

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 Jack by E-mail: nawlibwp@earthlink.net, fax: 717-642-9685 or mail it to Natalie Williams, P.O. Box 619 Fairfield, PA 17320 by the 10th of the month preceding the activity.

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Secretary: Jane Clements

Members: Bart Hogan, Peter Foscato, Gene Farkas and Bob Robinson

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.

Liberty Township Has Its Own E-mail Address

We can be reached at libertywp@hotmail.com or nawlibwp@earthlink.net. Please send us your questions, comments or ideas.

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

Liberty Township News

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Supervisor's Comments... Volunteer!

By Leonard Sites, Chairman

We receive major contributions from the many volunteers who serve our area. They often go unnoticed and serve without compensation. They are the backbone of this community.

I would like to recognize the Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department and the Emergency Rescue personnel who have begun a major program to improve the community by building a new facility. Please support their causes by volunteering your time or in other generous ways. They need your help.

Within Liberty Township, the planning commission, zoning officer, police staff, and many others give their own time to better the community.

Please take a few moments to say "thank you" to these wonderful folks for their community efforts.

Solicitor's Corner

By Wally Davis, Solicitor

The Planning Commission - Its Duties

The Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) lists the duties and functions of a municipal planning commission. When requested to do so by a board of supervisors, the planning commission shall:

- prepare a comprehensive plan (a blueprint for the future) for the township and present it to the supervisors;
 - maintain and keep records of its actions, which records are to be in the possession of the supervisors.
- The planning commission has a wide range of duties and responsibilities that it may exercise if the supervisors request the commission to act. Some of those functions are what one would assume is inherent in a "planning" commission. They include:

- preparation of a zoning ordinance and a recommendation to the supervisors that it be adopted;
- preparation of amendments to an existing zoning ordinance and a recommendation for adoption of them;
- preparation of building codes and a recommendation for adoption of them (although this is probably now diminished in light of recent law on a statewide building code);
- preparation and presentation to the supervisors of capital improvement programs, water surveys, environmental studies, and renewable energy studies.

While these functions seem to fit nicely with what one would expect a planning commission to do, in practice planning commissions rarely have the time or resources to pursue them. Of the permissive functions stated above, perhaps the one most often requested by supervisors is the preparation and recommendation

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It's Unofficial!

This portion of the newsletter represents Natalie A. Williams' thoughts and does not represent the township in any shape or form.

Potpourri...

By Natalie A. Williams

- I received a letter stating it is not the business of Liberty Township to promote the Rosie magazine in this column. It isn't. But, these are my thoughts and they do not represent the townships. I read "Rosie" for the articles about depression, staph infections and ovarian cancer; I learned many things that could save my life...and yours!

Before entering the tunnel on the PA Turnpike, a sign states "Remove Sunglasses." What if you wear prescription sunglasses? Just a passing thought.

- Autumn should be fast upon us. Cooler air during the day, leaves changing colors...hot chocolate isn't far away.

Take your doll to tea at Civil-La-Tea in downtown Gettysburg on September 29th. Make your reservations early.

- Ski Liberty is now Liberty Mountain.

"Nobody can make you feel inferior without your permission" -- Eleanor Roosevelt

- "I'm not going to vacuum 'til Sears makes one you can ride on" quotes Roseanne.

"Suzanne's Diary for Nicholas" by James Patterson is a wonderful book to read. I couldn't put it down.

- Life is too short to waste it doing things you don't want to do or be with people you don't like. I just lost a good friend to cancer. Nancy lived life to its fullest, which helped her family and friends grieve her sudden loss.

- God Bless America, and God bless us all with a wonderful autumn.

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 & Jack Williams, 717-642-1253; E-mail - libertywp@hotmail.com

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 dadswood@pa.adelphia.net.

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The School Report You Must See!

If you want more detailed information about your school district, we suggest you visit www.homefair.com. This website will give you information such as SAT scores, the percentage of students who go on to college, etc. It contains considerable information.

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of a zoning ordinance. This is frequently done in consultation with a professional land use planner whose expenses are funded by the supervisors.

What planning commissions in Adams County primarily accomplish is the administration of the subdivision and land development ordinance ("SALDO"). Planning commissions, often in conjunction with the township's engineer, review all subdivision and land development plans filed with the township. The duty of the commission is to assure that the plan complies with all of the requirements of the SALDO, such as road frontage, lot area, storm water management, and other criteria. The commission must then recommend to the supervisors that a plan be approved, rejected, or approved if certain additional items or changes are made (sometimes called a "conditional approval").

While not expressly stated in the MPC, it is implied that a planning commission may recommend rejection of a plan for non-conformance with requirements outside of the SALDO. In one section it is stated, "[w]hen the application is not approved [by the governing body]... the decision shall specify the defects found in the application and describe the requirements which have not been met and shall, in each case, cite to the provisions of the statute or ordinance relied upon." 53 P.S. § 10508(2) (**boldface** added for emphasis). This statement would appear to permit the planning commission, as the recommending body, to look beyond the SALDO, and to use state statutes as bases for recommending rejection.

More importantly, the above quoted language places a significant duty on the supervisors, and therefore on the planning commission, when a plan is recommended for rejection. It is not enough to simply recommend that a plan be disapproved. What should accompany that recommendation is an identification of each and every item of noncompliance with the requirements, including a specific statement of how the plan does not measure up and a citation to the section of the law that requires compliance. It is not enough, for example, to say that the proposed roads in a residential subdivision plan do meet the township's requirements. What would need to be said (in this example) is that:

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Fairfield Fire and EMS

By Gordon Sachs, Chief, Fairfield Fire & EMS

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.

Township Meetings

There will be monthly township meetings on Tuesday, September 4th and Tuesday, October 2nd, 2001 at 7:30 PM. The public is invited to attend. The meetings are held at the Township Building, 39 Topper Road.

PIPPINFEST

SEPTEMBER 29-30, 2001

This is Fairfield's 21st Pippinfest. On September 30th, starting at 10 AM over 100 craft artisans will be set up. There will be good old fashioned fun for everyone.

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

Monthly Schedule

September 2nd Labor Day
 September 3rd Supervisors Meeting 7:30 PM
 September 18th Planning Commission Mtg.
 September 23rd First day of Autumn
 September 29th Pippinfest
 September 30th Pippinfest

October 2nd Supervisor's Meeting 7:30 PM
 October 3rd Public Meeting regarding park
 October 16th Planning Commission Mtg.
 October 28th Daylight Savings Time Ends
 October 31st School Taxes are DUE!
 October 31st Marking Period ends!!
 October 31st Halloween

November 5th Election
 November 10th Christmas Star Market at
 Fairfield Elementary School

**HAPPY
 HALLOWEEN!**

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

If you did not pay your county, township or per capita taxes by June 30th, a 10% penalty has been assessed. Only the full amount including the penalty can be accepted now.

If you did not pay your school and/or occupational taxes by August 31, 2001, you must pay the par (face) amount by October 31, 2001 or a 10% penalty will be assessed after that date.

For an appointment, please call 717-642-1253 or E-mail nawilbtp@earthlink.net.

Adams County has directed that the homeowner send their real estate and school tax notices to their respective mortgage company themselves for payment. Please remit it to your mortgage company if you have an escrow account. This process reduces the chance of double payments.

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."

I am receiving calls from taxpayers at the official number 642-1253. If I am unable to answer the phone, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible. In cases of emergency when we may be out of the area or on vacation, please be advised that we periodically call to extract messages and will contact you as soon as possible.

We appreciate your understanding.

by Natalie A. Williams

Planning Commission Meeting — June 19, 2001 Minutes

by Jane A. Clements, Secretary

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

The first item to be discussed was the land addition for Paul Goetz along Boyle Rd. Mr. Goetz had withdrawn the plan but would now like that decision rescinded. The planning commission agreed to this and after further discussion, Bob Lawrence made a motion to approve lots 10 and 21 as drawn. Motion seconded by Peter Foscatto. Bart Hogan made a motion to approve the Form B's, which was seconded by Bob Lawrence. The Form B's were signed and handed to the township secretary. Also discussed with Mr. Goetz was a land addition for Mr. Hardman for 5.43 acres. The plan is to be reviewed and further discussed at next month's meeting.

The sewage modules for the Working subdivision were seen and are already approved as everything else appears to be in order. Bart Hogan made a motion to approve the subdivision which was seconded by Peter Foscatto. The Mylars will be taken to the next supervisor's meeting.

There was no action on the Fred Crum subdivision as we are still awaiting a letter from the DEP.

Roy Crum's land addition to Gerry Stein's property was discussed next. Zoning comments show no deficiencies. The county comments were read and the planning commission is waiving the depth to width ratio as it does not apply here. The other comments require no action. Bob Lawrence made a motion to approve the two Form B's which was seconded by Bart Hogan. Motion was also made by Bob to approve this plan, seconded by Bart. The plan will go to the next supervisor meeting.

The Grove two-lot subdivision was discussed next. The planning commission has some concerns about the private road proposed for these properties while Grove has concerns about the need to keep the area private and not public with regard to roads. Bob Lawrence stated the zoning board's recommendations and their bearing on this matter. However, this is a two-lot subdivision and should be considered and approved as such; then a land development would be done. The commission, however, should not go blindly forward. Bart Hogan made a motion to have the proposed plan reviewed by the township engineers and should approve it pending favorable results. Also to sign off on the Form B's. These motions were seconded by Peter Foscatto with Phil Burgess in agreement and Bob Lawrence dissenting.

The plan is to be sent to the township engineers for their review, and comment. Further action will then be taken.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM on a motion proposed by Peter Foscatto and seconded by Bob Lawrence. The next meeting is July 17, 2001.

We did not receive the minutes of the July 17th meeting prior to the newsletter going to print.

Natalie A. Williams, Publisher

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"The applicant's plan proposes 'minor' streets with rights of way of forty (40) feet. This is in violation of the Liberty Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, section 402.3, which requires a fifty (50) foot right of way for 'minor' streets."

In almost every planning commission in Adams County, the work of reviewing plans and recommending action by the supervisors consumes all the commission's time and resources. It is only when the supervisors see a need for an updated study, or a new or an amended comprehensive plan or land use ordinance, that a planning commission has the mandate and needs resources to do more.

Zoning Report

By Judy Crum

Building Permits Issued for the Months of June and July 2001

June, 2001

Permits Issued:

Russell Hartman for a garage/roof
Michael Troxell for a new home/garage
Edward Bolin for a new home/storage bldg.

Occupancy Permits:

None issued

July, 2001

Permits Issued:

Charles Muroff for a carport
Carl Thayer, Jr. for a pole shed
Robert Henderson for a house addition

Occupancy Permit:

Neal Harrington



Treasurer's Report

By Natalie A. Williams

July 3, 2001

	General Fund	PLGIT	State
Beg. Bal. 6/01/01	\$ 33,383.23	\$95,410.51	\$ 40,193.73
Receipts	12,523.88	305.15	128.55
Expenses	11,654.65	0	0
Ending Bal. 6/30/01	\$ 34,252.46	\$95,715.66	\$ 40,322.27
Certificate of deposit	\$ 75,000.00		
Total	\$109,252.46	\$95,715.66	\$ 40,322.27

August 7, 2001

Beg. Bal. 07/01/01	\$34,252.46	\$95,715.66	\$40,322.27
Receipts	21,140.03	290.09	122.20
Expenses	10,235.98	0	0
End. Bal. 07/31/01	\$ 45,156.51	\$96,005.75	\$40,444.47
Certificate of deposit	\$ 75,918.01	0	0
Total	\$121,074.52	\$96,005.75	\$40,444.47

Board of Supervisors Meeting — July 3, 2001 Minutes

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 June 5th meeting were approved as written with a motion made by Leonard Sites; seconded by John Miller. Motion approved.

Public Participation:

- Jerry Stein asked if there was a plan for resurfacing the roads; Mr. Sites replied that the township is presently working with Carroll Valley to do Old Waynesboro Road and Crum Road will be repaved next year. Stultz Rd. will be done in 2 years.
- Natalie Williams thanked Leonard for installing the air conditioner in the township building.
- Mr. Miller stated the new room should be finished by the August meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The beginning balance was \$33,383.23. The receipts were \$12,523.88; expenditures were \$11,654.65 with an ending balance of \$34,252.46. We have a \$75,000 CD at F & M Bank. The PLGIT beginning balance was \$95,410.51; the receipts were \$305.15 leaving a balance of \$95,715.66. The state fund had a beginning balance of \$40,193.73; receipts of \$1128.55 leaving a balance of \$40,322.27.

Approval of Bills: Mr. Sites made a motion to approve the bills; seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved. Receipts: \$12,523.88.

Other Business:

- Mr. Sites will have the building cleaned after the new addition is completed.
- Caryl Austrian gave a report regarding renewing Waste Management's contract. We are waiting for WM to review our contract and make recommendations.
- Natalie asked about the township computer; Mr. Sites will resolve matter.
- Sprint: Natalie advised that the township voice mails were discontinued except for Chief Holler's.
- The township calls now go to Mrs. Williams who returns them in a timely manner.
- Wally Crum stated the Planning Commission approved the sale of land on Stultz Road to Mr. Stein, so Mr. Miller made a motion to approve Mr. Crum's plan; Mr. Alexander seconded. Motion was passed.
- R H Hall: Mr. Sites made a motion to name Natalie A. Williams as the Chief Administrative Officer for Liberty Township and a waiver eliminating contributions. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Working subdivision: Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the Working subdivision; Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Fairfield Fire Company building: Mr. Sites talked about people not sending enough money to the FFD. He asked the residents to support the volunteers.
- Emergency Management Meeting in New Oxford: Adams County wants to build a training center. Chief Holler stated that there are plans to install a shooting range for the police officers. They will need \$3 million from local and state levels. The municipality should give \$5 per head, about \$15,000 spread out over 5 years. Solicitor Davis advised the supervisors that they could not bind future Boards of Supervisors to pay for the training center. Mr. Davis said the site is approved, but the prison will be built first. The training center will be built in 2 phases. A motion will be made to give the money for the training center when the new budget is approved.
- Chief Holler advised that per a letter from Gettysburg Hospital automatic defibrillators would be placed in all of Liberty Township's police cars free of charge. The hospital will train the police officers.
- Bob Lawrence advised the supervisors regarding the Watershed Meeting he attended: a new property owner will have to hire an engineer to prepare a plan to give to the planning commission. The township will charge a fee to oversee the development plan. The state will reimburse 25% of the engineer's fee per Act 167.

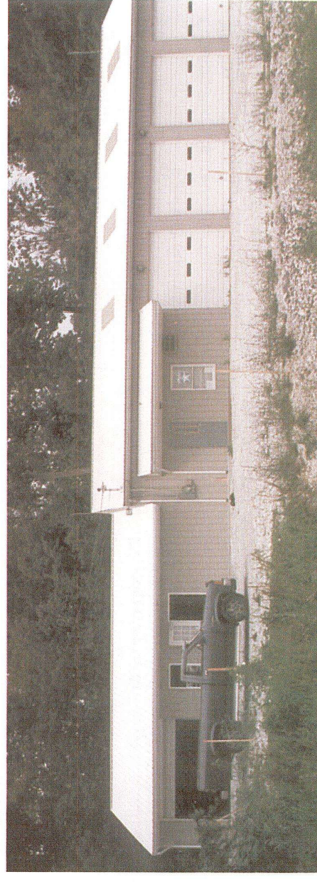
Election Day is November 5th

- A copy of the November ballot will be included in the November newsletter.
- We will again provide space and information on the respective candidates to assist citizens of the community in making an informed decision. In addition, the newsletter will continue to accept letters to the editor expressing views and concerns of our constituents.

Township Building Addition

Progress continues on the expansion of Liberty Township's Municipal Building. Expanded space is being provided for the police department to store vehicles and associated equipment. Additional space has been provided for a new meeting room to allow more public participation and where approved by the township supervisors, the use of the space for appropriate functions. The estimated completion is by September 1, 2001.

The township secretary/treasurer will begin having office hours this fall in the municipal building. More information will be available in the November newsletter.



Staff photo

Liberty Township Municipal Building on Topper Road

AUTUMN...A WELCOME RELIEF!

History In The Making

By Priscilla Storrs

As more and more families moved into the area in the last half of the 1800s, there was a growing demand for milled wood to build homes, barns and fences. Some settlers started saw mills to provide for their own needs and soon sawmills were a leading industry in the area.

One of these early settlers was J. Henry Pecher's grandfather, who brought his family to Liberty Township and built his home on McKee's Hill which is now the site for Ski Liberty. He raised corn, barley and oats as well as beef and pork both for his family and for sale. To build his home, put up barns and fences, and he set up a sawmill. There was a spring in the woods up McKee's Hill with a small reservoir that would provide him with the water needed to run the steam engine to run the saw in the mill house. He fashioned a pulley to run from the mill house to a grinding wheel in another small building so he could grind the grain into feed for his animals.

Soon people were coming to him with logs loaded in hay wagons drawn by horses or whatever they could find to carry them and leaving them in piles with notes on the edge of the logs telling what they needed. It might be 2 x 4's, fence posts or boards to build a barn. As with all families during that time, he was helped with the farm work and the sawmill by his sons who worked until they grew up. There is an old ledger that has entries for the years 1841 and 1842 that reflect accounts of local people for their purchase of grain, sides of beef or pork and their eventual payment of accounts. This ledger indicates that the sawmill was not the only means of income for the Pecher family during those years.

Two of the boys, Jacob Henry and John, worked until they finished school and attended Shippensburg College. At that time instead of being called a college, it was called a Normal School. They became teachers and taught in several of the one-room schools in this area. When they weren't teaching, they were helping their father with the sawmill and the farm. J. Henry (he preferred to be called Harry) also became the Health Officer in the area. On weekends the two brothers would get together and have debates on politics and religion among themselves but they held open house debates in the Liberty Hall School house where they debated with lawyers and other leading businessmen from the area. Their debates were so lively that people would come from miles around to listen to them and sometimes join in. As time passed, their father turned the mill and the farm over to them to run.

A note of interest is that Harry was also a stockholder with the Liberty Rural Telephone Company owned and operated by people in the local community.

Some time in 1940, the millhouse burned down and they replaced the destroyed steam engine with a gas-driven Minneapolis Moline tractor. This helped to make things run a little more efficiently. Railroad rails were used to roll the logs into the mill where they could be cut and then stacked ready for the customer to pick up.

People were still coming in with their logs and dropping them anywhere they found room. This was all well and good until Harry would come out some mornings and find wood dropped in an area that he was reserving for a job he needed to do for himself. His daughter, Teresa Pecher Rodgers, and his son George, both remember the big sign he put up stating that "No Custom Sawing accepted unless previously arranged." It helped his problem considerably.

The mill was finally closed in the early 1950's when Harry was no longer well enough to run it. The mill is gone now, but the smokehouse and the springhouse can still be found in the overgrowth on McKee's Hill. The old stone house is being renovated so the exterior is as it was before although the interior will be more modern. Thus has come and gone another era in our history. We are richer for its existence and saddened by its passing, but what now lies ahead?

I wish to thank Teresa Pecher Rodgers and George Pecher, two of Harry's children, for the very informative and interesting information they provided regarding the sawmill.

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Solicitor Report:

- **Ordinance for small flow treatment facility:** Mr. Davis stated that an operator needs to complete the reports, not the homeowner. Mr. Miller added that the township should not discourage the small flow treatment center. The supervisors agreed they are in favor of the small flow treatment center. The ordinance does not restrict the small flow treatment center and an operator should complete the reports, not the homeowner. Mr. Burgess, Chairman of the Planning Commission, stated they should be monitored to ensure they are not turned off. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Alexander all stated they want to pass the proposed ordinance written by Mr. Davis. It will be advertised and voted at the August 7th meeting.
- **Address Changes:** Mr. Davis stated he is still waiting to hear from the county solicitor.
- **Grove:** Mr. Patterson and Mr. Royer will address that later.

The Supervisors meeting was adjourned to allow the Planning Commission to meet. Meeting was called back to order by Mr. Sites.

Mr. Miller made a motion to allow Grove/Marriott to subdivide the land into two lots. Mr. Alexander seconded motion. Mr. Patterson advised that they answered all of Mr. Hall's comments. Motion was approved. The supervisors signed the plan.

Police Report:

- Chief Holler stated the police officers worked a total of 246.5 hours. There were 28 incidents, and they drove 1791 miles.
- Chief Holler is coordinating two workshops this fall: one for self-defense for women and a safety course for retirees.
- Chief Holler was brushed by a vehicle, which he later stopped and issued a DUI to the driver.
- Chief Holler stated it would cost \$10 a month for a street light at SR 16 and Orchard Road.

Zoning Officer Report:

- read by Mrs. Williams due to Mrs. Crum's absence.
- Judy received 26 phone calls; 7 were referred to Mr. Sites, 2 to Mr. Miller and 11 to the courthouse. She spent 37 hours on zoning obligations.
- Permits were issued to Russell Hartman for a garage roof, Michael Troxell a new home/garage and to Edward Bolin for a new home/storage building.
- No occupancy permits were issued.
- Judy's expenses included using 31 stamps and 61 miles for mileage.

Roadmaster Report:

- Mr. Miller stated Brian Arentz has not worked for the township since his home burned.
- Mr. Miller made a motion to appoint Mr. Gene Farkas to the Planning Commission to replace Ken Farabaugh whose appointment ended March 1, 2001. Mr. Sites seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Sites welcomed Gene to the Planning Commission.
- Mr. Miller questioned why Mr. Bob Lawrence is writing ordinances for Mr. Davis. Mr. Lawrence stated he started writing ordinances when Mr. Battersby was the solicitor because that was his forte and he did it as a contribution to the community. It was decided Mr. Davis would write the township ordinances.

Mr. Bob Robinson advised that the township newsletter received a letter from a member of the Adams County Library Board stating money has been approved to build a library in the Fairfield area. Mr. Sites stated he previously went to meetings regarding a new library but there was not a building available at that time.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Alexander. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10M.

The next meeting is Tuesday, August 7, 2001.

Board of Supervisors Meeting - August 7, 2001 Minutes

By Natalie A. Williams, Secretary

The Board of Supervisors meeting began at 7:36 PM. Roll call was made; present were Leonard Sites, John F. Miller and Charles Alexander.

The minutes from the July 3rd meeting were approved as written with a motion made by Leonard Sites; seconded by John Miller. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander voted to approve the motion.

Public Participation:

- Jack Williams praised the police chief for doing a great job keeping the DUI offenders off the road.
- Mr. Sites agreed that Jim is doing a fine job.
- Bob Robinson asked that the weeds to be cut on Friends Creek.
- Leslie and Richard Wells introduced themselves as new residents on Topper Road. They are turning their home into a personal care and assisted living facility.

Treasurer's Report: The beginning balance was \$34,252.46. The receipts were \$21,018.64; expenditures were \$10,235.98 with an ending balance of \$45,156.51. We have a \$75,918.01 CD at F & M Bank. The PLGIT beginning balance was \$95,715.66; the receipts were \$290.09 leaving a balance of \$96,005.75. The state fund had a beginning balance of \$40,322.27; receipts of \$122.20 leaving a balance of \$40,444.47.

Approval of Bills: Mr. Sites made a motion to approve the payment of bills; seconded by Mr. Miller. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander voted to approve the motion.

Receipts: \$ 21,018.64.

Other Business:

- The Supervisors, Natalie A. Williams and Solicitor Wally Davis were in Executive Session on Saturday, August 4, 2001. Natalie's salary as secretary/treasurer was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Sites to increase her salary from \$400 month to \$600 month, retroactive to July 1, 2001. Mr. Alexander seconded it. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander voted to approve the motion.
 - Mr. Sites made a motion to approve Waste Management's contract through July, 2002. Mr. Miller seconded it. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander voted to approve the motion.
 - Mr. Sites made a motion to allow Liberty Mountain to install signs in Liberty Township in accordance with Penn Dot. Mr. Alexander seconded it. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander approved the motion.
 - Mr. Bob Lawrence resigned from the Planning Commission. Mr. Sites thanked Bob for his good work.
 - Mr. Miller made a motion to appoint Mr. Bob Robinson to fill Mr. Lawrence's vacancy to March, 2002. Mr. Alexander seconded it. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander voted to approve the motion.
 - The salt shed will be rebuilt next spring due to its poor condition.
 - Bob Peloquin made a presentation to the Supervisors: With certain conditions, Mr. Peloquin has offered property for a regional park to include a library/senior/youth center if sufficient funds are raised through a joint municipal authority and continued support of the proposed park is assured.
 - There will be a public meeting on October 3rd at the township building to discuss the park proposal.
- Solicitor Report:**
- Ordinance for small flow treatment facility.** Mr. Sites made a motion to approve the Small Flow Treatment Ordinance as printed in the Gettysburg Times' legal notices. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander voted to approve the motion.
 - The **agreement** between the township and the homeowner will be completed after the ordinance is agreed upon. There must be an agreement before the module is completed.
 - Grove:** Mr. Sites made a motion to approve Grove's Form B. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander voted to approve the motion.

Police Report:

- Chief Holler stated the police officers worked a total of 200 hours. There were 53 incidents.
- Chief Holler is coordinating two workshops this fall: one for self-defense for women and a safety course for retirees.
- Chief Holler stated it would cost \$10 a month for a street light at SR 16 and Orchard Road. Mr. Miller made a motion to install the light. Mr. Alexander seconded it. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller and Mr. Alexander voted to approve the motion.
- Mr. Robinson advised the supervisors and police chief about traffic problems at SR 16 and Orchard Road due to the used car lot.

Zoning Officer Report:

- Judy received 39 phone calls; 19 were referred to Mr. Sites, 2 to Mr. Miller and 9 to the courthouse and 7 to the SEO. She spent 43 hours on zoning obligations.
- Permits were issued to Charles Murdorf for a pre-made carport, Carl Thayer, Jr. for a pole shed and to Robert Henderson for a house addition.
- An occupancy permit was issued to Neal Harrington.
- Her expenses included using 12 stamps and 46 miles for mileage.

Roadmaster Report:

- Mr. Miller advised the mowing would be caught up shortly.
- Bull Frog Road needs a yellow line in the middle of the road.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Alexander. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 4, 2001.

Liberty Township Police Department's Address and Phone Numbers

39 Topper Road, P. O. Box 58, Fairfield, PA 17320

Emergency Phone Number: Dial 911

Non-Emergency county control phone number: 3348101

Office phone numbers: 6426103 and 642-5307

E-mail address: libertypd@cvn.net

Liberty Township Police Present

**SIGN UP TODAY
Call Chief Holler
642-6103**

"POINT BLANK"

Every minute out of every day, women become a victim of a serious crime in the United States and although we live in a quiet area we are not exempt from this happening here. The Liberty Township Police Department will be conducting a workshop for women titled "Point Blank". This workshop will run on two Monday evenings, October 4th & 8th from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM and on Saturday, October 13th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Safety education topics will include how to handle different violent situations, unarmed self defense, domestic violence issues, and gun safety, which will include an awareness class on firearms including taking the class to an actual shooting range. This workshop is free and is being sponsored by the Liberty Township Police Department. The class size is limited to 40 Liberty Township residents and you must sign up quickly because the class is filling up fast. You can call Chief Holler and leave a message that you are interested by calling the Police Office at 642-6103.