

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@vsn.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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Members: Jane Clements
Secretary: Robert Lawrence, Bart Hogan and Peter Foscatto



Roadmaster John Miller can now be reached at 717-642-9842 for township business.

Liberty Township Has Its Own E-mail Address

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

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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

Supervisor's Comments

By Leonard Sites, Chairman

Liberty Township continues a moderate growth. The municipality is very stable in all areas. The supervisors appreciate the professionalism of our sub-units, the police department, the zoning officer, the road crew personnel and all others who contribute to the fine operation of the township.

The building addition is nearly complete - we are now awaiting the finishing coat of the drywall. We anticipate completion by July 1, 2001.

Come and enjoy our monthly meetings, 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM.

Solicitor's Corner**The Planning Commission - Its Organization**

By Wally Davis

When a municipality adopts a Subdivision and Land Development ordinance (sometimes given the acronym "SALDO"), it almost always includes the creation of a planning commission. Planning commissions have at least three members, but no more than nine members. A planning commissioner must be a resident of the municipality that appoints him or her. Unlike a zoning hearing board, township supervisors may be appointed to serve on the planning commission, but they cannot comprise a majority of the commission's members. Two members of a three-person commission must be "citizen members" (meaning, not supervisors); three must be citizen members on a four-or-five person commission; five must be citizen members of six-or-seven person commission; and on commissions of eight or nine persons, six of them must be citizen members.

The term of office of planning commissioner is four years. The terms are to be staggered so that on commissions of eight or fewer members, no more than two members shall be appointed in any one year. Although the term is four years, a commissioner shall continue to serve until the successor is appointed and qualified. If a vacancy occurs, the supervisors are charged with filling the vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term.

Once appointed, a planning commissioner cannot be removed from office except for "malfeasance, misfeasance or nonfeasance" in office or for "other just cause." (Malfeasance is doing an act illegally or wrongfully; misfeasance is doing an act improperly, but not necessarily illegally; nonfeasance is not acting at all when one has a duty to do so.) Research has failed to find a case on "just cause," although one might expect conviction of an infamous crime (which is a state Constitutional disqualification from public office) to be just cause.

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HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER!

It's Unofficial!**Potpourri...**

By Natalie A. Williams

- Jack and I are the proud grandparents of Katherine Lorraine Williams, "Kate," born to John and Susan Williams on June 2nd. Kate joins her sister, Isabella, who will be 2 in August.
- Time. Waiting. When one is in limbo, the hours, minutes and seconds take eons to pass. One should take that time to relax, contemplate, read, take a hot bath by candlelight, eat a hot fudge sundae and indulge in a fun activity. And, don't forget to pray.
- Good friends are very hard to find. If you find one, don't let that person out of your life. I read that in a lifetime, if a person finds 5 good friends, he or she is very lucky.
- Read "ROSIE," a great magazine. It is a magazine for the everyday person, and it is a reflection of her. I love reading my monthly issue.
- A great book to read is "Girl With the Pearl Earring." We read it for book club and totally enjoyed it.
- Take time to smell the roses, enjoy the summer and all it has to offer like fresh fruit!

Christmas Star Craft Market November 10, 2001

Contact Karolyne Myers at 642-9360 to reserve your table for this exciting event benefiting the Fairfield Elementary PTO.

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

E-mail - dadswood@gsycyclone.com

or contact Natalie & Jack Williams, 717-642-

1253, E-mail - libertywp@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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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 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**.

School Board Members E-mail

Addresses

Recently, the school board established a website at www.fairfieldschools.org. It depicts the following E-mail addresses for the Fairfield School Board members:

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Meetings of the Board will be held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 7:30 PM. All Board meetings will be held in the Fairfield Elementary Library.

Township Meetings

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

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Interestingly, there are no quorum requirements stated by the MPC for planning commissions. This is in contrast to zoning hearing boards, where the MPC specifically provides the number needed for a quorum and what actions must be taken when a quorum is not present for a hearing, and to boards of supervisors where the Second Class Township Code addresses quorum requirements. Perhaps the legislature did not provide quorum requirements for planning commissions since most of them only make recommendations to the governing body (which is the board of supervisors in a second class township).

The MPC provides that the township engineer and solicitor shall provide services to the planning commission, unless the supervisors appoint another engineer or solicitor for that purpose. Unlike a zoning hearing board, the solicitor is not disqualified from serving both bodies.

The planning commission is authorized to elect its own officers. The offices usually are chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary. The term is one year, and the officers may succeed themselves in office. The commission may adopt rules and regulations to guide its proceedings so long as they do not conflict with township ordinances or state law. The commission is required to keep a "full record of its business", and shall annually (by March 1 of each year) make a written report to the supervisors of its activities during the previous year. If requested by the supervisors, it must report more often than annually.

In this space next time, the duties of a planning commission will be discussed.

Fairfield Fire and EMS

By Gordon Sachs, Chief, Fairfield Fire & EMS
 Due to computer problems, we did not receive the column for this issue.

Their website is: www.fairfieldfire-ems.org.

Roadmaster Report

by John E. Miller

Citizens who notice potholes and/or other maintenance problems should contact Mr. Miller at 642-9842.

LYME - AID 2001

Join the festivities on August 11th from 10 AM to 8 PM at Liberty Mountain Ski Resort in Carroll Valley.

All proceeds from the concert will benefit Ticked Off and Fed Up, Inc., a nonprofit organization to help defray medical expenses of long-term Lyme victims as well as to underwrite some research costs and increase public awareness of the disease.

Wayne Hill of Gettysburg will open the event with "Star Spangled Bamer." Entertainers from Nashville include: Marshall Dillon Band, Chris Cagle, Tammy Cochran and T. Bubba, a corndian guest and master of ceremony. Local entertainers include Borderline and Amanda Perko.

Please call Rita Tuchalski at 334-3101 for further information.

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.

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.

News From the Liberty Township Tax Collector

Important Tax Information

By Natalie A. Williams

If you did not pay your county, township or per capita taxes by June 30th, a 10% penalty has been assessed. Only the full (par) amount can be accepted now. For an appointment, call 717-642-1253 or E-mail libertywp@hotmail.com.

FYI, the homeowner must send their real estate and school tax notices to their respective mortgage company or lender themselves for payment. However, please **do not** send your per capita or occupation tax notices to your mortgage company because this tax must be paid by the individual taxpayer.

You should be in receipt of your **school tax statement**. Please remit it to your mortgage company if you have an escrow account. The discount amount is due by August 30th. The par amount is due September 30th. If you pay it yourself, please remit by August 31st to save 2%. On September 1st, the par amount will be due.

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."

Your school taxes at the discount amount are due by **August 31, 2001**. The days and hours to pay your taxes at my home are: August 20, 23, 29, 30 and 31 from 2 PM to 7 PM. And, Saturday, August 25th from 10 AM to 2 PM.

"Welcome to Liberty Township"

Natalie A. Williams, Secretary/Treasurer, Pam Bolin, Sales Manager of F&M Bank, Emmitsburg and Carroll Austrian are creating a package for new residents in our township. This package will include township personnel phone numbers, township newsletter, maps and listings of grocery stores, drug stores, churches, etc., in the area.

If you would like to volunteer your time to work on this project, have any ideas, suggestions or would like to donate a gift for the packages, please call 717-642-1253 or E-mail Natalie A. Williams at johnwil-liamsjr@earthlink.net.

Zoning Report

By Judy Crum

Building Permits Issued for the Months of April and May 2001

April, 2001

Permits Issued:

Clyde Wenschoff for deck/window
Al Mayne for a deck sunroom
Michael Worden for a 2 story addition
Jim Holler for a new home
Leonard Sites for a storage building

Occupancy Permits:

Mark and Samantha Golbart

May, 2001

Permits Issued:

Pamela Miller for a new deck
Cindy Arentz for a home addition

Occupancy Permit:

Bob Lawrence for a greenhouse



Planning Commission Meeting — April 17, 2001 Minutes

by Jane A. Clements, Secretary

The April meeting was not held because there was not a quorum.



Planning Commission Meeting - May 15, 2001

By Jane Clements, Secretary

Minutes of the Liberty Township Planning Commission meeting held on May 17, 2001, at the township community building. The meeting commenced at 7:32 PM with Phil Burgess, Bob Lawrence and Bart Hogan in attendance. No meeting was held during April due to the lack of a quorum; therefore, the minutes of March 20, 2001, meeting were read and approved on a motion proposed by Bart Hogan and seconded by Bob Lawrence.

The first item to be discussed was the future land additions for Paul Goetz on the corner of Tract and Boyle Roads. Adams County Planning comments were received on May 7, 2001. Mr. Goetz discussed the possibility that the land adjacent to the Warkaski property may not be sold to Warkaski. It was explained that the Planning Commission could not recommend the subdivision of two properties as land additions when only one was to be sold. Therefore, Mr. Goetz withdrew the application and will submit the plat adjacent to the Waters property, which will be sold to Mr. Waters and be added to the total plat of Mr. Waters.

The next item to discuss was the Working subdivision. The applicant and the commission are still waiting for the complete sewer module before the subdivision can be finalized.

The next item for discussion was Fred Crum's 10+ acres on Pecher Road. The commission approved the sewer module after discussion of the waiver acceptance by the township solicitor. Comments from the county planning commission have not been received.

The engineer's report of April 16, 2001, was discussed: 1) Sewage planning module was approved and signed. 2) Commission accepted the plans as marked preliminary. 3) Mr. Crum will acknowledge by signing the plan and having it notarized.

The next item for discussion was the land addition by Roy W. Crum, Jr. to the Jerry Stein property. Mr. Stein was at the meeting and voiced his desire to acquire the 1.96 acres. Mr. Crum was advised that the commission would consider the application and subdivision.

The next item for discussion was the Grove US, LLC subdivision on Staley Road. The proposed subdivision line is different from THAT originally presented to the Planning Commission. The dividing subdivision line will now start at the Staley Road entrance, follow the existing road around to the left, pass the large house, small house and barn and then 90 degrees to the east to the outside property line. Discussion was held on the use of the existing septic system near the ex. Bldg. The intent by the developer is still to hook up and use the public sewage system from Washington Township.

Discussion of the use of the private road as pictured was held with the point made that emergency vehicles and personnel could not have a free and clear path to all proposed apartments and houses. Also it was discussed that the property should have two entrance/exits. The developer will discuss it with other parties. The plans were submitted as final and will be considered as preliminary only.

No other business or discussion was held. Correspondence received was distributed.

Motion for adjournment was made by Bart Hogan and seconded by Bob Lawrence. Next meeting is on June 19, 2001, at 7:30 PM.

Board of Supervisors Meeting — May 1, 2001 Minutes

By Natalie A. Williams, Secretary

The Board of Supervisors meeting began at 7:30 PM. Roll call was made; present were Leonard Sites, John F. Miller and Charles Alexander.

The minutes from the April 3rd meeting were approved as written with a motion made by Leonard Sites; seconded by Charles Alexander. Motion approved.

Public Participation:

- Phil Burgess inquired about Asplundh cutting trees and leaving a mess.

Treasurer's Report: The beginning balance was \$4,854.99 in F & M's General Account. The receipts were \$43,887.66; expenditures were \$29,869.79 with an ending balance of \$18,872.86. The PLGIT beginning balance was \$179,472.38, the receipts were \$602.01 and the expenditures were \$ 85,000 leaving a balance of \$95,074.39. (\$75,000 was deposited into a CD at F & M Bank.) The state fund had a beginning balance of \$395.28; receipts of \$39,656.84 and the expenditures were zero leaving a balance of \$40,052.12.

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

Receipts were read by Natalie A. Williams: \$43,887.66.

Bids for stone and anti-skid were opened; the lowest bid was by Valley Quarries. Mr. Sites made a motion to approve the bid by Valley Quarries; seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion passed.

Copier: Natalie Williams advised she purchased a copier by Xerox for \$800, which was half the cost of the copier bought for the township office.

Solicitor Report:

- **Tax Certification Resolution** allowing Natalie A. Williams to collect a \$5 tax certification fee was passed. Mr. Miller made the first motion and Mr. Alexander seconded it.
- **Ordinance for small flow treatment facility:** Mr. Davis stated the agreement could be changed from time to time. The ordinance is simple, the agreement is complex. We will have to advertise in the newspaper before accepting it. Mr. Sites gave copies of the plan to the Planning Commission for their perusal. Mr. Davis went on to say we could not prohibit a small flow treatment facility. It was decided that we would address it at the June meeting.

Police Report:

- Chief Holler stated the police officers worked a total of 201 hours. There were 59 incidents and 3 arrests for DUI and five accidents.
- Chief Holler is coordinating two workshops this fall: one for self-defense for women and a safety course for retirees.
- Chief Holler presented a Safety Citation to Richard Cael. On December 13th at 8:15 AM, William Bercher saw a dead deer and lost control of his vehicle. Mr. Cael saw the out-of-control vehicle. He drove up a steep rock embankment to avoid hitting the truck. Mr. Cael disregarded his personal safety for Mr. Bercher's.

Zoning Officer Report

- was read by Mrs. Williams due to the absence of Judy Crum.
- Judy received 39 phone calls; 12 were referred to Mr. Sites, 7 to the SEO, 8 to the courthouse, 2 to John Miller and she spent 46 hours on zoning obligations.
 - Permits were issued to Clyde Wensch off for a deck, Al Mayne for a deck, Michael Worden for a two-story addition, and to Mr. Sites for a storage building.

Liberty Township Police News

By Chief Holler

As many of you know, Liberty Township has established an aggressive stand on truck safety within our township. Many times you hear of the trucks and drivers who have been put out of service for violations while traveling throughout the township roads. It is my privilege to acknowledge a company who not only operates trucks in good mechanical shape but also employ drivers who are able to react when called upon to prevent serious accidents.

On December 13, 2000, at approximately 8:15 AM, in the 200 block of SR 16, Liberty Township, Pennsylvania, a vehicle driven by William Burcher was traveling eastbound when he came across a dead deer laying in the middle of the roadway. In Mr. Burcher's attempt to avoid the deer he lost control of his vehicle causing it to travel in the westbound lane.

A tractor trailer belonging to J.B. Hunt and being operated by Richard Cael was traveling west bound on SR 16. Mr. Cael saw the vehicle lose control and attempted to drive up a steep rock embankment to avoid hitting Mr. Burcher head on. Mr. Cael's truck traveled 15 feet up the steep rock embankment, tearing the front axles off the truck. The trailer then came in contact with Mr. Burcher's vehicle.

On May 1st, Mr. Cael was acknowledged for his actions in attempting to do whatever was necessary to avoid hitting the oncoming vehicle, thus preventing possible death or serious injury to Mr. Burcher.

Back To School Skating Party



Mark your calendars now before you forget! The skating party for the 2001-2002 school year has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 22, 2001, from 6 PM to 8:30 PM.

It will be held at the brand new Cosmic Skate & Play in Rouzerville (close to Waynesboro, next to the Sunshine Bowling Lanes).

This event is for Fairfield Elementary (K - 4th grade) Students only. Admission is \$1.50 per person.

Token games are available at individual cost to those who are interested.

Farmer's Field of Interest

by Jack Williams

Jack's column will return in September.

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 johnwilliamsj@earthlink.net regarding this exciting new column.

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

SIGN UP TODAY
Call Chief Holler
642-6103

Liberty Township Police Present

"POINT BLANK"

Safety workshop for women

Topics include safety issues for women, unarmed self defense, domestic violence issues, firearm safety (includes shooting).

**Classes will be held at
the Liberty Township
Municipal Building**

Monday, October 1st, 7 PM - 7 PM
Monday, October 8th, 7 PM - 9 PM
Saturday, October 13th, 9 AM - 12 PM

And... "PROTECT ME"

A Safety workshop for senior citizens

On Saturday, September 8th
From

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Topics to include senior safety tips, how to avoid becoming a victim of a scam, home security tips, and away from home security tips.

Both classes are FREE!

Space is limited to 40 per workshop and will be limited to
 Liberty Township residents first.

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- An occupancy permit was issued to Mark and Samantha Bolibart.
- Judy addressed several calls regarding the validity of building permits, researched sub-division information and loaned the zoning books to Steve Nees. Her expenses included stamps and 48 miles.

Roadmaster Report:

- Mr. Miller stated he would call the state for a street light at SR 16 and Orchard.

Other News:

- Mr. Sites will attend the Task Force for Roads.
- Mr. Sites advised the new building addition should be completed by the middle of June.
- Mr. Sites asked Natalie to order two dozen **Storm Water Management** books to give to Judy Crum to pass out to new residents of Liberty Township.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Sites. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, June 5, 2001.

Board of Supervisors Meeting - June 5, 2001 Minutes

By Natalie A. Williams, Secretary

The Board of Supervisors meeting began at 7:30 PM. Roll call was made; present were Leonard Sites, John F. Miller and Charles Alexander.

The minutes from the May 5th meeting were approved as written with a motion made by Leonard Sites; seconded by John Miller. Motion approved.

Public Participation:

- Bob Lawrence inquired about the lawnmower. Mr. Miller advised it was being repaired.

Treasurer's Report: The beginning balance was \$22,040.45 in F & M's General Account. The receipts were \$36,889.98; expenditures were \$25,521.87 with an ending balance of \$33,408.56. We have a \$75,000 CD at F & M Bank. The PLGIT beginning balance was \$95,074.39, the receipts were \$336.12 and the expenditures were \$ 0.00 leaving a balance of \$95,410.51. The state fund had a beginning balance of \$40,052.12; receipts of \$141.61 and the expenditures were zero leaving a balance of \$40,193.73.

Approval of Bills: Mr. Sites questioned the Sprint phone bill. Mrs. Williams read the bill; it costs \$24.95 per month for the voice mail system. Mrs. Williams will call Sprint to reduce the township phone bill. The supervisors were also advised that the monthly insurance bill is extremely high and quotes were being requested from other insurance companies. Mrs. Williams was given approval to lower the township bills where deemed necessary. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the payment of bills; seconded by Mr. Alexander. Motion approved.

Receipts were read by Natalie A. Williams: \$36,889.98.

Other Business:

- The National Multiple Sclerosis Society requested permission to use our township roads for their 16th Annual MS 150 Bike Tour scheduled for July 14-15, 2001. The supervisors gave approval, but asked that Mrs. Williams call them for the bike route and pass that information on to Chief Holler.
- Chief Holler requested permission to purchase an American flag for the township office. Approval was given by the supervisors.

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- Chief Holler also requested that the township apply for credit with Staples. Approval was given by the supervisors.
- The new addition to our township office will be finished in late June. The walls will be painted in a few weeks.
- The Adams County Land Conservatory requested Liberty Township's membership for \$25. Mr. Sites made a motion to apply for membership. Seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion passed.
- Mr. Sites advised that the Fairfield Fire Company tore down the old building to build a new one. They are raising money for the new hall. Mr. Sites and Mr. Alexander will attend the fundraiser on June 14th.
- Mrs. Williams requested a computer for her township employment. Request is being considered.
- Mr. Fred Crum requested the status of his subdivision plans. Mrs. Williams advised that they will be sent back to the DEP after conferring with the Planning Commission.
- Mrs. Williams asked permission to create a "Welcome To Liberty Township" package which would be given to new residents of our community. The supervisors agreed it would be a wonderful package. Pam Bolin, sales manager at F & M in Emmitsburg and Caryl Austrian will assist Mrs. Williams with the project.

Solicitor Report:

- **Ordinance for small flow treatment facility:** Mr. Davis stated he is waiting for comments from the Planning Commission. The supervisors stated they are impressed by the ordinance. Mr. Lawrence gave Mr. Davis a floppy disc with a proposed maintenance report for the property owner to complete for the township. Mr. Sites advised that the proposal will be discussed and voted on at the July 3rd supervisor meeting.
- **Address Changes:** Mr. Davis advised that a letter was sent to all municipalities in Adams County. It is an intergovernmental agreement. He is waiting to hear from the county solicitor, John Hatsell, for changes to be made.
- **Grove** filed Chapter 11 Bankruptcy which should not have an effect on the sale to Marriotti.

Police Report:

- Chief Holler stated the police officers worked a total of 213.5 hours. There were 70 incidents. And, they drove 1628 miles.
- Chief Holler is coordinating two workshops this fall: one for self-defense for women and a safety course for retirees.

Zoning Officer Report: read by Mr. Sites due to the absence of Judy Crum.

- Judy received 33 phone calls; 12 were referred to Mr. Sites, 5 to the SEO, and 9 to the courthouse. She spent 42 hours on zoning obligations.
- Permits were issued to Pamela Miller for a new deck and Cindy Arentz for a "home addition."
- An occupancy permit was issued to Bob Lawrence for his greenhouse.
- Judy addressed requests for zoning information from Carroll Valley for a lot near Jack's Mountain Road for an interested buyer. She received a complaint about a tanning business on Tract Road. And gave zoning information for a 30 acre property on SR 16. Mrs. Jan Davis contacted Judy regarding a Charmita lot, she was referred to Mr. Sites and the SEO. Her expenses included using 14 stamps and 54 miles for mileage.

Roadmaster Report:

- Mr. Miller stated he is short of help and is doing the ditch work himself.
- A sign is needed for Stultz Road and will be installed.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Alexander. Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, July 3, 2001.

History In The Making

By Priscilla Storrs

Blacksmithing is one of the oldest crafts around today. It began with the first use of metal, and after iron was discovered smithing became increasingly important, especially to farmers who had horses to be shod and wagons with metal wheels. The first iron objects were probably shaped by arduous pounding of cold metal. Then around the turn of the nineteenth century it was discovered that heated metal shaped more easily. Time and experience brought new knowledge in the refining, shaping, and tempering of iron and steel and in turn brought a multitude of uses for the blacksmith's products.

Every growing community depended on the blacksmith for household implements, farm tools, building supplies and horseshoes. He made door hinges, chains, cowbells, knives, rails, tools, cooking utensils, candlesticks and more. His skills were critical for survival in the 1800's. Children walking home from school could peer through the open door into the cool interior of the blacksmith shop, made dark by smoke from the forge. They would see the leather aproned smith thrust tongs into the forge and pull out pieces of white glowing iron, turn quickly to the anvil, put the pieces together, and hammer them hard to weld and to shape them. On any given day they might find farmers, doctors, lawyers and businessmen talking over the problems and politics of the day as one or more of them waited for the blacksmith to shoe their horse, or mend a broken wheel. As the general store was a place one could go to obtain essentials and learn the latest news of their neighbors and communities, so was the blacksmith shop when one needed a horse shod or a wagon wheel repaired.

There are few blacksmith shops today in the industrialized nations of the world. This is because there are fewer horses to shoe, wagons and carriages have given way to trucks and cars, and because tools and mechanical parts are now being made by machines. Still more of the blacksmith trade has been replaced by tool and die-making shops and by the rolling and forging mills of the steel industry. Many farmers now have small forges of their own where they can repair plows and other farm equipment. About all that is left for the blacksmith to do is the farrier's task -- the shoeing of horses.

Liberty Township had two fulltime blacksmith shops until a few short years ago when it became easier to purchase what you needed already made from a farm store or department store. The buildings are gone now, and the memories of some of our older Liberty Township citizens are all that is left of an era gone by.

