

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@cn.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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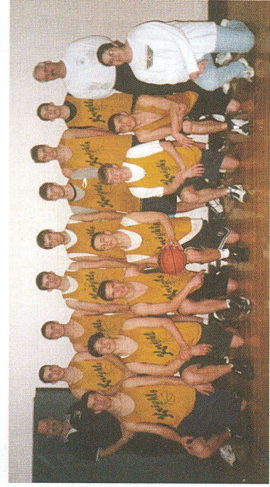
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Yeah! Knights! You Did It!



Fairfield and its adjoining townships/boroughs are very proud of the Fairfield Knights. You won!

I guess it is easy to say the Knights shocked the community. But alas, we needed this shock. It brought friends and foes together to talk about our great high school basketball team. Seeing the Knights on TV the morning after winning the **Eastern State Championship** brought tears to many eyes. Thank you! You deserved to win. And, we are very proud of you.

Supervisor's Comments

By Leonard Sites, Chairman
The addition to the municipal building is progressing very well. We anticipate it will be finished by June 1st. The addition will add a much larger general purpose/meeting room. It will also add a garage for the police vehicle and storage area thus allowing additional space for other equipment in the present mechanical area.

The primary voting is coming in mid-May, the third Tuesday of the month, May 15th. Voting hours are from 7 AM to 8 PM. Please exercise your right and duty.

VOTE!

Everything is going very well in your municipality. We would welcome more spring-like weather, hopefully more sunshine; however the rain is gratefully appreciated.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SPRING!



It's Unofficial!

By Natalie A. Williams

Potpourri...

- Life is just a bowl of cherries.
- A big thank you to everyone for their prayers for my mom who was diagnosed with colon cancer last month. The surgery was successful and she is doing well. Prayers do work.
- Mother's Day is May 13th. Don't forget your mom, grandma, etc.
- Memorial Day is May 28th. Have a safe and wonderful weekend.
- The Harrison House, one of Adams County's oldest residences in Gettysburg is now open for business. Please call 717-495-4132 or contact them at www.harrisonhouse-gettysburg.com for information. It is a beautiful and scenic bed and breakfast.
- Read a book to your child.
- A big good bye to Anna Grosso who served as our tax collector for 9 years. Anna did a great job and will be missed.
- It is wonderful to receive email at libertytwp@hotmail.com. Please plan to attend Jim Weikert's retirement party at the Carroll Valley Resort on May 27th.
- On May 5th, the Friends of the Emmitsburg Branch Library are holding a PLANT SALE at the library from 9 AM to Noon. We purchased the most wonderful tomato plants there last year. Proceeds will be donated to the Emmitsburg Library.
- Love is a many splendored thing!
- The Sleep Inn, a new motel in Emmitsburg, is scheduled to open for business on June 15th.
- Zora, PA is having a Centennial Celebration in November!
- Rose Keeper from Liberty Township recently had her wonderful art work displayed in the Emmitsburg Branch Library.

VOTE ON MAY 15TH PRIMARY ELECTION

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.

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 717-642-5131

E-mail: radswood@gsccyone.com or contact Natalie & Jack Williams, 717-642-1253, E-mail - libertytwp@hotmail.com

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@gscyclone.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 who go on to college, etc. It contains considerable information.

Mr. Wally Davis' column, Solicitor's Corner, will appear in the next issue in July.

PRIMARY ELECTION on Tuesday, May 15, 2001

The following positions will appear on the primary ballot:

Auditor: 2 positions open
Supervisor: 1 position available; John F. Miller is the only announced candidate.
Tax Collector: Natalie A. Williams is the only announced candidate.

Township Meeting

There will be monthly township meetings on Tuesday, May 1st and Tuesday, June 5, 2001 at 7:30 PM. The public is invited to attend. The meetings are held at the Township Building, 39 Topper Road.

Fairfield Fire and EMS

By Gordon Sachs, Chief, Fairfield Fire & EMS

In 2000 the Fairfield Fire Department responded to 208 fires with 27 in Liberty Township. The total emergency responses were 533 with 27 of those in Liberty Township.

During this past ski season at Ski Liberty, Fairfield made 125 EMS calls. Note, during the day, many others were handled by Emmitsburg Ambulance when Fairfield did not have the required staffing for an ambulance.

Last September, a letter soliciting donations was sent to all homeowners that receive assistance from Fairfield Fire Department. Only 71 donations were received from Liberty Township. The average donation was \$33.16. Since we do not receive direct tax support, these donations are very important to us.

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

Monthly Schedule

May 1st	Liberty Township Supervisors Mtg. 7:30 PM
May 5th	Plant Sale at Emmitsburg Branch Library - 9 to noon.
May 13th	Mother's Day
May 17th	Planning Commission Mtg. 7:30 PM
May 18th	Elementary School Fair
May 19th	Fairfield Alumni Association Banquet
May 28th	Memorial Day!
June 5th	Liberty Twp. Supervisors Mtg. 7:30 PM
June 14th	Flag Day!
June 17th	Father's Day!
June 21st	Planning Commission Mtg. 7:30 PM
June 20th	First Day of Summer
June 30th	Local County, township and per capita taxes are due at par. After this date a penalty will be assessed.
July 3rd	Liberty Twp. Supervisor's Mtg. 7:30 PM
July 4th	Fourth of July Holiday

Friends of the Emmitsburg Branch Library

Annual Plant Sale
Saturday, May 5th
9 AM to Noon
Rain or Shine

Proceeds to benefit library

2001 Fairfield Alumni Banquet

Saturday, May 19th. Cost is \$15 per person or \$28 a couple. Mail to P.O. Box 66, Fairfield, PA 17320 or pay at the door.

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

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 Carriage House usually hosts the meetings in Jo 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.

News From the Liberty Township Tax Collector

Important Tax Information

Tax payments continue and most are paid the discount amount.

The discount period ended on April 30th and now only the full (par) amount can be accepted. For an appointment, call 717-642-1253 or e-mail libertytwp@hotmail.com if you wish to pay in person.

Remember, if you do not pay your taxes by June 30th, a penalty must be assessed.

For your information and assistance, the homeowner must send their real estate tax notice to their respective mortgage company or lender themselves for payment. Please do **not** send your per capita tax notice to your mortgage company because this tax must be paid by the individual taxpayer.

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

This new endeavor is an exciting business. I have talked to and met many interesting people. Please have patience with me while on this learning curve.

by Natalie A. Williams

Planning Commission Report—February 20, 2001 Minutes

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

The first item to be discussed was the Kugler / Miller subdivision along Pumping Station Rd. The County comments were read and action is as follows:

Section 1:

#1 W. Stanley is deceased so his name does not need to be on the plan.

#2 Discussion given to required contour line distances and the Commission will accept the 10- ft intervals.

Section 2:

#1 The wording will be changed to " lot #2 is intended to be used as a single-family detached residential lot" #2 The note at the top of the plan regarding the residual tract of land will be removed.

Wm. F. Hill's comments were also read and require no changes. A motion to approve the plan (with recommended changes made) was proposed by Phil Burgess, providing the Zoning comments and Sewage Modules are back from DEP. The Mylars (site plans) will be presented at the next Supervisor's meeting. Motion seconded by Peter Foscolo.

The next subdivision was for Jim Holler along Pumping Station Rd. The County comments were read and discussed.

Section B:

#1 The key map is acceptable to the Commission as it stands at 1"= 6600'.

#2 The contour lines are also acceptable at 10 - Ft.

Wm. F. Hill's comments were also read and require no action. Zoning comments are still awaited. Mr. Holler is to have a wetlands determination done.

Bart Hogan made a motion to approve the subdivision pending favorable Zoning comments; Peter Foscolo seconded the motion with all other members in favor.

The Mylars will be presented at the March Supervisors meeting.

Mr. Earl Harrington presented a sketch plan showing how he would like to divide his property. After some discussion, Mr. Harrington decided to deed all of the land to his daughter instead of dividing it. He is to get a permit from the Zoning Officer to allow him to put up a pole barn extension on the existing building and also speak to the SEO regarding sewage needs for that building. Phil Burgess is to contact the Zoning Officer to discuss Mr. Harrington's wish to make the building into a business and any requirements he would need to meet.

Paul Goetz presented his sketch plan for a two-lot land addition to properties along Boyle Rd. The Commission recommended the plan be brought up to Preliminary / Final standards and then sent to the County.

Bob Lawrence sent information to the Commission members on the Zoning Hearing Board's decision regarding the Grove property which was then discussed. A letter was sent by the Zoning Board to the Supervisors asking them to revise Township Ordinances. Phil Burgess is to contact the Supervisors to follow up this matter.

Small Flow Sewage Treatment Plants were discussed next. The Township SEO says we have to allow them but can impose restrictions. Mr. Davis is to prepare an ordinance on it.

The Planning Commission will not approve any subdivision unless all sewage requirements are met i.e.: Bonds, permits, sewage sampling agreements etc.

As there was no other business the meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM on a motion proposed by Bart Hogan and seconded by Peter Foscolo. The next meeting is on March 20th 2001.

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE
ON MAY 15, 2001
PRIMARY ELECTION**

Congratulations, Debra!

Congratulations to Liberty Township's Debra Brownley, staff writer at the Gettysburg Times. Debra won second place in the Investigative Reporting category in the annual Pennsylvania Associated Press Managing Editors writing and photo contest. The winners were announced in early April. She won with her coverage of Lyme Disease.

Zoning Report

By Judy Crum

Building Permits Issued for the Months of February and March

February, 2001

Permits Issued: Jesse Bowman -garage

Occupancy Permits: None

March, 2001

Permits Issued:

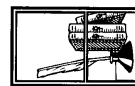
Richard Jones - home

Paul Goetz - addition

Clifton Kipe - garage

Sam Kugler - storage shed

Occupancy Permit: None issued



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

March 6, 2001		April 3, 2001	
	General Fund		
Beg. Bal. 2/01/01	\$ 6,912.45		\$ 391.76
Receipts	26,044.50		1.76
Expenses	16,380.37		0
Ending Bal. 2/28/01	\$16,576.58		\$393.52
Certificate of deposit	\$125,000		0
Total	\$141,566.58		\$ 393.52
April 3, 2001		April 3, 2001	
Beg. Bal. 03/01/01	\$16,576.58		\$393.52
Receipts	14,869.30		1.76
Expenses	17,537.79		0
End. Bal. 03/31/01	\$13,898.09		\$ 395.28
Certificate of deposit	\$126,913.49		0
Total	\$140,811.58		\$395.28

Planning Commission Report—March 20, 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 with a wording correction, motion proposed by Bob Lawrence and seconded by Bart Hogan.

The first item to be discussed was the Working subdivision. The Township has no record of any sewage modules being approved but does possess unused Working sewage modules from 1993. Bob Lawrence made a motion to approve those which was seconded by Bart Hogan; they will be sent to the Zoning Officer for her review. Mr. Harbaugh has not taken the plan to the County for their review so will do that and the Commission will table the drawings until all comments are in.

Mr. Hill, who lives near the Grove property, had some general questions regarding that property's development. The Commission explained that Grove developers are to draw up a land development plan and will then return to the Commission for further discussion.

Fred H. Crum's plan was distributed to the Commission and they will review it in the next month. The plan is to be sent to the Township Engineers and a Zoning review will be done by Phil Burgess.

Mr. Earl Harrington's property was discussed with Supervisor Leonard Sites. All possible options were explained to Mr. Sites so that he is able to discuss in depth any future development plans Mr. Harrington may wish to talk to him about.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM on a motion proposed by Bob Lawrence and seconded by Bart Hogan. The next meeting is on April 17th 2001.



Have a Happy and Safe Summer!

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES — March 6, 2001 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 E. Miller and Charles Alexander.

Minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Sites to approve the February minutes as written and was seconded by Mr. Alexander. Approved unanimously.

Public Participation: None.

Treasurer's Report: The beginning balance on February 1, 2001 was \$6,912.45. Receipts were \$26,044.50, expenditures were \$16,390.37 and the ending balance was \$26,566.58. The PLGIT general fund had a beginning balance of \$71,948.07, receipts of \$298.57, expenditures of \$10,000 and the CD for \$125,000 with a balance is \$187,264.64. The State Fund's beginning balance was \$391.76. The receipts were \$1.76 and there were no expenditures leaving a balance of \$393.52.

February Bills for Approval:

Mr. Sites discussed Mr. Eastman's fees for the Grove/Marriott project. We only received \$500 toward the costs. The recorder charged \$200, the zoning hearing board members were paid \$20 each and Mr. Eastman charged \$1,374.50. Mr. Sites stated asked if could raise the \$500 fee to \$1,000, but Walton Davis, solicitor stated we can't per state legislation.

Mr. Sites questioned the bill by Mike's Fix It Shop to repair the remote control. Mr. Sites made a motion to approve the bills and it was seconded by Mr. Alexander. Motion was approved with Mr. Miller abstaining.

Receipts were \$26,044.50.

Waste Management Holiday Pick Up Dates

Waste Management is observing the following holidays in 2001 that may affect your service:

Memorial Day
Monday, May 28th
No service on Monday
Service will be delayed one day all week.

4th of July
Wednesday, July 4th
No service on Wednesday
Service will be delayed by one day **AFTER** Wednesday that week. Normal service on Monday and Tuesday.

Labor Day
Monday, September 3rd
No service on Monday.
Service will be delayed one day all week that week.

Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 22nd
No service on Thursday.
Service will be delayed one day **AFTER** Thursday that week.
Normal service Monday through Wednesday.

Christmas
Tuesday, December 25th
No service on Tuesday.
Service will be delayed one day **AFTER** Tuesday that week.

New Years Day
Tuesday, January 1, 2002
No service on Tuesday.
Service will be delayed one day **AFTER** Tuesday that week. Normal service on Monday.

Farmer's Field of Interest

by Jack Williams

West Nile Virus Update

Pennsylvania officials are taking aggressive action with the allocation of funds to the respective counties to reduce the impact of the West Niles Virus Encephalitis. In a letter to the respective county commissioners, the Commonwealth has begun implementation of a state wide surveillance program in preparation for a possible outbreak of this deadly disease.

In requesting support from county commissioners, the plan recognizes that mosquito control response must be locally based. The Pennsylvania Departments of Health, Environmental Protection (DEP), Agriculture and Aging continue to work closely with other agencies to develop a coordinated state wide response strategy. Each county has been requested to designate one individual to serve as their liaison for response planning in anticipation of an outbreak of the West Nile Encephalitis. Through the use of 100% state funded grants to counties, DEP continues to act as the focal point of the program. A supplemental appropriation of 4 million dollars will follow up with 8 million dollars in 2001. Adams County is scheduled to receive \$90,000 to assist in their efforts.

Local press reports that the West Nile Virus, which has already infected 61 individuals in the State of New York, has also been found in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Maryland, North Carolina and the District of Columbia. In Pennsylvania, the DEP will be responsible for mosquito surveillance and control and will establish more than 500 mosquito monitoring sites across the Commonwealth. The Department of Agriculture will monitor birds, chickens and horses to determine if they are a carrier of the disease. PA Department of Health will work with physicians and other health care professionals to monitor public health.

Detailed information can be found on the West Nile Virus Website at www.westnile.state.pa.us/ Information concerning discovery of mosquitoes carrying this virus can also be found in the news release and news clips areas of this website. Currently, mosquitoes carrying this virus have been found in Upper Macungie Township, Walker Township, Lehigh, Walker and Schuylkill Counties. It has also been detected in the Philadelphia area.

This area is dedicated to issues/information about farming in Liberty Township. For comments, suggestions or recommended material, please call Jack Williams at 642-9651 or E-mail jackwill@cvt.net regarding this exciting new column.

Jim Weikert, Liberty Township's Secretary and Treasurer Retires After 28 years!

Jim Weikert is a true native of Fairfield, born there in May 1929. He attended the Fairfield schools which consisted of 3 separate buildings all located at one site on Main Street. He participated in all sports activities offered such as baseball, basketball and soccer.

Jim worked at Reindollar's Hardware, which is now Metz's. After graduation from high school, he attended Waynesboro Business College for several years.

Jim married his high school sweetheart, Joanne, in 1948 and they had 3 children, Steve, Doug and Kathy.

He began a new career at Knouse Foods and spent 33 years wearing "many hats." He was Systems Administrator for Distribution Services, Plant Administrator, Personnel Manager, Customer Services and Warehouse Manager at four locations.

Jim was appointed Secretary/Treasurer of Liberty Township in 1972. The board members were John Flenner, Ray Sowers and Clifford Strausbaugh.

There is one thing that stands "head and shoulders" above all others according to Jim, and that is there was "no township tax rate increase on real estate" during his tenure. This speaks well of the many board members who have served this township over the years, Jim continued. "I have had the pleasure of working with many dedicated people who have served in this township. I thank each of you for your cooperation and assistance given to me over my 28 years as your Secretary/Treasurer."

Jim plans on traveling and playing more golf after he retires.

Thank you Jim for your hard work and all of the effort you put into Liberty Township. You will be missed!

**Join us for
Jim Weikert's Retirement Party
Sunday, May 27th
3:00 PM
Carroll Valley Resort**

**Cost is \$30 per person for a tastefully delicious buffet.
Please call Bob Robinson at 642-6131 to make reservations.**

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Other Business:

- Mr. Sites made a motion for Jack Williams to be appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board for 4 years. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
 - Mr. Sites advised Phil Burgess to find someone for the Planning Commission.
- Subdivision approval:
- James Holler - Mr. Miller made a motion to approve Jim Holler's subdivision. Seconded by Mr. Alexander. Motion passed.
 - Kugler subdivision: module not back yet; will review pending receipt. Approved if DEP approves. Will sign them tonight.

Solicitor: Supervisors met with Walton Davis regarding the small treatment plant. There are three in the area at the present time (Hough's, Dave & Jane's and Blue Ridge Sportman's Club). It is up to the DEP to approve small treatment plants. Bob Lawrence is also working on this project. Apparently DEP is supposed to ask for our approval before giving theirs. The application states we must have approval from the township. Mr. Sites will report on this next month.

Police Report:

- Chief Holler advised the police department worked 163.5 hours in February. They drove 1741 miles, worked 50 incidents and issued 7 dog complaints.
- Defibrillators are \$400 each and we are receiving one to go into each patrol car, which should help in this immediate area because at the present time there is a 20 minute response time from the Fairfield Ambulance Company.
- The township bought a used Chevy Blazer for the police department.
- Chief Holler attended a funeral for a fellow police officer on the East Shore.
- Chief Holler asked the solicitor about "township" being on their badges.

Zoning Officer Report: Judy Crum received 31 phone calls (12 were referred to Leonard Sites, 3 to SEO, 5 to the courthouse). She issued one permit to Jesse Bowman for a garage. No occupancy permits were issued. Judy researched information for a mortgage company on some former Charnita lots. She attended the decisional meeting for the zoning hearing board. Reviewed 3 subdivision applications. She discussed the Harrington subdivision with Mr. Burgess and the small flow treatment situation of John Hough with Mr. Lawrence. Her expenses were 13 stamps and 39 miles.

Roadmaster Report:

- Mr. Miller advised they finished installing the new signs.
- Many pot holes were fixed and snow was cleared.
- A chipper and a box were bought.
- Sites recommended using Adams County prisoners to help work on our roads.
- Orndorffs' gave permission to remove the tree on their property.

Other Business:

- Three houses on James Trail have a Stultz Road address.
- Mr. & Mrs. Williams advised the supervisors of the problem with their address due to a new neighbor acquiring theirs. Mr. Sites advised Mr. Davis to write a letter to the Map Department in the County Courthouse regarding addresses.

Mr. Sites talked about the addition to the building.

Chief Holler introduced his father and he was welcomed to the community.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Alexander seconded. So moved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES April 6, 2001

By Natalie A. Williams, Secretary

The meeting began at 7:30 PM. Present were Leonard Sites, John F. Miller and Charles Alexander. The minutes from the March 6th meeting were approved as written with a motion made by Leonard Sites; seconded by John F. Miller. Motion approved.

Public Participation:

- Agatha Foscatto stated the overflow on Pecher Road affected her parent's farm and wants the culvert on Oak Grove Drive at Pecher Road reopened. Mr. Miller is looking at the problem and will run the water like it used to be run. Mr. Sites said he will make sure the problem is resolved.
- Jack Williams thanked the township for putting up a marker on Route 16 and Orchard Roads where the large ditch is located. Peter Foscatto agreed.

Treasurer's Report: The beginning balance was \$16,566.58 in Farmer's General Account. The receipts were \$14,689.30, expenditures were \$17,537.79 with an ending balance of \$13,898.09. The PLGIT beginning balance was \$62,246.64, receipts were \$312.25, the expenditures were \$10,000 leaving a balance of \$62,246.64. The \$125,000 CD was rolled over into the General funds as \$126,913.49 leaving a balance of \$179,472.38. The state fund had a beginning balance of \$393.53, receipts of \$1.76 and expenditures were 0 leaving a balance of \$395.28.

Approval of Bills: Mr. Sites made a motion to approve the payment of bills; seconded by Mr. Alexander. Motion approved.

Receipts were read by Natalie A. Williams.

Gill Picarelli from Hill Engineering gave his annual report. He said Liberty Township should receive a check for \$309.68 for reimbursement of planning expenses. Gil said he would send Natalie a report on the Charnita lots. Gil said he is certified until the year 2004 in the SEO Training Program.

Permission was given by the Supervisors for Adams Electric to install underground wiring at 450 Pecher Road.

Peter Foscatto stated that F & M is offering 5.5% interest for a CD and it is guaranteed. Mr. Miller made a motion to move \$75,000 from PLGIT to F & M. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion.

Bids for stone and anti-skid are to be advertised and bids opened at the May meeting. Mrs. Williams will do the necessary paperwork for the bids, etc.

Tax Certification Fee: Mr. Sites made a motion to allow the \$5 fee to be paid to Natalie A. Williams, Tax Collector of Liberty Township. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Copier: Mrs. Williams advised the copier is old, noisy and antiquated and needs to be replaced. Mr. Sites made a motion to buy a new one with a maintenance contract, but not to exceed the amount paid for the copier in the office. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion.

Solicitor Report:

Mr. Davis reported that he has not received a response from the county regarding the address problem. He is still working on the small flow treatment plant.

Police Report:

- Chief Holler said the policemen worked a total of 230 hours. There were 58 incidents and 11 arrests. 51 vehicles were stopped with 28 citations given.
- The Chevy Blazer has been tagged. We have 10 months to put it into service; must keep it for one year before it can be sold.

Roadmaster Report:

- Mr. Miller advised the electric meter must be outside for the electric people to read the meter per the new code.
- Mr. Miller said there was no snow to plow this past month; too much rain. Will use the chipper on Bull Frog Road.
- It will cost \$30,000 - \$35,000 to repair Old Waynesboro Road. Carroll Valley is supposed to send the bid to us.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Sites. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 1, 2001.

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

Chief Holler reported the following: In February, the Liberty Township Police made 21 stops; 14 warnings were issued and 9 citations were written. In March the Liberty Township Police made 51 stops; 30 warnings were issued and 28 citations were written totaling \$1,648.00 in fines.

History In The Making

By Priscilla Storrs

The other day I had a most interesting conversation with Charlie Alexander about footbridges and grain mills run by water wheels.

He remembers that about 50 years ago a deep ditch was dug starting at Tom's Creek off Rt. 116. This crossed Mini Branch Creek, through the stone quarry, on down to Shank's Mill and then again cut into Tom's Creek. At one time six swinging footbridges were used to cross Friend's Creek at various points and one across Tom's Creek. He said that over the years he walked many miles crossing these bridges, which were made of high wooden poles and heavy wire for handholds and logs for the footpath, to get to different farms or to go fishing. The water from this ditch was used to turn the large water wheel at Shank's Mill to create the power needed to run the huge grindstones in the mill.

Shank's Mill (formerly Liberty Mills and then Gingsels Mill) was built around 1754 soon after the water rights to Fairfield were obtained. In 1762 Charles Carroll sold the tract of land that the grist mill stood on to William Cochran. At that time it was called Black Walnut Bottom of Carrollsburg, MD (Emmitsburg, MD) a tract of the "Manor of the Mask". After Mason and Dixon surveyed it in 1764, the whole tract became part of Liberty Township, York County, PA. Mr. George Gingei (1860-1817), who sold the mill in 1923 to Wilmer O. Shank, was born in the mill house. In 1938 Weldon Shank bought it from his father.

A sawmill along the same creek sawed the timbers for the gristmill when it was built. Most of these 60-foot long logs were hand hewn. The water wheel was originally manufactured by the Fritz Water Wheel Company in Hanover and comprised of metal paddles shaped like shallow cups to gather the water and dump it to create the power to run the mill. This wheel was approximately 20 feet high with the paddles being about 20 feet wide. There were two huge burr stones that ground corn into cornmeal, wheat into flour and bran, and all grains into animal feeds. These stones were made from pie-shaped pieces that allowed the grain, as it was crushed, to fall down between them to the lower level where it was bagged and sold. The bottom stone was stationary while the water wheel provided the power to move the top stone through an underground water flume and an internal steel wheel. (This was supplemented by tractor power around 50 years ago.) There were several top stones with different sized burrs used to grind the different grains. It depended on what grain was being ground as to which stone would be used. All the hulls and stalks were allowed to fall back into the creek where they were washed away leaving just fine grain behind until about a hundred years ago it was realized that this was bran and good for you. The same thing happened with the corn that they ground to make corn meal. The cobs and husks would be washed downstream leaving the corn meal behind. Now, of course, the cornhusks and cobs are also ground to make cattle feed. The mill still stands today off Route 16 although it ceased to be a working mill approximately 20 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Shank still live on the premises and have many memories to share about the mill. I hope to share some of those memories in another article another time.

I would like to thank Charlie Alexander and the Shank family for their help and enlightenment with this article.