

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@cvt.net, fax: 717-642-9685 or mail it to Natalie Williams, c/o 39 Topper Road, Fairfield, PA 17320 by the 15th of the month preceding the activity.

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**PICNIC POTATOES**

From Karolyne Myers

2 lbs. frozen hash brown potatoes thawed a little
1 10 oz can cream of chicken soup
1/2 cup chopped onions
2 cups crushed cornflakes
2 cups melted margarine
Combine onions, soup and sour cream. Add potatoes, cheese and a little salt and pepper. Stir together. Pour into a 9 x 13 baking pan and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Toss cornflakes and melted margarine and sprinkle on top. Put back in oven for 15 minutes. Serve. This is good all year round.

Please send us your favorite recipe. The recipe must be easy to make. The recipe will be home-tested before publication in this newsletter. Send it to: Natalie A. Williams, c/o 39 Topper Road, Fairfield, PA 17320. E-mail to jackwill@cvt.net or fax it to 717-642-9685.

Potpourri...

By Natalie A. Williams
The following are my thoughts and do not represent Liberty Township's or the newsletter's.

Did you know...

- Please make sure your children have health insurance; read page 2 regarding how to obtain it.
- When Goldlocks gets old, will they call her Silverlocks?
- In 1861 the U.S. government levied an income tax for the first time.
- In 1914, the first traffic light was installed in Cleveland, Ohio.
- Be careful what you wish for because you just might get it.
- Bush/Cheney or Gore/Lieberman - make sure you are registered to VOTE! And, then **VOTE!**
- Only in America do people order double cheeseburgers, large french fries and a diet coke!
- In 1846 the American Flag was first raised in Los Angeles.
- Welcome Mr. Jay Czap from Pinebluff, North Carolina as the **NEW** High School/Middle School Assistant Principal.
- Halloween is October 31st; dress the kids to be safe.
- Zora, PA now has a coffee shop in their market place on the corner of 116 and 161!
- There is a 50's/60's Dance in Emmitsburg on September 30th.
- A good book to read is "This is Not Your Mother's Menopause" by Trisha Posner.
- Whoa, the Army Corp of Engineers is fixing Lake May - should be completed by the end of November.
- Next issue will feature questions to the candidates to you in time for the elections on November 7th.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**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 717-642-6131
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or contact Natalie A. Williams, 717-642-9651, E-mail - jackwill@cvt.net.

A newsletter of the people, for the people and by the people...

Liberty Township News



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September 1, 2000

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CHRISTMAS STAR CRAFT MARKET

We are searching for qualified artists and craftsmen for this extravaganza scheduled for **Saturday, November 11th from 9-4** at the Fairfield Elementary School located on SR 116 in Fairfield.

For an application, please contact Karolyne Myers, 20 Skyline Trail, Fairfield, PA 17320.

L to r: Julie Paul, Quay Coposky, Allison and Brianna Coposky, Sarah Rae Myers, Taylor Keller, Cameron Shaffer, Cameron Cool, Kennedy Keller, Jason Paul, Elizabeth Myers and McKensie Plovock.

Supervisor's Comments

By Leonard Sites, Chairman

Your municipality continues to be a wonderful place to live. Everything is going very well. Building continues at a moderate pace. Census 2000 is nearly over. Now, we must prepare for the next election, an election of great importance. Please research the qualifications, records and attributes. Let's elect the best, the best person for our country.

Good news! Mr. Alexander is doing very well. He is now walking, dressing himself and is nearly ready to come home and finish his rehabilitation. Thanks for the prayers and concern for "Charlie."

Supervisor meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Township Building, 39 Topper Road, Fairfield, PA. The public is welcome.

Solicitor's Corner

By Walton Davis

Recording Township Meetings

A couple of weeks ago, my clients and I walked into the courthouse on our way to an adoption hearing. The parents-to-be were most excited about the adoption, and brought their camera to record the event. Little did they know that no cameras or other recording devices are allowed in any of the court rooms, unless special permission is given by the judge (which was happily given in this case). If we heard once, we heard three times on our trek from the front door to the court room, that no pictures were allowed to be taken.

That is the rule of the court. Does this same rule apply in township proceedings, such as the planning commission's or the supervisors' meeting? The answer is found in another section of the Sunshine Act that states:



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 Topper Rd., Fairfield, PA 17320 or E-mail at brob@cvt.net.

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Federal/State Health Insurance For Your

School Children

For information on low cost or free health insurance for kids through age 18, contact INSURE-KIDS NOW at 1-877-543-7669. Don't let your kids go another day without health insurance coverage. Specific information can also be obtained at www.insurekidsnow.gov.

Solicitor's Corner - Cont. from page 1

"... a person attending a meeting of an agency shall have the right to use recording devices to record all the proceedings. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the agency from adopting and enforcing reasonable rules for their use..." 65 Pa.C.S. §711(a) formerly 65 P.S. §281(a). (emphasis added)

(Those of you who have endured previous articles in this space will remember that the term **agency** is a very broad term which includes most boards, committees and commissions of local government.)

In a 1994 case, the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court ruled that "recording devices" included video cameras, and that a school board was in violation of the Sunshine Act when it adopted a policy forbidding any video taping of school board meetings. *Hain v. Reading Sch. Dist.*, 163 Pa. Cmwlth. 479, 641 A.2d 661 (1994). Casual research has failed to uncover any other cases dealing with this section.

Without there being other cases, what might be deemed to be reasonable regulations for the use of recording devices is not known. One could assume that bright flood lights beamed into the faces of the participants and the audience might be able to be banned, as might malfunctioning audio taping machines which emit a high pitched squeal when in use.

Rarely does one see any commercial video cameras at local meetings, although television crews have as much right as anyone else to record. My experience is that when they do come, they don't stay long because township meetings rarely have concise "video bites", and the deadline for the eleven o'clock news must be met.

There is an interesting exception to the statutory language quoted above. What is deleted from the beginning of the section is, "Except as provided in subsection (b)..." Subsection (b) provides that "[t]he Senate and House of Representatives may adopt rules and regulations governing the recording or broadcast of their sessions and meetings and hearings of committees." The Legislature seems to be telling local agencies to "do as I say, not as I do".

WATERSHED ALLIANCE OF ADAMS COUNTY NEEDS YOUR HELP

A group of concerned citizens in Adams County formed the Watershed Alliance of Adams County to improve the quality of the watershed by means of education, volunteer water quality monitoring and to sponsor ecologically sound watershed improvement projects.

Enclosed is the brochure explaining the alliance and requesting your financial support as well as your skills by volunteering to help with a specific project in the future.

For questions, please call Bob Robinson at 642-6131.

Farmer's Field of Interest : Areas Wildest Newcomer

by Jack Williams

The Baltimore Sun recently noted that the "Denizen of Old West adopts to modern life in the East, proliferates." The wily coyotes have migrated from Canada to Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. Last year, coyotes killed over 400 sheep and 1500 lambs in Virginia with an estimated cost of over \$10,000. PA estimates over 100 sheep and 400 lambs were killed during the same period. National loss of sheep and cattle combined is estimated at over \$10 million.

Officials urge farmers (and pet owners) to keep smaller live stock indoors or in secure pastures. While large dogs can scare away coyotes, smaller dogs such as poodles and cats are easy prey. In Cape Cod last summer a coyote attacked a small child. Unattended cats and dogs are a primary food source for coyotes. Contact your county agent for info.

Coyote Profile: weight 25-40 lbs., length 40-60 inches, shoulder ht 15-20 inches, speed up to 40 mph, life span 15 years, sexual maturity 1-2 years, mating season Jan-Mar (coyotes can breed with domestic dogs and wolves), size of litter 2-12, 6 average, diet small mammals, insects, reptiles, fruit and cactons, source www.desertusa.com.



Henceforth, this area will be 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 will@cvt.net regarding this exciting new column.

Car & Truck Show/50's and 60's Rock & Roll Dance

This event is a benefit for "Tribute To A Friend" College Scholarship Fund in memory of deceased members of the community's volunteer fire department. Saturday, September 30th. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Call 301-447-8272.

Friends of Frederick County Public

Libraries, Inc.,

The Emmitsburg Branch Library

WE are hosting our 2nd Annual Book Sale on September 16th at the library from 9-Noon.

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

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

Area Schedule of Events

September 4th Labor Day
 September 5th Liberty Twp. Board of Supervisors Meeting
 September 9th Fairfield Lions Club Golf Tournament
 September 11th 3rd Annual Jo Ann Hance Memorial Golf
 September 16th Emmitsburg Branch Library Book Sale
 September 16th Mason Dixon Festival
 September 17th Taste of Emmitsburg - Carriage House Inn
 September 19th EBPA luncheon meeting
 September 23rd Foreign Language Club Yard Sale/Car Wash
September 23-24 Pippentest in Fairfield
 September 30th Car & Truck Show/50's and 60's Rock & Roll

October 3rd Liberty Township Board of Supervisors Mtg
 October 10th Last day to register to vote in November
 October 17th EBPA luncheon - Betsy Day, Speaker
 October 21st Friends of Frederick County Public Libraries, Inc., 2nd Annual Fundraiser at FEWA.
October 31st Halloween!

FAIRFIELD LIONS CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Saturday, September 9th, Mountain View Golf Resort. Please call Jan Zeigler at 642-6900 for information.

3rd ANNUAL MASON-DIXON LINE FESTIVAL

The 3rd Annual Mason-Dixon Line Fall Festival will be held September 16 and 17 in Emmitsburg. Again this year, the event will feature a replica of the portable observatory used by Chas. Mason & Jeremiah Dixon, a surveyor's campsite and self-guided auto tours of nearby Mason-Dixon Line mile markers.

There will be children's activities Saturday afternoon at the Community Park behind the pool. Activities currently planned include free horse and pony rides, cotton candy, clowns, and moon bounce.

Also on Saturday the Frederick Pedalers Bicycle Club has planned a bike tour of Emmitsburg and southern Adams County. The Lions Club will prepare their delicious chicken dinners, and a rugby game will occur at Morgan Field at the Mount.

Sunday's events include the Taste of Emmitsburg at the Carriage House Inn.

Please call Kathy Heaton 301-447-2771 or Linda Junker 301-447-3385 for further information.

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.

History In The Making

By Priscilla Storrs

In September of this new millennium, students will again start school. They will range in ages from 5 to 18 and from Pre-Kindergarten to 12th grade and beyond. What a difference from when schools were first established in Liberty Township.

Instead of running to the mall to buy new clothes the students of the 1800's and early 1900's wore clothing handmade by their mothers. Because Liberty had voted to accept a free school system in November 1834, they used books, workbooks, slates and other school supplies provided by the school system. These students ranged in age from 8 to 16 years with less than 20% of the 18-year-olds remaining in school. School buses were unheard of. They either went by horse and buggy or walked, but they went to school. The parents had very strong beliefs in a good education even though it did only go to the eighth grade.

The first reference I found to schools in Liberty Township was a Deed of Trust, dated 11 June 1800 to Peter Zollinger and Jacob Harbaugh for a narrow strip of land on Lower Tract Road. It was worded: for the use of a school forever. This was called Valley School and later Liberty Hall School and was one of four one-room schools located in Liberty Township. The others were Oak Grove, Zoro, and Miney Branch. All closed between 1930 and 1950 with Liberty Hall closing its doors for the last time in July 1950. At that time the children were sent to Fairfield School which was a larger school. As with the other three schools, it is now a private residence.

The earliest information about the actual school was in a Teacher's Term Report at the end of the 1914-15 school year. The teacher was J. Walter Kugler who was 19 years old. He had graduated from Fairfield School and then B.N.S. Normal School with a Teaching Degree. The main subjects he taught to his 34 students were the three R's, geography, U.S. history, agriculture, and for the older students algebra and civics as well. The different grades were broken up with some children reading or working in workbooks while another group was given instruction. After a recess, this would reverse and all the children were assured equal time. A note of interest: Mr. Kugler was paid only \$40 per month to teach these children and he was given a supplement of less than \$5.00 per month if he attended town meetings or board of education meetings, etc. This is quite a contrast from what teachers are paid today.

All eight grades in the one-room schools usually had less than 50 students. Today one classroom can have as many as 40 in one grade with several classrooms for the entire grade. They now have indoor plumbing with running water where the outside privy and a bucket of water taken from a nearby well, which contained a dipper for drinking, were the only conveniences. The large cafeterias in the schools today provide a well-balanced warm lunch that the students pay for, but our one-room students carried a bag lunch that also contained a mason or similar jar with milk that was fresh from that morning's milking. Yes, there is quite a difference between those one-room schools and the modern school systems we have today. We can only wonder what the schools of the future will be.

"JO ANN HANCE 3RD ANNUAL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT"

The Carriage House Inn is hosting their 3rd Annual Golf Tournament, which benefits Up-County Family Center, Emmitsburg Lions Club and The Sister Barbara Hance Homeless Shelter. This fundraiser is Monday, September 11th at Mountain View Golf Resort. Registration begins at 8 AM and the Shotgun Start is at 9 AM. The cost is \$80 per person. Please contact Jim or Bob Hance at 301-447-2366. Please register and support these worthy causes.

Zoning Report

By Judy Crum

Building Permits Issued for the months of June and July 2000

June, 2000

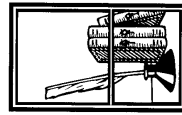
Permits issued:
Richard Gladhill for storage shed
Thor Markwood for Renovating/Garage

Occupancy Permits Issued:
Regina Gebhart/Nita Shank

July, 2000

Permits issued:
Leonard Siles for room addition
Bob Lawrence for greenhouse
Jon Howe for new home/garage

Occupancy permit issued: None



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 Jim Weikert

July 5, 2000

General Fund	State
Beg. Bal. 06/01/00	\$54,419
Receipts	274
Expenses	632
Ending Bal. 06/30/00	\$ 54,061
Certificate of deposit	\$125,000
Total	\$257,145

August 1, 2000

Beg. Bal. 07/01/00	\$132,145
Receipts	286
Expenses	78
End. Bal. 05/31/00	\$135,731
Certificate of deposit	\$125,000
Total	\$260,731

\$54,061

The minutes from the Planning Commission Meetings are reprinted as received.

Planning Commission Report—Minutes of the June 20, 2000 Meeting By Phil Burgess

The meeting commenced at 7:35 PM with Phil Burgess, Bob Lawrence and Bart Hogan in attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, motion proposed by Bob Lawrence and seconded by Bart Hogan.

The first item discussed was a sketch plan for Paul Goetz for a 17 acre pan handle lot along Tract Rd. After some consideration, the Commission advised Mr. Goetz to have the plan drawn as a lot addition and return to them at a later date.

Lastly, Mr. Neal Harrington (on behalf of his father Earl Harrington) presented a sketch plan for three lots along Waynesboro Pike. After discussion, Mr. Harrington suggested he keep lot #3, but combine lots #1 and 2 to make one lot. This would be acceptable to the Commission as it would meet the Township requirements. Mr. Harrington was also advised to discuss sewage requirements for these properties with the appropriate agencies.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM on a motion proposed by Bob Lawrence and seconded by Bart Hogan.

The next meeting is July 18, 2000.



Planning Commission Report—Minutes of the July 18, 2000 Meeting By Phil Burgess

The meeting commenced at 7:30 PM with Phil Burgess, Bob Lawrence, Bart Hogan and Peter Foscolo in attendance. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved on a motion proposed by Bob Lawrence and seconded by Bart Hogan.

The first item reviewed was a land addition for Paul Goetz for land along Tract Rd. The Commission discussed this plan and Bob Lawrence made a motion to tentatively approve the preliminary plan pending receipt of favorable County comments. Motion was seconded by Bart Hogan.

The next item to be discussed was a two lot sketch plan along Shirley Trail for Mrs. Working who was represented by her nephew Mr. Harbaugh. Access to these lots would be through Carroll Valley so the plan is to be sent to them for their comments. The plan is to be sent to the Township Engineers and the Commission will review and comment on it next month.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM on a motion proposed by Bart Hogan and seconded by Peter Foscolo.

Carroll Valley Planning Commission Public Hearing by Teresa Polvinale

On Tuesday, July 18, over 200 interested individuals attended the Carroll Valley Planning Commission Public Hearing held in the Fairfield Area School District's Auditorium. It was announced the Planning Commission normally holds their meetings on the first Monday of each month. These meetings are open to the public and all were encouraged to attend. The nature of the July 18th meeting was to solicit suggestions from the public as to how to address the present growth and development issues being faced in Carroll Valley. Carroll Valley originated from a vacation resort plan named "Charmia." Charmia divided the land of Carroll Valley into 1/2 acre lots. Over 20 years ago Charmia went bankrupt and Carroll Valley came into existence. The 1/2 acre lots sold in Carroll Valley were built primarily for residential use. Today, the citizens are facing issues that are a result of residential growth in a poorly planned vacation resort.

It was predicted by the planning commission that by the year 2025, Carroll Valley will be developed to capacity. The implications and effects include: a strong tax base, strong infrastructure, green space reduced, storm water runoff/erosion increased, groundwater affected, traffic increased and taxes increased.

Almost 30 speakers voiced their suggestions and concerns to the commission. Opinions urged slow or no growth. Requests were made for feasibility studies to utilize grants and monies that may be available to do the studies. Suggestions were made to have moratoriums implemented on building permits. It was suggested by several people to increase lot size requirement in order to issue building permits, requests for studying the effects on the water supply due to building and concerns of environmental impacts were also voiced. Groundwater contamination from septic systems was another concern.

Residents also voiced interest in issues such as bike trails, but it was pointed out that larger issues must be addressed before looking into recreational planning.

Residents living next to Friend's Creek were troubled over the new signs announcing the future site of a sewage treatment plant. This plant is not slated to be built until the distant future and the signs were erected to discourage any future development in this area due to flooding. It was explained the lots next to Friend's Creek were declared flood lands and Carroll Valley tried to fix the flood plains.

As a 10-year old resident remarked, "my family moved here 5 years ago to move to the country." It seemed the common opinion of those attending this public hearing was to preserve Carroll Valley's country atmosphere.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES — July 5, 2000 By Jim Weikert, Secretary

The Liberty Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at 7:30 PM in the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Leonard Siles with member John Miller present. Mr. Alexander was absent due to being hospitalized after a serious auto accident.

Motion was made by Mr. Siles to approve the minutes of the June meeting as recorded. Vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There were no comments from those in attendance.

The Treasurer's report was read into the record (see page 6). Mr. Siles made a motion to approve the bills presented for payment. Motion was seconded by Mr. Miller.

A final subdivision of Fred Crum consisting of one (1) lot of 10.002 acres was approved on a motion by Mr. Siles and seconded by Mr. Miller, contingent on receiving favorable comments from DEP.

The board adopted Resolution #7-2000 eliminating employee contributions to the Police Pension Plan for year 2000, on a motion by Mr. Siles and seconded by Mr. Miller.

The proposed NOISE ORDINANCE was discussed with the recommendation from Policeman Holler that the wording under Section 7, subsection a be changed from a written complaint to just read "a complaint". This would permit him to investigate an oral complaint immediately. This was agreed to and the secretary was instructed to advise Solicitor Davis to make the change and advise that the ordinance will be presented for adoption at the August meeting.

Policeman James Holler reported the following activities for the month: worked 167 hours, drove 1339 miles, responded to 48 incidents, issued 25 Traffic Citations and 17 Traffic Warnings. Performed 4 Commercial Truck inspections resulting in issuing 3 Warnings and 4 Citations. One truck was placed out of service.

The Zoning officer's report for June was read into the record: issued 2 Building Permits and 1 Use & Occupancy Permit (see page 6). Total fees collected \$125.00.

Road master John Miller reported that he had meet with Wm. Hill engineer on the weight limitation project on Boyle Road, performed the 600 hour inspection on the Ford tractor, mowed along roads and the Cemetery, gathered up trash and debris from a storm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES — August 1, 2000

By James Weikert, Secretary

The Liberty Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at 7:30 PM in the Township Building.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Leonard Siles with member John Miller present. Charles Alexander was still absent due to recovering from the auto accident.

Motion was made by Mr. Siles to approve the minutes of the July meeting as recorded. Motion was seconded by Mr. Miller.

Public Participation:

- Mrs. Robert Brown asked about the ditch in front of her home. The ditch needs to be stoned, graded and seeded. Mr. Miller said this would be done as soon as weather permits. This was not done sooner as this spring/summer has been extremely wet.
- Several residents complained that the garbage which is placed for pick up is not being picked up on the day designated, that the time of pick up varies widely even on the day that it is to be picked up, and that often times cans are not being emptied even though they are placed close to the road for access. Mr. Siles requested that Solicitor Davis write to Waste Management regarding these concerns.

The Treasurer's report was read into the record (see page 6). Motion was made by Mr. Siles to approve the bills presented for payment. Motion was seconded by Mr. Miller.

A final subdivision plan of Paul Goetz consisting of 16.911 acres, as a lot addition only, was approved on a motion by Mr. Siles and seconded by Mr. Miller.

Noise Ordinance #2000-1 was adopted on a motion by Mr. Siles and seconded by Mr. Miller. The final version was changed by the solicitor as requested in that section 7, sub section (a) was changed from "written complaint " to read "a complaint." There was no further discussion and the ordinance was passed.

Policeman James Holler reported the following activities for the month: department worked 201 hours, drove 1620 miles, responded to 54 incidents, issued 32 traffic citations and 29 traffic warnings. Did 7 Commercial Truck inspections resulting in issuing 9 warnings and 4 citations. 1 truck placed out of service.

The Zoning officer's report was read into the record: issued 3 Building Permits (see page 6). Total fees collected \$115.00.

Road master John Miller reported that work for the month was cleaning culverts, mowing, and equipment repairs. The special study for posting weight restrictions on Boyle Road was received from our engineer Wm. F. Hill reports that there should be a 10 ton limit on this road. Emergency vehicles, vehicles making local deliveries and local farm equipment would be exempted from this weight restriction. Solicitor Davis was instructed to draw up an ordinance for presentation at the next regular meeting.

GS Communications, our Cable TV Company, is being purchased by Adelphia and has submitted an "Application for Franchise Authority Consent to Assignment or Transfer of Control of Cable Television Franchise". Mr. Siles made a motion to pass Resolution #8-2000, "Consent Authorizing the Assignment of the Cable Television Franchise" to Adelphia. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller.

Mr. Siles reported there is an old cemetery on the Jack's Mountain Road in Liberty Township that has gone unattended and a resident has reported that there are war veterans buried there. Mr. Siles said he feels that we should clean it up and mow the area inside the walls and determine who owns the ground surrounding it. He will check into this at the courthouse.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

The School Report You Must See!

By Natalie A. Williams

If you want more detail information about your school district, we suggest you visit **www.homefair.com**. Fairfield Area School District has a total student population of 1261. Gettysburg has 3654 and Upper Adams has 1809. This website will give you information such as SAT scores, the percentage of students that go on to college, etc. **Considerable information.**

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@com.net

Liberty Township Six-Month Police Report

January 2000 - June 2000

This report was printed as received. To see this report in its entirety visit the Township Office or contact Police Chief Jim Holler for further information regarding this data.

Traffic Reports

Total Vehicles Stopped 218
Total Citations Issued 161
Total Warnings Issued 130

Police Related Incidents

January to June 1999 324
January to June 2000 367

Total Traffic-Related Fine Revenue

\$5,756.16*

Criminal Arrests/Charges

January - June 1999 61
January - June 2000 99

Commercial Vehicle Inspections

Total Commercial Vehicles Inspected 22
Total Citations Issued 17
Total Warnings Issued 33
6 vehicles were taken out of service for the following reasons: 4 for brakes; 2 tires, 1 lighting and 1 securement systems.

Daily Activity Reports

Total Miles	10,444.5
Total Hours	1,289.5
Patrol Hours	283.5
Incident Hours	512.0
Administrative Hours	231.0
Traffic Hours	194.0
Training Hours	10.5
Court Hours	20.5

Open/Closed Incidents

Open 48
Closed 319

* does not include June

Accident Report

	1999	2000
Personal Injury Accidents	5	2
Property Damage Accidents	16	1
Total	21	3

Property Loss

January to June 2000 \$20,750