

# 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@cnv.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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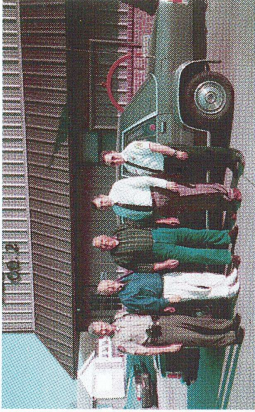
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## Celebrate Flag Day, June 14th, 2000

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Liberty Township recently donated their old police car to the Fairfield Fire Department. Chairman Leonard Sites presented the car to Chief Gordon Sachs. From left: Police Chief Jim Holler, Jim Weikert, Commissioner, Chairman Leonard Sites, Robert Fitez, President of Fairfield Fire/EMS Co. and Gordon Sachs, Chief.

**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.**

### Supervisor's Comments

By Leonard Sites, Chairman

Everything is going very well in the municipality. All subsections are very well manned by competent personnel.

We just had our spring primary voting. However, there was a very small turnout by voters. I suppose it was due to no vital issues on the local agenda.

We are very fortunate to have a very serious voter in Liberty Township. Charlotte Hull has not missed a single election in 51 years. **Congratulations Charlotte!**

The present 2000 Census is in effect. If you did not receive your form, please contact the courthouse. Please be accurate and get each Libertarian counted!

by Walton Davis

### Solicitor's Corner

#### The Sunshine Act

Perhaps one of the laws most often cited by audience members and newspaper writers is the Sunshine Act. It may also be one of the least read and most misunderstood statutes in Pennsylvania. Over the next several columns, I would like to give my thoughts on what the law says and what I think it means.

The Sunshine Act commands, in simplistic terms, Thou Shalt Not Conduct Government Business Except at an Advertised Meeting Which the Public Can Attend.

The Legislature first adopted the Sunshine Act in 1986. It found that the "Right of the public to be present at all meetings" of governmental bodies to witness the deliberations and decisions of those bodies was vital to the democratic process. It determined that "secrecy in public affairs undermines the faith of the public in government" and undermines the public's role in society. To that end, the Legislature declared it public policy that citizens have notice of all meetings of agencies and have the right to attend meetings "at which agency business is discussed or acted upon..." (Cont. on next page.)

### It's Unofficial!

#### Potpourri...

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

- The Ermitsburg Branch Library is hosting a Flower Mart on Saturday, May 6th from 9 - 3 PM.
- We found Zora, PA. It is at the intersection of SR 116 and SR 12th. Please call 717-334-4646 for times.
- 16. Volunteers are needed for their school board. (Oops! Sorry, they don't have a school yet.)
- Gettysburg Hospital has Health Screening Clinics on May 5th and July 12th. Please call 717-334-4646 for times.
- Ticks can be tested for Lyme Disease if any symptoms arise. So save the removed tick in a plastic bag for testing. (See **Healthy Neighbors** from Gettysburg Hospital.)
- If you haven't already done so, please complete the census form and mail it!
- Love is many a splendorous thing, especially when your husband wants to take you on a little vacation. (And it is his idea, not yours!)
- Read Helen Thomas' book "Front Row at the White House." It is wonderful; gives the reader a front row seat from the Kennedy through the Clinton administrations.
- I wish somebody would send me a recipe or two for this newsletter.
- Happy 50th Birthday (on Flag Day) to my sister Ceil who lives in Michigan!

### 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 — bobrobin@desupernet.net  
or contact Natalie & Jack Williams, 717-642-9651, E-mail — jackwill@cnv.net.

### Rich Berry Pie from Penn Lines Magazine

This is scrumptious and just in time for the strawberry season!

- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup butter, cut in pats
- 2 Tablespoons confectioner's sugar
- 2 Tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 cup fresh berries (I use 2 cups for a 9" pie pan)

Sift flour and sugar in a bowl. With a pastry blender, cut in butter. Mix until it resembles corn meal. Chill in refrigerator for 30 minutes. Press into greased pie pan until firm on bottom and sides. Cook berries, sugar, water and cornstarch until thick. Add berry filling to prepared pie pan. Bake at 425 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes or until brown. This is great with strawberries or blueberries.

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@cnv.net or fax to 717-642-9685.

## 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.

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@cmv.net.

#### Fairfield Area School District

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John M. Tomko, President of School Board

The School Board meets the 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 PM. Call the Administration Office for committee meetings and for other information.

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As is often the case, however, how important words are defined determines just what duties and obligations actually exist under the law. This column will look at some of those definitions, as the basis for future discussion.

The term **agency**, as used in the Act, is a broad one. A somewhat abbreviated version of that definition is:

The body, and all committees thereof authorized by the body to take official action or render advice on matters of agency business, of all of the following: ... any board, council, authority or commission ... of any political subdivision ... That definition has been viewed very broadly, and certainly includes boards of supervisors, planning commissions, zoning hearing boards, and other official township organizations. (A **political subdivision** was defined in 1986 to be any county, city, borough, incorporated town, township, school district, intermediate unit, vocational school district or county institution district).

The term **agency business** is not as broad, and not as clear. **Agency business** is defined as:

The framing, preparation, making or enactment of laws, policy or regulations, the creation of liability by contract or otherwise or the adjudication of rights, duties and responsibilities, but not including administrative action."

**Deliberation** is the "discussion of agency business held for the purpose of making a decision. "

And, **administrative action** is the execution of policies relating to persons or things as previously authorized or required by official action of the agency adopted at an open meeting of the agency. "The term does not, however, include the deliberation of agency business."

Confused yet? If not, let us add the definition of **official action**:

- (1) Recommendations made by an agency pursuant to statute, ordinance, or executive order.
- (2) The establishment of policy by an agency.
- (3) The decisions on agency business made by an agency.
- (4) The vote taken by an agency on any motion, proposal, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, report or order.

A **meeting** is a prearranged gathering of an agency, which is attended or participated in by a quorum of the agency members. The gathering must be held for the purpose of deliberating agency business or taking official action.

Starting with the last definition first, one can easily see that a gathering with less than a quorum is not a **meeting**, and the Sunshine Act does not apply. In most local townships, a meeting of supervisors with less than a quorum means that someone is all by himself or herself, since most local townships have just three members. Two is a quorum. But some have five members (such as Cumberland and Conewago Townships), so that a gathering of just two supervisors is not a **meeting** and the Sunshine Act does not apply.

So, if two supervisors of a three-man board run into each other at the grocery store and talk about a littering ordinance that is pending, is there a violation of the Sunshine Act? Not necessarily. The Commonwealth Court has differentiated between **deliberation** and **discussion**. "The Act does not prohibit a member from inquiring, questioning and learning about ... issues only at a public meeting."

Next time, the ability of the public to participate in an open meeting will be reviewed.

## Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association (EBPA)

Last month, speaker Edward T. McMahon, American Greenways and the Conservation Fund, was terrific.

The next meeting on May 16th is a field trip - a lunch tour of the FEMA campus. Meet 11:15 AM at the security building. Please call Don Briggs at 301- 447-3110 or E-mail to tepeyac@erols.com.

The EBPA has been at the center of getting a walkway/bike path between the town to the Mount. Representatives from County Planning, Emmitsburg, Maryland Highway Dept., the Mount, FEMA, Seaton Shrine and the EBPA have met and a coordinated effort is now under way to get this done. This meeting was put together by the 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 at the above-mentioned phone number.

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.



### Area Schedule of Events

|           |                                                                                |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| May 2nd   | Liberty Township Supervisors Meeting, 7:30 PM                                  |
| May 2nd   | Fairfield Lions Club Meeting, Fairfield, 6:30 PM                               |
| May 6th   | Flower Mart at Emmitsburg Branch Library 9-3                                   |
| May 8th   | Fairfield School Board Meeting, 7:30 PM                                        |
| May 16th  | EBPA, FEMA, 11:15 AM, call Don Briggs (see item above).                        |
| May 16th  | Lions Club Meeting, Fairfield, 6:30 PM                                         |
| May 22nd  | Fairfield School Board Meeting 7:30 PM                                         |
| May 29th  | Memorial Day (Observed)                                                        |
| June 6th  | Liberty Township Supervisors Meeting, 7:30 PM                                  |
| June 8th  | Fairfield Lions Club Meeting, Fairfield, 6:30 PM                               |
| June 14th | Flag Day                                                                       |
| June 12th | Fairfield School Board Meeting, 7:30 PM                                        |
| June 20th | Fairfield Lions Club Meeting 6:30 PM                                           |
| June 20th | EBPA, Carriage House Inn, 11:30 AM, call Don Briggs for reservations           |
| June 24th | Basket Bingo; Up-County and Friends of Frederick County Public Libraries, Inc. |
|           | Call 301-845-4400 for details.                                                 |

### 1999 Audit

|                            | General Fund     | Liquid Fuels    |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Beginning Bal 01/01/99     | \$242,009        | \$13,364        |
| <b>Revenues</b>            |                  |                 |
| Taxes                      | 130,149          | 0               |
| Licenses & Permits         | 2,175            | 0               |
| Fines & Forfeits           | 12,594           | 0               |
| Interest                   | 15,868           | 1,582           |
| Intergovernmental          | 13,522           | 39,521          |
| Charges for Services       | 12,615           | 0               |
| Miscellaneous              | 1,216            | 0               |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>\$188,139</b> | <b>\$41,103</b> |
| <b>Expenditures</b>        |                  |                 |
| General Government         | 42,614           | 0               |
| Public Safety              | 81,882           | 0               |
| Public Works               | 45,918           | 32,469          |
| Culture-Recreation         | 2,525            | 0               |
| Conservation & Development | 12,692           | 0               |
| Miscellaneous              |                  | 0               |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>\$185,866</b> | <b>\$32,469</b> |
| <b>Balance 12/31/99</b>    | <b>\$245,271</b> | <b>\$21,998</b> |

Auditors: Fred Crum and Nanette Hatzes

## 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 Board of Directors announced they will host the following activities in the next 60 days:

- A plant sale on Saturday, May 6, 2000 at the library. There will be demonstrations on flowers, landscaping and our favorite weeds.
- The Frederick County Public Libraries have started "Babies for Books" Program. It is a wonderful way to start reading to your child beginning at age 0. Please check this out.
- June 24th, the library and Up-County in Emmitsburg are hosting a "Basket Bingo" fundraiser. Call 301-845-4400 for details and tickets.

The Emmitsburg Library Book Club meets on the 2nd Friday of each month. The book for May is "The Saving Graces" and the book for June is "The Gesture Life." Please contact the librarian for details.

The Library Hours are:

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Monday - Wednesday | 10 AM-9 PM |
| Thursday           | 10 AM-5 PM |
| Friday             | 1PM-5 PM   |
| Saturday           | 10 AM-5 PM |

## History In The Making

By Priscilla Storrs

Well, here it is tax time again. They say you can't escape death and taxes. Well I guess that is true, because in 1800 when the Township was formed, the question of where to get the money to run the government had to be answered. Of course, that much hated word TAXES came up and has been a large part of our lives ever since.

The first Liberty Township taxes were collected in 1801 with the first assessment being made by John Morrow, Thomas McKee and Mathias Waybright. A letter was sent giving each property holder the opportunity to appeal the tax on Tuesday, February 3, 1800. Failure to report your holdings was \$20 and you had until the 31st of December to finish your report.

According to the tax list, Mr. William Hill paid \$6.48, the highest tax collected in 1801 by Isaac Moore and William Wigham. This was for his land, horses and cattle. Others were taxed for their form of livelihood, such as for a gristmill, saw mill, or distillery. In 1805, for example, 200 acres of land valued at \$900, one saw mill valued at \$225 and one Filling mill valued at \$200 made the total taxes paid by Mr. Waugh a whopping \$2.25. I wonder what the people who lived back then would think if they saw the taxes assessed and paid today?

Of course, there had to be some way of knowing which properties to tax in Pennsylvania, so William Penn and Charles Carroll hired the Mason-Dixon Company to mark the Maryland/Pennsylvania line. As they proceeded with this, they placed stones at various intervals to mark the line. There are a total of seven in Liberty Township. One on the old Savage Farm, one on Judge McDevitt's farm, one on the old Homer farm, one in Adam Tresler's garden which is a five-mile stone, one at the junction of Samuel Martin's and Isaac Tresler's lands, one at the corner of Jerome Tresler's and Jacob Miller's lands and one on the lands once owned by Elias Harbaugh. There is a five-mile stone with "coats of arms" on the Waybright farm below "Harper's Hill."

This worked out great for those whose land was just in Pennsylvania. But what happened to those lands that were on both sides of the Mason-Dixon line? Does any one of our readers know what happened in that case for tax assessment? Did the property owner just pay tax on the part of land in each state as they would do now or did they get a double assessment? I would love to hear from anyone out there who can give more information on this for a future article.

Of course, as with anything that went on in those days, there was a story behind the story of the Mason-Dixon Line. As this story goes, the people from the Mason Dixon Company were so afraid of the Indians traveling through the area, that when they came to Liberty Township, they camped for the winter and then returned home. This is a story passed down through the years, so one might wonder what the full story is.

*I would like to thank Mrs. Nancy Hammett for her assistance in writing this article and look forward to having several more conversations with her.*

## Zoning Report

By Judy Crum

### Building Permits Issued for the months of February and March 2000

#### February, 2000

Permits Issued: None  
Occupancy permits issued:  
Robert & Gail Eiker  
Betty & Dave Clark.

#### March, 2000

Permits Issued:  
Andrew Myers - house addition  
Josh Billinger - garage  
Ain Karm - enclosure  
Wilmer Shank - renewal/renovation  
Vivian Rentzel - roof  
Occupancy permit was issued to:  
Mike and Lisa Yokum

## Road master Report

By John E. Miller

We continue to fix roads damaged by the winter weather.

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



## Treasurer's Report

by Jim Weikert

### March 1, 2000

|                        | General Fund     | Slate           |
|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Beg. Bal. 02/01/00     | \$113,666        | \$21,997        |
| Receipts               | 15,926           | 190             |
| Expenses               | 19,078           | 2,550           |
| Ending Bal. 02/29/00   | \$110,514        | \$19,637        |
| Certificate of deposit | \$125,000        | 0               |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$235,514</b> | <b>\$19,637</b> |

### April 1, 2000

|                        |                  |                 |
|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Beg. Bal. 03/01/00     | \$110,554        | \$19,637        |
| Receipts               | 1,732            | 0               |
| Expenses               | 17,295           | 2,234           |
| End. Bal. 03/31/00     | \$ 94,991        | \$17,403        |
| Certificate of deposit | \$125,000        | 0               |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$219,991</b> | <b>\$17,403</b> |

## The minutes from the Planning Commission Meetings are printed as received.

### Planning Commission Report—Minutes of the February 15, 2000 Meeting

By Phil Burgess

The minutes of the Liberty Township Planning Commission meeting held on February 15th 2000. The meeting commenced at 7:32 PM with Phil Burgess, Bob Lawrence and Bart Hogan in attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Motion proposed by Bart Hogan and seconded by Bob Lawrence.

The only items to be discussed, were Paul Goetz's land development plans for Tract and Boyle Rds. Firstly, the 7 lot sketch plan was discussed and Wm.F.Hills comments were read. Then Mr. Goetz presented the Commission with written comments of his own addressing each of the items listed in Wm.F.Hills comments and his own comments on lot size, best land use and panhandles. Mr. Goetz would like to use small flow sewage treatment facilities on at least some of the proposed lots instead of sand mounds. The Commission expressed their concerns for the future consequences to the Township and tax payers, should these plants not be adequately maintained and/or fail. A small flow sewage treatment facility would only be granted as a last resort if perc approval could not be obtained. The Commission discussed extensively the design of the lots and expressed a wish to see alternative lot design, perhaps utilizing a cul-de-sac or private road. This would have the advantage of cutting the number of drive-ways on Tract and Boyle Roads and be more visually appealing. This plan will be further discussed once the Commission has sought further guidance with regard to sewage treatment facilities.

Next, Mr. Goetz 10 lot sketch plan was discussed, again with special regard to lot shape and design. Once more, perhaps a private road or cul-de-sac could be utilized thus removing the need for panhandle lots. Lots 21 and 10 are to be combined and along with lot 11 (on the previous plan) will not be developed at this time for further discussion at next month's meeting.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM on a motion proposed by Bart Hogan and seconded by Bob Lawrence. The next meeting is on March 21, 2000.

### Planning Commission Report—Minutes of the March 21, 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 upon a wording correction. Motion proposed by Bart Hogan and seconded by Bob Lawrence.

The first item to be discussed was a sketch plan submitted by Mr. & Mrs. John Miller for a three lot subdivision along Stultz Rd. The Commission advised Mr. Miller to get a Form 13, next have a preliminary plan drawn and then return to the Planning Commission.

Next, Katy Crum (an behalf of Fred Crum) presented a preliminary plan for one, 10.002 Acre lot along Pecher Rd. The plan is to be reviewed by the Commission with Phil Burgess to do the required zoning review. Ms. Crum will take a copy of the plan to the County and the plan will also be sent to the Township Engineers for their comments. This plan for further discussion next meeting.

Lastly, there is a new Planning Commission member, Mr. Peter Foscatto. He helps to fill vacancies left by Art Snyder and Ken Farebaugh whose terms had expired.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM on a motion proposed by Bart Hogan and seconded by Bob Lawrence.

There will be no Planning Commission meeting in April. The next meeting will be on May 16, 2000.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES — March 7, 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 Sites with members John Miller and Charles Alexander present. A motion was made by Mr. Sites to approve the minutes of the February meeting, as recorded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

In the public participation portion of the meeting, Mr. Burroughs, who has property along Friends Creek, stated that someone came onto his property without permission and tore out a Beaver Dam. Mr. Miller advised Mr. Burroughs that he (Mr. Miller) had contacted the Soil Conservation Department about the condition in the stream. The Soil Conservation Department then advised him to contact the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Mr. Larry Haynes of the Game Commission authorized Mr. Miller to remove the obstruction.

The Treasurers report was read into the record (please see page 6).

A motion was made by Mr. Sites to approve the bills presented for payment with one exception, a towing service bill of \$55.00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Alexander. Mr. Miller voted Yes but abstained from voting for payment of his wages. Receipts were read into the record which totaled \$15,926 for General Fund and \$190. for the State Fund.

Art Snyder's term on the Township Planning Commission and Dr. Flinner's term on the Township Zoning Hearing Board both expire in March. Mr. Sites made a motion to appoint Peter Foscatto to replace Mr. Snyder on the Planning Commission and to reappoint Mr. Flinner for another term on the Zoning Hearing Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion was approved by unanimous vote

Priscilla Storrs, Historian for the Township Newsletter has indicated she would like to join the PA State Historical Society and has requested that the board pay the \$35.00 membership fee. A motion was made by Mr. Sites to approve payment of this fee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alexander. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

At the February meeting the board asked Solicitor Davis to prepare a statement outlining what the township's liability and responsibility is with regard to the Friends Creek Road condition and to the residents who live there. Solicitor Davis replied to the request in a letter to the board stating that it is his opinion that the Township must exercise reasonable care to keep its highways in a safe condition for ordinary travel and must provide against danger to persons using its roads. If it does not, it may be liable to anyone who is damaged or hurt on the road. One person from the audience requested a copy of the letter and a discussion followed as to what follow-up action should be taken. The solicitor stated that any follow-up action was at the discretion of the board. A motion was made by Mr. Sites to make copies of the letter available to the public. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alexander. Mr. Miller voted No. The motion was approved by majority.

Policeman James Holler reported the following activities for the month of February: drove 2032 miles, worked 230 1/2 hours, responded to 42 incidents, issued 13 traffic citations and 8 traffic warnings.

The Zoning officers report for February was read into the record: Issued no Building Permits and 2 Use & Occupancy permits.

Road Master John Miller reported that work for February was for the most part **snow detail** and equipment repairs. He also noted that this spring there were are a lot of pot holes that required repair by filling.

The board requested the solicitor look into a "Noise Ordinance" which would be suitable for a small township like Liberty. They indicated that it should be fairly simple, straight forward and enforceable. They also requested that the solicitor provide advice on the feasibility of using a central "Sewer Management District" in support of the community. They suggested that it would be one that would require periodic pumping, and the need to address what to do with the residue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES — April 4, 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 Sites with members John Miller and Charles Alexander present. Motion was made by Mr. Sites to approve the minutes of the March meeting as recorded. Vote was unanimous.

Public Participation: No comments from those in attendance.

The Treasurers report was read into the record (please see page 6).

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Motion was made by Mr. Sites to approve the bills presented for payment. Motion was seconded by Mr. Alexander. Mr. Miller voted YES but abstained from voting for payment of his own wages as Road Master. Receipts were read into the record: General Fund \$3753.88 and State Fund \$38,984.67.

A Sewage Facilities Planning Module for Betty Piper, lot No. 5E, which had been previously approved for subdivision, was presented for Township official's signatures. These will be forwarded to DEP for their approval.

Advertisements for sealed bids for Stone and Anti-skid will be published in April for opening and awarding at the May 2nd meeting.

Policeman James Holler reported the following activities for the month of March: worked 248 hours, drove 1917 miles, responded to 47 incidents, issued 45 traffic citations and 38 traffic warnings. Did 5 Commercial Truck Inspections resulting in issuing 11 warnings, 3 citations and putting 2 trucks out of service due to faulty brakes.

The Zoning officer's report for March was read into the records: issued 5 Building Permits and 1 Use & Occupancy Permit. Fees collected - \$105.00. (See page 6.)

Mr. Sites reported that he had received several calls from residents complaining about the cars parked on or near the roadway at Wivell's repair shop at Orchard Road. He talked to the owner and advised him to take steps to have them removed.

Road Master John Miller reported work for March for the most part was opening and stoning ditches on Boyle Road. He said this road is in bad shape and should be motor paved this year as it is breaking up.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

**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  
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**The Liberty Township Police Report**

By Chief Jim Holler

*I am often asked about how long a person has to have their vehicle inspected or have their registration plates transferred to Pennsylvania.*

**State Inspections**

The Pennsylvania vehicle code requires that every registered passenger vehicle be inspected on a yearly basis. If you purchase a new or used vehicle you have ten (10) days to have that vehicle inspected. The driver of vehicles stopped for having no inspection sticker displayed or with an expired inspection are subject to a \$93 fine. The Pennsylvania inspection program is one of the best in the country and although a pain at times as we try to remember when our vehicle is due for inspection, it protects us all from unsafe vehicles on the roadway.

**Registrations**

If you are a resident of Pennsylvania, you must have your vehicle registered in Pennsylvania. If you move to Pennsylvania from another state you have 30 days to obtain a Pennsylvania registration. If you fail to obtain a PA registration within 30 days, your vehicle is considered unregistered and would be subject to a \$143.50 citation.

**Traffic Questionnaire Is Being Distributed**

At this time, the police department is conducting a traffic questionnaire for all the Liberty Township residents living along State Road 16. If you are one of these residents, please fill out your questionnaire and sent it back to the police department. We will be sending out other traffic questionnaires to residents living along Bull Frog Road and Boyle Road within the next month. Please take time to fill these out so we can better plan our traffic details based on your concerns as Township residents.

*April showers bring May flowers!*