

June 3, 2024

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on June 3, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. at the Strasburg Township Building 400 Bunker Hill Road. Present were Thomas Willig, Peggy Dearolf, C. Michael Weaver and Mark Deimler.

Guests: Doyle Heisey, Joyce Gerhart, Bill Fredricks, & Ryan Martin-Sight & Sound Ministries. Claudia Shank & Peter Wertz, Esq.-McNees Wallace & Nurick, LLC. John Stoltzfus-324 Weaver Rd. Jonathan Stoltzfus-May Post Office Rd. Jonathan Stoltzfus-28 Little Beaver Road. Charles Barto-LNP. James Stermer-3 Creekview Lane.

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

Public Comments

Public comment was invited. Doyle Heisey, Peter Wertz, Jonathan Stoltzfus, John Stoltzfus and James Stermer made the following comments:

1. Doyle Heisey and Peter Wertz brought to the board their proposal to rezone part of Sight & Sound's property from Residential R-2 to Highway Commercial. They are also looking to make a text amendment to the ordinance(s) pertaining the rezoning. They stated that they will not be changing anything to any historical structures on the property. The board would like to see the text amendment when complete to review as the first step in this process.
2. Jonathan Stoltzfus-May Post Office Rd & John Stoltzfus-Weaver Rd brought to the board plans that the USDA came up with to help with the water erosion issue on Weaver Road. They both stated that the stream is the issue and they would like to help in any way they can.
3. James Stermer reported there are two sink holes opening up on Creekview lane. He wanted to know when the holes would be patched. The administrator responded that this is scheduled to be fixed/completed prior to paving later this summer.

Consent Agenda

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda items as listed.

New Business

Jonathan Stoltzfus, 28 Little Beaver Road, appeared requesting permission for a second driveway due to access concerns to his storage facility if his parents sell the property. The Board recommended Stoltzfus approach his parents about recording an easement agreement for perpetual access as a simpler and less costly alternative to installing a new driveway.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to honor Frank Greene's request for the Refton Community Fire Company Fire Police to provide open assist to the neighboring townships to help with Amish funerals when needed.

Administrators Report

Mark Deimler stated that the MS4 permit has been renewed for another 5 years. When the current permit is slated for renewal in five years, in order to renew again, the township will be required to adopt a pet waste disposal ordinance.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to the addition of horse and buggy tie ups at the township park. It was suggested they are placed away from the disc course and in the shade.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to consolidate bank accounts and have checks signed weekly.

The Administrator stated that the kayak ramp at the township park will be started later this summer and the restroom facility may be delayed until late fall/winter depending on design and bidding.

Zoning Hearings

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors unanimously stated they oppose ZHB2024-12 for Benuel F. & Sarah B. Esh-1753 Beaver Valley Pike Special Exception and Variances to permit a BBQ stand as a home occupation. As a matter of policy for decades, the Board has resisted increased commercial activity on Beaver Valley Pike. In addition, site access is dangerous due to high traffic speeds and volume.

Departmental Reports

The Zoning Officer reports twenty-one permits issued with receipts in the amount of \$5,817.20.

The Sewage Enforcement Officer reports one permits issued with receipts in the amount of \$650.00.

There being no further business before the board, the Supervisors adjourned at approximately 10:00p.m.

Tammy Jamison
Township Secretary