

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

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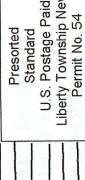
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The Liberty Township News
39 Topper Road
Fairfield, PA 17320

**It's Unofficial!**

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

Potpouri...

- Here we are again, starting a new year. May everyone have a safe and healthy 2002!
- Let it snow, let it snow...is what Liberty Mountain is wishing for.
- Read "Skipping Christmas" by John Grisham; it is wonderful.
- "Life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint on it you can." -Danny Kaye,
- Minds are like parachutes - they only function when open.
- I love the new Toys R Us commercials with the giraffe.
- We cannot forget that "Freedom Is Not Free!"
- To all of you who are celebrating a birthday in January or February, **Happy Birthday!**
- Before we know it the Winter Olympics will be on TV. Thank God for satellite TV.
- Please read to your children. You must work with your kids. My parents worked with us every day after school. You cannot depend on the school system to teach your kids everything they need to know.
- And, teach your kids to respect their elders and teachers.
- Enjoy LIFE!

**by Martha Vicas**

My daughter, Natalie told me that when I use this method to prepare broccoli, it makes kids want to eat vegetables.

2. heads broccoli florets divided into one inch pieces
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
2. 1 large fresh ginger
- 1 large garlic clove, finely minced
3. scallions, white and half of green part, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 t salt

1. Have all ingredients ready before you begin this recipe because the preparation moves very quickly. Ginger, garlic and scallions can be combined. The cornstarch or arrowroot must be mixed with the sugar and soy sauce in advance.

2. Heat a large skillet or wok on the highest heat possible until a drop of water sizzles on the pan.
3. Pour vegetable oil into the hot pan, when it begins to smoke, add ginger, scallions and garlic and saute for one minute.
4. Place the broccoli in the pan and saute for one minute.
5. Add 1/2 cup water and cover. Cook for 4-6 minutes until stalks are fork tender.
6. Drizzle soy mixture and salt over broccoli and cook 1 more minute to integrate the flavors.

Martha is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America and lives in Chappaqua, NY with her husband and 3 children. Her mother, Betsy, is one of my best friends...Natalie A. Williams

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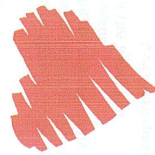


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**Patriotism, Freedom...**

By Leonard Sites, Chairman

Patriotism, togetherness, faithful, united, positive, and strength. All words having great attributes. It's been over 100 days since the horrible incident and tragedy against our country, and its effect on all mankind. Immediately after the incident, our nation and its people were very united. Never has a country been so full of togetherness. The rating of our president was the highest and was possibly beyond expectations and realization. Our Congress and government became united, which created a very positive approach to the war on terrorism. The war is possibly the only way to rid the world of terrorism.

As I watch the news on TV, I detect an unraveling of how people think regarding the government's approach to rid the world of terrorism to secure our freedom. Let me assure you, we are now very much involved, and the escalation of war will possibly be more severe. I also do not see the deep sense of patriotism I saw a few weeks after the incident, which I sense is from the arts and entertainment media. I ask my fellow "Libertarians" to adhere to the attributes mentioned in the opening paragraph. Show and display your trust in our government and country.

I'm extremely proud to be an American, and have the freedom of our great society. The Supervisors wish each and all of you a very happy, prosperous, content and safe year in 2002.

Solicitor's Corner

By Wally Davis, Solicitor

In the last two articles in this space, a brief overview of the organization and the duties of planning commissions was provided. This article will discuss the general "climate" or "setting" in which municipalities and their agencies (planning commissions and zoning hearing boards) operate.

Most anyone who has been required to submit a subdivision plan or a land development plan will complain about the red tape he or she experienced and the hoops through which he or she had to jump. But the laws are not one-sided, and the deck is not stacked against the property owner. There is a balancing in land use laws which the Legislature and the courts have imposed, with a clear advantage to property owner if the regulators aren't specific in the regulations and aren't prompt in the processing of applications.

Perhaps the most prevalent development of land in Adams County involves the construction of single family dwellings. But most homeowners have never had any contact with a planning commission. The reason for that is found in the Municipalities Planning Code ("MPC") and its definition of "land development." That definition provides, in part, that land development is "[t]he improvement of one lot or two or more contiguous lots, tracts or parcels of land for any purpose involving ... a group of two or more residential ... buildings..." (boldface added for emphasis). What that definition omits is the improvement of a lot or lots for a single family residential building. (Another subsection classifies apartment houses and other multi-tenant buildings as "land developments".) Single family residences are not required to submit a land development plan for approval, exempting the most frequently occurring type of development in our county from those requirements.

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Monthly Schedule

January 7th Reorganization Meeting for Board of Supervisors at 7:30 PM
 January 9th Reorganization Meeting for Auditors at Township Building at 7 PM
 January 15th Planning Commission Meeting
 January 20th Martin Luther King Day
 February 3rd Super Bowl Sunday
 February 5th Supervisor meeting at 7:30 PM
 February 14th Valentine's Day!
 February 17th President's Day
 February 19th Planning Commission meeting
 March 1st Tax Notices in mail box!
 March 5th Ash Wednesday

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 at 301-447-3110.

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.

Fairfield Fire and EMS

By Gordon Sachs, Chief, Fairfield Fire & EMS

WINTER FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Alternate sources of home heating are a major contributing factor in residential fires. In fact, there were at least two such fires in the Fairfield area during November. This type of fire can usually be prevented. The following fire safety tips can help you maintain a fire-safe home this winter.

- NEVER fill a kerosene heater while it is operating or hot. This should be done outdoors.
- Use ONLY the fuel recommended by the heater manufacturer.
- Never use fuel-burning appliances without proper room venting.
- Have your chimney inspected annually and cleaned if necessary, especially if it has not been used for some time.
- Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate any fire.
- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace opening, to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out.
- Don't use excessive amounts of paper to build roaring fires in fireplaces.
- NEVER break a synthetic log apart to quicken the fire or use more than one log at a time.
- Keep trash and other combustibles away from heaters.
- Never discard hot ashes inside or near the home. Place them in a covered metal container outside and well away from the house.
- These ashes can start fires days after they are removed from the fireplace or wood stove.
- Never try to thaw frozen water pipes with any open flame.
- Be sure every level of your home has a working smoke alarm, and be sure to check and clean it on a monthly basis.
- Plan and practice a home escape plan with your family.

If you have questions about your home heating device and home fire safety, please contact the fire station at 642-8105. Because we are volunteers (your neighbors), you may have to leave a message. If you believe your device may be malfunctioning and/or is causing a hazardous condition, please discontinue its use. In an emergency or potential emergency, call 9-1-1 immediately.

Thank you for helping to keep the Fairfield area fire-safe!

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 badsworth@pa.aol.com.

School Board Members E-mail Addresses

Recently, the school board established a website at www.fairfieldpschools.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 at 7:30 PM. All Board meetings will be held in the Fairfield Elementary Library.

Attention, Parents:

If you want to know how the Fairfield Area School District (FASD) is performing, please look at the Standard & Poor's Report on the Internet. It is an eye-opening report.

It allows one to compare FASD with other districts.

Go to wgai.com and look at the link for schools. Take the time to read it!

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Another provision which favors land owners is found in the portion of the MPC that controls zoning by municipalities. Section 603.1. Interpretation of Ordinance Provisions, states, "[i]n interpreting the language of zoning ordinances to determine the extent of the restriction upon the use of the property, the language shall be interpreted, where doubt exists as to the intended meaning of the language written and enacted by the governing body, in favor of the property owner and against any implied extension of the restriction" (boldface added for emphasis). This puts the onus on the governing body to adopt precise text in its land use ordinances, so that there is no doubt about what is or is not permitted.

There are also various time limits imposed on municipalities when an application is pending. Generally, when a subdivision or land development plan has been filed, a final decision must be made within 90 days. When a zoning application is filed, a hearing must be held within 60 days, and the final decision must be entered by the 45th day after the final hearing. If these time limits are violated without the consent of the applicant, the penalty is somewhat severe (from the municipality's standpoint): "deemed approval." In the words of the MPC, in providing the procedures for subdivision and land development plan review, "failure of the governing board ... to render a decision and communicate it to the applicant within the time and in the manner required herein shall be deemed an approval of the application in terms as presented..." MPC, § 508 (3). In the zoning context, the MPC provides, "[w]here the [zoning hearing] board fails to render the decision within the period required ... or fails to hold the required hearing within 60 days from the date of the applicant's request for a hearing, the decision shall be deemed to have been rendered in favor of the applicant ..."

The Commonwealth Court has leaned in favor of land owner rights, also. In the case of *Mt. Laurel Racing Assoc., v. Z.H.B. of Monroeville, 458 A.2d 1043, (Cmwlth Ct., 1983)*, the Court ruled that words in a zoning ordinance should be given the common meaning and any doubt should be resolved in favor of the landowner. But more importantly, it also said that when appropriate definitions are lacking, the courts will not attach strained meanings to the words. used or find a prohibition by implication. "...[T]o permit the widest use of land is the rule and not the exception,

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News From the Liberty Township Tax Collector

Important Tax Information

If you did not pay your county, township or per capita taxes by December 31st, they have been turned over to the collection agency. The agency will be in contact with you.

If you did not pay your school and/or occupational taxes by October 31, 2001, a 10% penalty has been assessed. Only the full amount including the penalty can be accepted now.

The 2002 county, township and per capita tax notices will be in your mail boxes on or about March 1st.

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

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 receive calls from taxpayers at 642-1253. If I am unable to answer the phone, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible. When we may be out of the area or on vacation, please be advised that I will contact you as soon as possible.

We appreciate your understanding.

by Natalie A. Williams

Planning Commission Meeting — October 16, 2001 Minutes

The members present were Phil Burgess, Peter Foscatto and Gene Farkas. Also present was new planning commission member Bob Robinson. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved; motion proposed by Bart Hogan and seconded by Peter Foscatto.

The first item discussed was a preliminary plan for Mr. Doubin along Pecher Road. The commission read the engineer's comments and the ones requiring action will be done. The commission has requested Mr. Doubin to have a Wetland Determination done and also for him to submit the plan to the county for their review. The commission has also requested Mr. Doubin to obtain the sewage modules for their review. Zoning comments will be obtained and the plan is for further discussion next meeting.

Mr. Goetz had his land addition for Mr. Hardman approved at the supervisor's meeting but also had some other questions about road dedication and future requirements for the commission. It was suggested Mr. Goetz speak with the supervisors.

Mr. Weikert's plan was discussed and the plan will be sent to the township engineer for his review. The client will be sent the county review form and township application form. Zoning comments have already been received and show no deficiencies. Plan for further review next month.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Gene Farkas and seconded by Bart Hogan. Next meeting is on November 20, 2001.



Planning Commission Meeting — November 20, 2001 Minutes

The members present were Phil Burgess, Bart Hogan, Peter Foscatto, Gene Farkas and Bob Robinson. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved upon a wording correction. Motion proposed by Peter Foscatto and seconded by Bart Hogan.

The first item to be discussed was the Doubin subdivision. As the commission is still awaiting county comments and sewage modules, this plan was tabled.

The next item to be discussed was the Weikert subdivision with John Mattillo (realtor) present. The commission discussed the Wm. F. Hill and county comments and agreed that a Wetland Determination should be done. The county has some comments on the soil types which the commission is to clarify before the next meeting. The sewage modules have been sent to the state and the commission is awaiting their return. This plan is for further discussion when the sewage modules arrive at the Planning Commission.

Kathryn Crum presented two sketch plans for the commission's comments. Plan #1 is a 2-acre lot addition which will make the existing lot more conforming. The commission accepted the sketch and will await a preliminary plan. Plan #2 is for further lot addition and the commission would like to see another sketch plan when the lot size has been determined.

Mr. Lauren Starnier's plan for a land addition was discussed and the commission has the following comments on the plan:

1. All setback lines should be drawn.
2. The vicinity map needs to be enlarged and detailed.
3. A site map is needed in addition to the map.
4. Reconcile the "general comment" acreage to the comment of acreage.
5. Mr. Starnier's entire property needs to be shown on the plan.

The plan does not need to go to the township engineers nor does it need to go to the Zoning Officer. His plan, will however, be sent to the county for their comments.

The commission discussed High Density Agricultural Ordinances with various members of the public who voiced their concerns over problems arising from these types of businesses. Phil Burgess explained that if and when a plan of this nature is placed before the commission, they will have strict guidelines to follow before anything can be passed.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9 PM by a motion proposed by Bob Robinson and seconded by Gene Farkas. The next meeting is December 18th at 7:30 PM.

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unless the use is specifically restrained in a valid and reasonable exercise of the police power."

The upshot of this and other applicable principles of law which favor the landowner is that the Legislature and the courts demand that ordinances be as clear as possible and that the processes provided by land use laws be completed in a timely manner. If the language of the ordinance isn't clear, then all doubt should be resolved in favor of the landowner. If the procedures aren't completed within the required time periods, no matter how bad the plan nor no matter how unworthy the zoning application, the applicant's request is deemed approved. The municipality, the planning commission, and the zoning hearing board must all act under these strictures, which are meant to favor the landowner in the event of vagueness in text or delay in the proceedings. The sword of land use law cuts in both directions.

Roadmaster Report

By John E. Miller

Mr. Miller and his crew kept the grass cut this summer. Now the leaves are falling and winter is approaching. Soon it will be time to remove the snow and ice off of our roads.

If you notice any maintenance problems please contact Mr. Miller at 642-9842.

If anybody has questions regarding zoning ordinances,
please call Judy Crum at 717-642-5180.

Zoning Report

By Judy Crum

Building Permits Issued for the Months of October and November

October, 2001

Permit issued to Alan Orndorff for a storage shed.

No occupancy permits issued.

November, 2001

Permits issued to:

Neal Harrington for a detached garage

Earl Harrington for a storage shed

Dana Schultz for a pole barn.

No occupancy permits were issued.



Treasurer's Report

October 2001

	F & M	PLGIT	PLGIT
Beg. Bal.	\$26,004.67	\$96,540.47	\$40,669.73
Receipts	25,052.67	211.23	88.98
Expenditures	24,731.58	0	0
End. Bal.	\$26,325.76	\$96,751.70	\$40,758.71
CD	75,000.00		
Interest ytd	1,549.90		
Total	\$102,875.66		

November 2001

Adams County Nat'l Bank

	PLGIT	PLGIT
Beg. Bal.	\$26,325.76	\$96,751.70
Receipts	13,858.28	182.48
Expenditures	19,012.02	0
Int. ytd - 11/16/01	222.45	0
End. Bal.	\$21,394.47	\$96,934.18
CD	75,000.00	
Interest ytd	1,857.53	
Total	\$98,252.00	

Board of Supervisors Meeting — November 6, 2001 Minutes

By Natalie A. Williams, Secretary

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

Chair's Opening Remarks:

Mr. Sites welcomed everyone to the meeting. He asked the residents to be aware of their surroundings, and if someone sees something suspicious, please call 911 or Chief Jim Holler.

Minutes:

Mr. Sites made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 2nd meeting as written. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Alexander voted to approve the minutes.

Public Participation:

- About 25 residents came to the meeting thinking it was the meeting for the proposed regional park, which was to be held on November 14th.
- Mr. Dana Schultz asked the supervisors if they supported the proposed park. Mr. Sites advised that a decision had not been made, but that they thought the park was a good idea. They still had to meet with the Hamiltonban Township, Fairfield, and Carroll Valley Boroughs' representatives before proceeding.
- The attending residents stated they want a say in the proposed park location.
- Mrs. Packer of Pecher Road stated Bob Peloquin, who wanted to donate the land for a youth center, library, senior citizen center, football and soccer fields, is trying to develop the land into a subdivision and have the township pay for the sewage treatment center.
- Bob Lawrence, former member of the Planning Commission stated Mr. Peloquin had not submitted a plan to that organization regarding a subdivision. He also stated it lacked good aquifer.
- Mr. Sites asked Mr. John Tornko if he thought a better site would be in Fairfield by the new Fire Hall. Mr. Tornko agreed. Mr. Sites then stated there is a lot of wetland in the proposed acreage and Fairfield may be a better site.
- Phil Burgess, Chairman of the Planning Commission, stated that there is not another appropriate site in Liberty Township for a park.
- Mr. Schultz then stated that the park meeting held October 3, 2001 was not advertised (officially).
- Natalie Williams explained that the October meeting was announced in the September Liberty Township Newsletter. The Fairfield Lions Club, not the township, proposed the meeting. Thus, it was not a township meeting. The Lions Club asked to use our new room addition and they invited the participants. Natalie also explained that the Lions Club had been meeting for several months at the school discussing the proposed park and had just brought it to the attention of the Liberty Township Supervisors in August.
- In response to resident's complaints about the newsletter not having a column about the park, Mrs. Williams explained it was in the August minutes in the newsletter. Several people said the newsletter was outstanding and they enjoyed reading it, but thought the date of the meeting should have been highlighted.
- Several other residents made complaints about lights, noise, traffic, etc., and the effects a library, park, etc., would have on their property.
- Teresa Rodgers advised the supervisors that someone is putting dirt on three Apache Trail properties to pass a perk test. Mr. Sites stated he would look into it.

Treasurer's Report: See page 8.

Receipts were \$25,052.67.

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

Secretary/Treasurer:

- There will be a meeting with Jeff Stinner from Americana of PA regarding our insurance coverage on Friday, November 16th at 2 PM with the AdHoc committee.
- We will change the meeting date for the regionalization meeting from November 14th to another date due to the Supervisors attending another meeting that evening.

Other Business

- Carroll Valley asked our permission to rename Ranch Trail to Gingell Rd. Mr. Sites discussed Mrs. Storns' concern about Zora in our newsletter. Mr. Sites made a motion to approve the name change. Mr. Miller seconded

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objects when seized. A gun was stolen from a Liberty Township resident, it was confiscated in a North Carolina drug bust.

- Beginning in January, we will have 3-part time police officers (William Orth, Jim Powers and Donna Powers).
- Chief Holler thanked the Supervisors for recognizing the need.
- Chief Holler bought a computer for \$732 and asked to be reimbursed now instead of waiting until 2002. Mr. Sites made a motion to pay Chief Holler now instead of waiting for 2002. Mr. Miller seconded. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Alexander voted to approve the motion.
- Jack Williams thanked Jim for taking care of Site R. Jim advised Site R would have an Appreciation Day for the police officers.

Zoning Officer Report

Judy received 41 calls; referred 15 to Leonard Sites, 7 to the courthouse, and 2 to the SEO. She worked 48 hours in November. Permits were issued to Neal Harrington for a detached garage, Earl Harrington for a storage shed, and Dana Schultz for a pole barn. No occupancy permits were issued.

Judy answered inquiries regarding construction on Rist Trail. Girl Scout and Bull Frog Roads and a former Chamita lot. Sent a letter to an individual on Gladhill Road regarding construction without a permit. She had several phone calls about the rumors of zoning changes and when the meetings would be held to decide what the changes would be and when public input would be heard, which she referred to Mr. Sites. Judy also attended the budget meeting. Her expenses: 15 - \$.34 cent stamps, 75 copies @ \$.10 and mileage was 74.

Planning Commission

- Mr. Burgess said they are working on the ongoing zoning ordinance.
- Many people came to their last meeting regarding the turkey farm.

Roadmaster Report

- Mr. Miller stated they are fixing ditches and readying the equipment for winter.

Final Comments

- Mr. Sites discussed:
 - Lots on Rist Trail where two local builders are searching for land. The lots perked after putting 8-10" of topsoil, clay, and rock on top. If the perk is approved, the township is responsible for it. Some perked, some didn't.
 - 7 future sand mounds on Apache Trail. Lot owners have the right to build. There are ½ acre lots on Water Street, which can be built on if there is a 200-foot entrance.
 - Pecher Road is torn up at Apache Trail due to the hauler. Mr. Miller asked who is responsible for the cost of fixing the road and our solicitor. Mr. Davis, cited "both the builder and hauler." Mr. Davis will send a letter to James Hobbs Trucking and Alan Beckett Construction advising the township's dissatisfaction with the hauling.
 - Mr. Davis stated the homeowner hires a soil scientist to ensure perking.
 - Jack Williams stated the township should hire their own soil scientist. Bob Lawrence agreed with Jack.
 - It was agreed that when an application for a permit to perk is given, our SEO, Gil Picarelli be present at the perking. If he says it doesn't perk and a soil scientist is hired, the township will have their own soil scientist present along with Gil. The builder or homeowner would pay for the township's soil scientist. Wally will draw up an agreement for the township.
 - Mrs. Crowley said Martin Mills is extremely cautious. She does not think we can tell someone that in 5 years the perk won't be good. Mr. Davis advised it isn't perked, it is just probed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM based upon a first motion by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Alexander. The next meeting, which will be the Reorganization Meeting and the regular meeting is January 7, 2002.

History In The Making

By Priscilla Storrs

During the late 1930s and early 1940s, our country was at war both on the European front and with Japan. We were pulled together by a common cause to win this war and win it we would!

People worked in defense plants and several military installations around the area as well as in the Harrisburg steel mills and railroad yards that had been modified to produce and transport materials for the war effort. The fruit processing plants in Biglerville, Peach Glen and Gardeners produced foodstuffs that were considered related to defense operations.

To provide more materials for the war effort, automobiles were not manufactured, tires for existing autos were rationed closely and gasoline was on a tight ration. It depended on what you used your vehicle for as to how much gasoline was allotted to you. A salesman who traveled for his living was given more than someone who went into town once a week to go shopping.

Ration stamps were provided to purchase coffee, sugar and wheat products among other things. The size of your family determined how much you could buy. I remember as a small child accompanying my grandmother to the post office to get ration stamps for a list of needs she had prepared.

Since we lived in the country, we weren't so heavily dependent on ration stamps as the townspeople were because we grew most of our own food and raised some livestock. Fried chicken on Sunday with biscuits and gravy, mashed potatoes and home-canned vegetables were a regular occurrence. We seldom had cake or cookies because they used sugar, which was hard to come by.

Children in this area were involved in the war effort as well. They collected the wild milkweed pods that were plentiful and brought them to school. The school superintendent would then arrange for the pods to be sent to a factory. The silk-like fibers inside were used as a substitute for certain fibers that were used to insulate life vests and sleeping bags. The children also collected newspapers, tin cans and parts of rubber from tires to be sent off to support the war effort.

Today we are involved in another war. However, this one is far different from the past. We cannot see the enemy as he hides like a thief in the night after he took away precious lives and changed our way of living. It affects all of us in America no matter where we live. Many of us donated blood or money to help the families and survivors of the World Trade Center attack. We display flags and wear patriotic clothes to show this enemy our resolve and our unity. Our middle school students collected money to place flags in front of the school and donated what was left to one of the disaster funds. On December 11 at 8:45 a.m. all students sang The Star Spangled Banner and every morning before school starts, they say the Pledge of Allegiance. Only now it has a new and stronger meaning. We are again drawn together as a nation united against an enemy and we will win just as we did in the past. It will take us a little longer and we will have to use different tools to fight than before, but the outcome will be the same.

As this new year starts, we can take a minute to reflect on the freedoms we have and say a small prayer for all those who are actively preserving our way of life for generations to come.

Township Meetings

There will be monthly township meetings on Monday, January 7, 2002 and February 5, 2002 at 7:30 PM. The public is invited to attend. The meetings are held at the Township Building, 39 Topper Road.



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 - gadswood@pa.adelphia.net
or contact Natalie & Jack Williams, 717-642-1253
E-mail - libertytwp@hotmail.com

the motion. Mr. Sites and Mr. Miller voted yes. Mr. Alexander voted no. Mr. Tomko questioned whether the supervisors would be in violation of the Sunshine Act by attending the Adams County Township Supervisors Association Meeting with the Adams County Commissioners. Mr. Sites advised that it was not a violation. No decisions would be made regarding the township at the meeting. John Miller thanked the residents for expressing their thoughts.

Census maps were received from the 2000 census and shown to the supervisors.
Penn Forestry - \$20,000 surety bond approved for Ron Bennett due to the 10-ton weight limit on the road.
Kevin Donnelly owns a turkey farm and wants to enlarge it. Several people were at the meeting regarding this matter. Mr. Sites advised that our solicitor, Wally Davis, advised that Mr. Donnelly must file a land development plan with the Planning Commission. Mr. Sites advised the Planning Commission meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 8:30 PM.

Mr. Lawrence stated there must be a water study, the owner must comply with state laws, and if there are 3 violations, the owner must be forced to cease operations.

Mr. Burgess said that "this won't be something that public participation would have an influence on the outcome because it is strictly by the ordinance whether it is allowed or not allowed. It can be brought to the supervisors and they can make a change in the ordinance. Public participation can essentially be monitoring the deliberation to go on. Because it is not a Zoning Hearing Board where public participation is used to make a decision, we make our decisions at the planning commission specifically on the ordinance on whether it is land use or not, whether the set backs are wetlands. It is pretty cut and dry. A change in the ordinance can be initiated by the Supervisors or Planning Commission. The supervisors are the governing body and they have the final authority."

Mr. Sites stated we can enact an ordinance, but we have to allow anyone who wants to put a business in the township a place for him to do that. He said an individual has the right to have a turkey farm. The Planning Commission can look at his land development, and make provisions that certain things be done to operate it.

Liberty Township has a swine ordinance. Mr. John Bostek asked if the swine ordinance could include poultry. Mr. Sites said it is up to the Planning Commission to change the ordinance and bring it to the Supervisors. Judy Crum, our Zoning Officer, had not been approached by Mr. Donnelly yet according to Mr. Sites. Someone asked whom to contact to complain about the smell and noise of the turkeys and Mr. Sites offered Chief Holler, who stated it is not his jurisdiction because it is agricultural.

Chief Holler stated that the residents are first against a park, etc., and want the township to be only a farming community, yet don't want a turkey farm.

Mr. Lawrence stated we should only have family-owned farms, not corporate-owned.

Mr. Sites advised the Planning Commission to put the Donnelly matter on their next meeting's agenda, which would be in November. They are to bring the supervisors their findings and they will do something about it.

Solicitor: Due to a previous commitment, Wally was not in attendance, so the spray irrigation ordinance and noise ordinance were tabled to the December meeting.

Police Officer's Report: See page 9.

Zoning Officer Report: Judy received 31 calls; referred 12 to Leonard Sites, 3 to the courthouse, and 4 to the SEO. She worked 47 hours on zoning needs. One permit was issued to Alan Orndorff for a storage shed. No occupancy permits were issued. She did a subdivision review for Herb Dubin and researched an environmental center for the Assisted Care Facility on Topper Road. She received a number of calls regarding the proposed park. In addition, she researched the Raymond Kipe farm for a proposed purchaser. Her expenses included 11 \$34 cent stamps, 30 copies at \$.10 and 51 miles in mileage.

Planning Commission: Grove/Mariotti: Mr. Burgess said there is no closing date.

Roadmaster Report: Mr. Miller stated they are replacing stolen road signs and fixing ditches.

Final Comments:

Mr. Sites advised the meeting participants that Mt. Joy Township sent a letter stating they are against the Adams County Commissioners Emergency Training Center and are withholding their contribution to that fund. Each township is supposed to give \$5.00 per head. We agreed to give \$1,000 every year for 4 years if the Supervisors approve it every year. Mt. Joy asked the other townships to take their side. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Alexander voted not to align with Mt. Joy Township.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM based upon a first motion by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Alexander. The next meeting is December 4, 2001.

Board of Supervisors December 4, 2001 Meeting (draft)

By Natalie A. Williams, Secretary

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

Chair's Opening Remarks:

Mr. Sites welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reflected on how anthrax has affected us all. We must stay alert because more terrorism is expected. Please support our government and stay tuned to the news.

Minutes: Mr. Sites made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 7th meeting as written. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Alexander voted to approve the minutes.

Public Participation:

- Phil Burgess got one deer and his son got one.
- Phil Burgess is concerned about the turkey farm's dead carcasses piling up. Mr. Sites said the manager should look into it and will send us a letter regarding the carcasses. They can be composted if done correctly.
- Jack Williams advised the carcasses are in violation of health laws.
- Bob Lawrence went to Minnesota where farmers kill their cows to protest.

Treasurer's Report: See page 10.

Receipts were \$13,858.28.

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

Secretary/Treasurer

- All newsletter articles are due by December 12th.

Other Business

- Township Budget for 2002 – Mr. Sites made a motion to approve the budget. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. Mr. Sites, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Miller all voted to approve the budget.

Solicitor

- Betty Piper: Wally Davis advised the supervisors to sign the affidavit. The recorded plan has the property sold to the left instead of the right. Mr. Sites made a motion to sign the affidavit allow Mrs. Piper to convey the property. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Alexander voted to approve the motion.
- The Noise Ordinance was tabled until January 2002.
- The Spray Irrigation Agreement is in conjunction with the DEP. Wally advised that Gil Picarelli needs an agreement for people who install the system. The township can put a lien against a property if they must maintain the spray irrigation system. This will be a tool for the SEO. Mr. Sites made a motion to put it in final form. Mr. Miller seconded. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Alexander voted to approve the motion.

Police Officer's Report

- The police worked 328 hours, had 47 incidents, stopped 16 vehicles, and gave 5 citations.
- Advised residents to report anything suspicious!
- There are scams occurring in the area regarding a construction company. Be careful.
- Please record serial numbers from stereos, cameras, etc., so the police can identify the stolen

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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

Liberty Township Police Department

By Chief Jim Holler

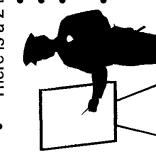
This past year we have seen events occur within our country that were unimaginable. During the night of September 11th, we experienced the pain, suffering and grief, as thousands awaited word of their love ones. This historic event has changed our lives as Americans forever. We can no longer overlook strange and suspicious behavior around us because we never really know what the person next to us may do. No matter where we may live, there is always a chance that we can become a victim of crime. I encourage you not to let your guard down and report any activity within the Township that you feel may be suspicious.

The events on September 11th have changed the face of our Police Department and have brought many more demands on us. Within an hour of the bombings, we were called in to support the Military Police in all police functions surrounding Site "R" (Site "R" is located in Liberty Township off Harbaugh Valley Road). This activity along with an increase in the amount of incidents we normally handle, has prompted the Supervisors to increase the hours allotted to the Police Department in 2002. Beginning in January, we will be adding three additional part-time officers to fulfill the increase in hours. The Supervisors in this Township are committed in serving you as citizens and placing your safety as a top priority.

I hope that each and everyone of you will have a safe, prosperous and happy New Year.

October 2001 Police Report

- Assisted Carroll Valley in attempting to move a 300 lb pig. Mr. Pecher finally moved it.
- The police worked 331 hours, had 51 incidents, stopped 24 vehicles and had 3 DUI arrests.
- President Bush was in Emmitsburg; Chief Holler had multiple meetings with the FBI, Secret Service, etc., regarding security. Everyone was prepared for the worst, and fortunately, nothing happened. He has daily briefings at Site R.
- Residents should report anything suspicious!
- There have been multiple thefts of mailboxes in Liberty Township. Someone is putting flares in plastic mailboxes.
- The self-defense program for women was successful; another one is planned this spring.
- Chief Holler is a member of the State Wide Terrorism Task Force, and is attending classes to be a certified DOT inspector.
- There is a 2-tier evacuation plan for residents on Harbaugh Rd.



- The American flag is on back order.
- The streetlight will be put up shortly at SR 116 and Orchard Roads.
- Chief Holler has 55 hours left and needs a requisition for 150 more hours. Mr. Sites, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Alexander voted yes.
- Mr. Goetz complained about people throwing out their trash! On his property. He wants them fined! Chief Holler suggested they serve community service instead.

Please note, the November Police Report is on page 6 in the township minutes.