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Second Quarter Treasurer Report			
	General	PLGIT State	PLGIT General
Beginning Bal	41,181.65	48,251.77	109.66
Receipts	63,849.08		
Expenses	38,073.63	-409.16	
Interest	130.32	116.91	.26
Ending Bal	67,087.42	47,959.52	109.92
Money Market Beginning	33,884.54		
Interest	50.80		
Money Market Ending	33,935.34		
Total Assets		149,092.20	

Zoning Officer's Report By Judy Crum

May 2003-Judy received 67 calls on zoning, referred 15 calls to Leonard Sites, referred 8 calls to the courthouse, referred 11 calls to the SEO, and worked 73 hours on township business. Issued occupancy permit to Thor Markwood, Building Permits to Rene Kruse, and Randall Alexander and 1 road permit to Loe Boyle. 650 copies were made, and total of 64 miles traveled.

June 2003- Mrs. Crum received 89 calls on township issues, referred 19 calls to Mr. Sites, referred 11 calls to the SEO, and 9 calls to the courthouse. Mrs. Crum worked a total of 91 hours for the township. Permits issued: Thomas Lingg, new home, Mike Moore for a deck, Mike Gingell of a deck, Robert Jackson for a shed/pole building, Mr. Leonard Sites for equipment overhang, Terry Stern for a storage building, James Grimsley for a porch/mud room, Todd Grimes for a new home/garage/shed, Stan Licharowicz for a storage building/shop, and Roy McGlaughlin for a garage. One road permit to Thomas Lingg.

July 2003-Mrs. Crum received 67 calls on township issues, referred 9 calls to Leonard Sites, referred 3 calls to the SEO, and 10 calls to the courthouse. Mrs. Crum worked a total of 79 hours for the township.

Permits issued to John Rutherford for new home, Steve Tomiko for 2 car garage, Terry Meyers to tear down and rebuild shed, and Jeanne Bialecki for a house addition. Occupancy permits to Alan Beckett.

One set of zoning books were sold to Jon Holmes and a set to Perry Sgrignoli. Sent 5 letters explaining zoning regulations and sent several parts of zoning sections to other individuals. Spoke with civil engineers from South Carolina who working with the Pentagon to do maintenance for Site R.

Expenses were 575 copies this month, and traveled a total of 102 miles.

Liberty Township News

July 28, 2003

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Newsletter News

The newsletter had been restarted in May. The previous issue could not be mailed due to the names & address were not supplied to the new staff. The May issue was available in the township building during elections, but not many were taken. We have contacted the court house and have now been supplied with the residents names and address. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. The newsletter will continue to be published on a quarterly basis. Your next issue will be in November.

Liberty Township Supervisors Appoint Fire Marshals

The Liberty Township Board of Supervisors appointed Police Chief James Holler, Jr., as the Fire Marshal for Liberty Township and Police Officer Larry Weikert as the Deputy Fire Marshal. These Officers will investigate all fires that occur within Liberty Township. Both Officers are sworn Police Officers through the State of Pennsylvania and have a combined total of 27 years of police experience and 48 years of firefighting experience. Police Chief James Holler has been a firefighter for 25 years and has completed the Fire & Arson Investigation program from the National Fire Academy. Holler is also a member of the International Association of Arson Investigators. Police Officer Larry Weikert, has been a firefighter for 23 years with the last six years as the Fire Chief for the Gettysburg Fire Department. Weikert has also completed the Fire & Arson Investigation program from the National Fire Academy.

Currently in Adams County there are two fire marshals that oversee most Adams County jurisdictions. These fire marshal do not have police powers and must turn over any suspected arson investigation where an arrest may be warranted over to the State Police Fire Marshal. "By being dispatched along with the fire department, we feel we can do a more efficient job in determining the origin and cause of the fire," Holler said, "if the investigation points toward arson we can begin the criminal investigation without any delay." Each of the Township Police vehicles has now been equipped with the most up-to-date arson investigation tools for the officers to use.

Emergency?

Police, Fire, Ambulance
Emergency
Dial 911

Non Emergency Police
Matters
Dial 334-8101



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

Supervisors Meetings

May 6, 2003— The Supervisors voted unanimously to join the chamber of commerce.

Mr. Sites made a motion to appoint Natalie Williams to collect Per Capita for the Year 2003. Ms. Frishkorn was given her six month evaluation. Mr. Sites is in to sign checks on a regular basis and feels she is doing a good job. Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander both agreed. Ms. Frishkorn will start on a salary at \$716.00 a month as promised.

The Newsletter will restart and be distributed on a quartile basis. Mr. Sites stated it will not be quite as large as before but will maintain the necessary information. Ms. Frishkorn and Mr. Bob Robinson will be taking over this project.

The Board will be amending the 537 plan to include small flow treatment plan. This will be used as a last option. Mr. Sites made the motion, seconded by Mr. Alexander. *Vote unanimous.*

July 1, 2003— Mr. Sites made a motion to approve Resolution 2003-6 for the Dayhoff Plan Revision for development, seconded by Mr. Alexander. *Vote unanimous.*

Mr. Sites attended a meeting on the Building Codes for the Municipalities. The new plan is the Bocca Plan, the state would like every municipality to participate in the group plan. Mr. Davis advised the supervisors to opt out of the plan. To opt out means all new construction projects will have the responsibility of retaining their own inspectors. Mr. Sites made a motion to opt out, seconded by Mr. Alexander. *Vote unanimous.*

County Board of Assessments and Appeals, authorizes Penn Laurel Girl Scout Council to become Tax Exempt for County and Township Taxes.

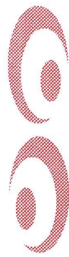
July 14, 2003— Mr. Sites requested Mr. Schmoyer from Adams County Planning to come and speak on Transfer Development Rights.

The Boca Code will now be amended, therefore Mr. Davis has advised the supervisors to hold off on their decision to opt out of this plan.

Mr. Sites advised there will be work done on Cove Hollow Road for the Site R project. This means there will be a lot blasting. If anyone wonders about the noise, it will be the work zone.

Mr. Sites and Charles Alexander met with insurance company's to get the best possible prices for the township.

On July 14, 2003 Wormald Developers submitted the Tentative Plans to the Township Secretary.



Police Report

Submitted by Chief Holler

May, 2003, Police worked a total of 269hrs, with 15 traffic citations, 15 criminal arrests, and 6 domestic disputes. Visited the seniors 4 times this month and inspected 6 trucks, 3 of which were put out of service.

June, 2003, Officers worked a total of 289 hours, with 11 traffic citations, 13 criminal arrests, 4 domestic disputes. Visited the seniors 7 times during the month. Inspected and put out of service 1 truck.

July, 2003, Officers worked a total of 222 hours, with 7 traffic citations, 1 criminal arrest, and 1 violent

Submitted by Jane Clements

Planning Commission Report

May, 2003-Roy Crum's subdivision was discussed. The sewage module is now with the DEP who will need to approve or disapprove within 40 days.

A preliminary plan for a three lot land addition was discussed for Peter Waters. The plan is to go to the County and Zoning Officer for their reviews. The commission reviewed and signed off on the non-building waivers on a motion by Bob Robinson, seconded by Fred Crum, with Phil Burgess in favor.

The Dayhoff multiple lot subdivision was reviewed. Bob Robinson made a motion to approve final plans,

Seconded by Fred Crum, with Phil Burgess in favor.

June, 2003-A 3 lot addition for Peter Waters were discussed. The Commission received a check and Zoning shows no deficiencies. The commission are awaiting County comments. To be further discussion next month. The commission is waiting to hear from Mr. Crum for approval or disapproval on his sewage module.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

By

Priscilla E. Storrs

How many times have you seen a father and son working their fields? You smile and go on because the work is being done with a large tractor or other piece of farm equipment and the child is just enjoying a day with his dad.

This was not so back in the early 1700's when the father cleared the land using an ax and the women and children, usually using a horse with rope, pulled the logs away to be used in adding on to the small house or building a barn. Then the rocks and stones were taken away to the edge of the clearing where they were later made a property boundary or fence.

Once cleared, a hoe or mattock was used to prepare the seedbed with the children following behind breaking up clods of dirt with bare feet to make it easier to plant. Corn was planted using a hoe to make a small mound and a seed planted in the middle. Grain was planted by hand sowing (throwing the seed in front of the farmer as he walked the field).

As time went on the preparation of the soil was made easier when blacksmiths made a plow by plating wooden mold board with iron strips. Before this, only about a half acre could be plowed in a day. With this new invention two men could plow one or two acres a day and with the addition of the A-frame harrow to break up clods, the work went even more quickly. The women would leave the fields early to prepare the evening meal and tend to the livestock back at the farmhouse. As the children came along, older boys would help their father in the fields, while the girls would work in the house cooking, preserving the day's harvest, or tending the small vegetable and herb garden outside the kitchen.

Early in the 19th century, a practical cast iron plow was invented that was an immediate success with our farmers. About the same time a threshing machine was invented that cleaned and threshed the grain in one single operation and the farmers were able to think more about expanding their acreage and adding other crops. By 1850 farming implements like mechanical mowers, reapers and steam tractors were in general use. Children were in schools and some graduated to go on to universities to learn new and better farming methods.

Developing technology continued to improve the life of farmers in our area. After 1930 the evolution of tractor-drawn machinery resulted in less dependence upon horses and other animals for cultivating farmland and farmers could now do many acres in a day. The green fields of growing corn alongside quiet meadows of grazing cattle attests to the fact that improved technology makes for better productivity and diversification for the farmer who has to compensate for the ever shrinking number of productive farms in our area.

So, the next time you see a small child on his father's lap on a tractor going across the field, you can smile at the knowledge that his work will be made even easier, by the time he is grown to manhood, with the technology that is even now being developed.