

**Liberty Township Board of Supervisors
39 Topper Road
Fairfield, PA 17320
February 2, 2016**

**Zoning Amendment Workshop
Zoning Amendments**

Present- John Bostek, Robert Jackson, Walter Barlow, LeeEsta Shaffer, Jamie Harbaugh and Dominic Picarelli.

The board discussed whether to place event halls under special exception, conditional use or permitted use and which district to place the event hall.

The board decided more information was needed and to advertise for another meeting to further discuss the issue.

***Regular Monthly Meeting
February 2, 2016***

The Board of Supervisors of Liberty Township, of Adams County, met Tuesday, February 4, 2016 at 7:30pm at the Liberty Township Municipal Building, 39 Topper Road, Fairfield, PA 17320, for their Regular meeting.

Present: Chairman John Bostek, Vice Chairman Bob Jackson, Supervisor Walter Barlow, Mrs. LeeEsta Shaffer, Secretary, Chief Brand Briggs, and Solicitor John Phillips.

Supervisor Comments-

Mr. Bostek congratulated Robert Jackson on his re-election, welcomed John Phillips as the Township Solicitor and complimented the Roadmaster for a great job on clearing the roads during the blizzard.

Minutes of the *January 4* meeting were read and were accepted on a motion by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Barlow and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed and accepted by the Supervisors.

Mrs. Shaffer requested to close the Sinking Fund and stated the fund is no longer needed.

A motion by Mr. Jackson to close the Sinking Fund account was seconded by Mr. Barlow and passed unanimously.

Approval of bills: Mr. Jackson made a motion to pay the bills as stated, seconded by Mr. Barlow and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Jackson stated the township is now debt free.

Public Participation:

Ms. Lana Emory of Sanders Road congratulates the Road Crew for a job well done during the blizzard and approved of the closing of Steelman Marker Road.

Mr. Jim Holler of Crum Road stated this was the best handled snow storm he has seen. Mr. Holler also stated there is a rumor going around the township and stated he does not want his

job as Police Chief for Liberty back. Mr. Holler also asks why the Township did not fulfill its obligations to the contract with Freedom Township.
Mr. Bostek stated the board would address the question later in the meeting.

Solicitor – None.

Police Officer's Report – Chief Briggs read his report and stated the department worked a total of 352.75 hours, and drove 2,793 miles. The officers did 78 patrol checks, with a total department checks of 268, 14 vehicle stops, and 11 citations and issued 5 warnings.

Zoning Officer's Report – Mrs. Wenschhof stated the commission did not have the required quorum but discussed zoning amendments.

Roadmaster Report – Mr. Barlow stated his crew worked a total of 109 hours with 37 straight hours during the blizzard. Mr. Barlow also stated the crew closed Steelman Marker Road on recommendation of PennDot.

Mr. Barlow stated after meeting with PennDot and reviewing the roads a recommendation of going forward with ditching on Gladhill and Steelman Marker Roads, widening of Orchard from the property of Mr. Palvonelli to Tract Road and reclamation of Steelman Marker Road. The bridge on Old Waynesboro Pike has scaling and will need to be repaired within the next six (6) months.

Planning Commission Report – Mrs. Shaffer stated no meeting was held.

Old Business:

ACNB Loan – The Board discussed having enough funds in the accounts to deny the pending loan application for \$200,000.00 to erect a new storage/salt shed. **Mr. Jackson made a motion to deny the borrowing of \$200,000.00 from ACNB Bank, was seconded by Mr. Barlow and passed unanimously.**

Freedom Police Contract-Mr. Bostek stated the board was informed in December of the possible cancelation of the Police Contract. Freedom Township is stating Liberty Police Department has not been fulfilling required amounts of time per the contract. Mr. Bostek stated Mr. Jackson, Chief Briggs, and himself met with the Supervisors of Freedom and offered to suspend payment of the first quarter in 2016, roughly \$13,000.00 for breach of contract.

Solicitor Phillips stated this needs to be voted on at a public meeting and since it is on the agenda the board should take a vote.

A motion by Mr. Jackson to suspend payment due from the first quarter of 2016 to fulfill the shortfall of 2015, giving Freedom Township to the end of March to consider continuing the contract until the end of year 2016, was seconded by Mr. Barlow with Mr. Bostek abstained. Motion passed.

Resolution R-1 2016 Police Pension Contributions-Mrs. Shaffer stated the resolution is to eliminate the employee contribution to the police pension program. Mr. Barlow stated after doing research from other municipalities and finding they require the employees to contribute, he believes the township should do the same. **Mr. Jackson and Mr. Bostek stated they disagree. A motion by Mr. Jackson to approve Resolution R-1 2016 Eliminating Employee**

Contributions to the Pension Plan was seconded by Mr. Bostek with Mr. Barlow voting no. Motion passed.

New Business:

Contractor Bills- Mrs. Shaffer asked permission to pay bills for Stone Ridge Manor for \$6,624.00 and Hobbs Trucking for \$1,462.50. Mrs. Shaffer stated the bills were for contracted services during the blizzard. **A motion by Mr. Jackson approving payment to Stone Ridge Manor and Hobbs trucking totaling \$8,086.50 was seconded by Mr. Barlow and passed unanimously.**

Salt Shed Design Changes- Mrs. Shaffer stated there were some minor changes to the design of the salt shed project that needs approval from the board. Mrs. Shaffer stated these changes include; Upgrading 6” sq. treated posts to 8”, larger washers on metal roofing, switching out all OSB for CDX sheathing, and adding 4” bar in wire of garage flooring. **A motion to accept changes to the salt shed was made by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Barlow and passed unanimously.**

Opt-In/Opt-Out of Uniform Construction Code- Mr. Jackson stated currently the Township is an Opt-out entity. He stated this means, all commercial construction needs to go before Labor and Industry for approvals and inspections. Mr. Jackson also stated the townships retired solicitor recommended our current opt-out status and feels that going forward the township would be better served to change to an opt-in state. By doing so, the Township would pick the firm to serve the township in place of Labor and Industry.

Mr. Barlow stated he would need to research this issue before making any decisions and Mr. Bostek agreed.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to table the opt-in/opt-out decision until next month’s meeting, was seconded by Mr. Barlow and passed unanimously.

Adams County Rescue Mission- Mr. Jackson stated previously the Adams County Rescue Mission collected at no charge all electronics for recycling. However, costs have made this impossible to continue. Mr. Jackson also stated Adams County is asking the municipalities to contribute \$500.00 each to help fund this important service and the board agrees. **Mr. Jackson made a motion to contribute \$500.00 per year to the Adams County Rescue Mission for Electronic Recycling, was seconded by Mr. Bostek and passed unanimously.**

Liberty Resort-Mr. Barlow stated ski resorts have been exempt from the amusement tax based on its partial year of operations and asks Solicitor Phillips to look into the fact Liberty Resort is now a four season resort. Solicitor Phillips agreed.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55p.m. on a motion by Mr. Barlow, seconded by Mr. Jackson. Vote unanimous.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
LeeEsta Shaffer, Secretary/Treasurer