr. Sites advised Mr. Davis we should get a bond for Gladhill Road where they plan to do logging. If there is any damage to the road, it will be covered by the bond. Mr. Miller advised the bond should be for \$20,000. The logging company must specify the road they will use.
- Mr. Miller discussed a tree on Bull Frog Road, which needs to be removed because it is dead. Mr. Sites instructed Mr. Davis to write the owner of the property, Mr. Orndorff regarding removal of the dead tree.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Alexander seconded. So moved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 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

January 2001 Police Report

- Police Chief Jim Holler advised the policed department worked 206.5 hours in January. They made 24 stops; issued 13 citations and 12 warnings.
- The residents are thrilled with the new street signs installed where needed.

Annual Report for the Year 2000

- The Police Department worked a total of 2,467 hours in 2000. Broken down into 512.5 patrol hours, 963 incident hours, 509.5 administrative hours, 331.5 traffic hours and 51.5 court hours.
- They responded to 657 police related incidents in 2000 compared to 606 in 1999.
- The Pennsylvania State Police responded to a total of 26 police related incidents in Liberty Township in 2000 compared to 42 in 1999.
- The majority of incidents covered by the Liberty Township police were 12 for traffic details, 20 indecent assaults, 20 disabled vehicles, 16 burglar alarms, 7 burglaries, 8 thefts, 16 domestic, 22 auto accidents, 21 offenses against children, 19 roadway hazards, 15 trespassing complaints, 9 drug related incidents, etc.
- In 2000, the On-Call Officer responded to 33 incidents while participating in the Personal Patrol Vehicle Program. Police logged 2065 hours of On-Call time for Liberty Township.
- In 2000, police spent 51.5 hours in court compared to 39 hours in 1999. Police were in court a total of 41 times in 2000.
- We had 8 cases of vandalism in 2000 compared to 22 in 1999. Total property loss due to these acts was \$8,370.00.
- Out of 653 incidents handled by the Liberty Township Police, 59 incidents have been closed and 56 incidents continue to be open and active investigations.

Fine Revenue

2000 Revenue: \$11,638.06
1999 Revenue: 10,300.37
1998 Revenue: 6,960.26
1997 Revenue: 2,325.51
1996 Revenue: 3,800.00

Commercial Truck Safety Program

Commercial Vehicles Placed Out of Service		Commercial Trucks Inspected
2	Lighting Systems	51 Total Trucks Inspected
1	Record of Duty Status	77 Warnings Issued
10	Brakes	49 Citations Issued
1	Securement Systems	