

Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors
December 2, 2024
Minutes

Public Hearing

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on November 4, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Strasburg Township Building 400 Bunker Hill Road. Present were Thomas Willig, C. Michael Weaver, Peggy Dearolf and Mark Deimler-VIA Zoom.

Guests: NONE

The public hearing was opened at approximately 7:30 p.m., for the 35 Prospect Rd Conditional Use Hearing. The applicant requested a continuance via a letter dated 11/27/2024. On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver the hearing was continued to the January 6, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting at 7:45pm.

A motion was made by Dearolf/Weaver to adjourn the Public Hearing.

Regular Business Meeting

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on December 2, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. at the Strasburg Township Building 400 Bunker Hill Road. Present were Thomas Willig, C. Michael Weaver, Peggy Dearolf and Mark Deimler-VIA Zoom.

Guests: Charles Barto-LNP, Todd Weiss-Refton, James Stermer-Strasburg, Justin Welk-Strasburg, Mark Harnish-West Lampeter, Jesse Diller-Quarryville and Kore Fisher-Strasburg.

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

Public Comments.

Mark Deimler informed the board that Isaac Lapp-North Star Rd, will be at the January meeting to officially apologize for demolishing a historic structure without the board's permission.

Consent Agenda

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

Old Business

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the 2025 proposed budget with the adjusted tax millage rate change to 0.355. Mr. Fisher and Mr. Welk questioned the Board in regards to lowering the mileage and possible upcoming projects which the extra income may be beneficial. Mr. Deimler indicated no major stormwater work was necessary although Penn Grant Road will be resurfaced in 2026.

New Business

At approximately 7:40 p.m. sealed bids were opened for the lease of the Township's Pasture Park land from March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2028.

Jesse Diller-\$477.00 monthly rent

Matt Harnish-\$340.00 monthly rent

Mark Harnish-\$603.33 monthly rent

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to award the land lease to Mark Harnish.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Township Treasurer to close the American Express credit card account and open a Fulton Bank Visa credit card.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #2024-12 to Levy Taxes at a new millage rate of 0.355.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution # 2024-13 for appropriating funds for 2025.

Mike Weaver stated he has spoken with The Lancaster Farmland Trust about the preservation of 452 Twin Elm Road and 77 Girvin Road farms. The Trust will need funds in order to preserve 452 Twin Elm Road. The Trust has the funds to preserve 77 Girvin Road without the township's assistance.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Township Solicitor to work with Lancaster Farmland Trust on a Preservation Easement Agreement for 452 Twin Elm Road prior to funding. Mr. Fisher and Mr. Welk indicated they support farmland preservation although questioned the Board regarding use of property tax funds to support the farmland preservation. Mr. Weiss indicated he has no objection to use of Township funds for farmland preservation due to the importance of agriculture.

After discussion it was agreed upon by all Board members that a burn ban was unnecessary at this time.

Administrator

NONE

Zoning Hearing Board

The Board of Supervisors remained unanimously neutral on the zoning hearing board applications as listed:

ZHB2024-21, John E. Stoltzfoos-545 Weaver Road, Section 459-Short Term Rentals

ZHB2024-22, Daniel E. Gotwalt-1130 Penn Grant Road, Section 459-Short Term Rentals

ZHB2024-23, John I. King-822 May Post Office Road, Variance from Section 316.2-Accessory structures

Reports

The Zoning Officer reports seventeen permits issued with receipts in the amount of \$11,624.90.

The Sewage Enforcement Officer reports two permits issued with receipts in the amount of \$745.00.

There being no further business before the board, the Supervisors adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Tammy Jamison
Township Secretary