

Liberty Township Board of Supervisors
39 Topper Road
Fairfield, PA 17320

SUBJECT: Minutes of the September 2, 2014 Liberty Township board of supervisors public monthly meeting.

1. Present: Mr. John Bostek, Chairman, Supervisor Mr. Robert Jackson, Supervisor Ms. Marie Cochran and Chief Brand Briggs.
Not present: Mr. Wally Davis, Township Solicitor, Ms. LeeEsta Shaffer, Secretary.

2. Supervisor Comments:

a. Mr. Bostek noted the work the Township road crew has accomplished this summer. He provided Mr. Jackson with information on a truck he saw for sale recently as a replacement for the Township's current 32-year old snow-removal truck.

b. Mr. Jackson address an issue related to the Townships use of the Liquid Fuel Tax (LFT) funds used to purchase a used piece of road equipment. The Township used LFT funds to purchase a tractor through the Pennsylvania CoStar system. However, even though the equipment was purchased through CoStar, the LFT regulations indicate there is a 20 percent limit for using LFT funds for equipment, and there are restrictions regarding purchase of used equipment. Mr. Jackson stated he will write to the LFT Auditor for clarity, and request a waiver to be filed in Township's records.

Ms. Cochran: no comment.

3. August 2014 Township Supervisor Meeting Minutes: The minutes were reviewed. Mr. Jackson motioned approval, seconded by Ms. Cochran, and the board unanimously approved the minutes with no corrections.

4. Treasurer's Report: Ms. Shaffer was unavailable due to illness and unable to produce the treasurer's report for this meeting. Mr. Bostek stated that this report will be presented at the October 2014 supervisor's meeting. He added that, while he did not have the specific funds available, Ms. Shaffer reported to him that the available balance is approximately \$175,000.

5. Public Comment:

a. A citizen commented on a conversation from last month's supervisor's board meeting involving the Wormald development. His concern was that there was an appearance that the supervisors met with the developer in a closed forum. Mr. Bostek explained that this was not the case. He explained that the Wormald representative provided the supervisors a status update of the project, that Mr. Davis was present to ensure the township's interests were protected, and no agreement or actions were voted on by the supervisors. Ms. Cochran, using her notes of that meeting, provided a brief summary of information provided by the Wormald representative regarding the project's projected timeline, regulatory issues related to the water treatment plant, and farm credit issues. As a result of this discussion, Mr. Bostek stated, if the citizenry would like, he would ask the Wormald representatives to provide a project update during the next, or a future supervisor's meeting. The public stated they would appreciate and attend this meeting.

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b. Another citizen raised a concern about the potential tax increase to support the fire and rescue support for the township. He recommended that the fire chiefs whose stations provide coverage to the township provide details regarding what these taxes would support. A discussion ensued regarding the townships recent donations to the three local fire companies, and how the township is covered, including the support of the Vigilant Hose Company, Emmetsburg, Maryland. Mr. Bostek stated Liberty Township is trying to gain clarity on this very complex issue, and would ensure the consideration of any potential tax increase would receive public comment and careful consideration before the he would bring it to a vote.

6. Approval of Bills: After review and discussion of the Township bills, Mr. Jackson motioned approval, seconded by Ms. Cochran, and the board unanimously approved August bills.

7. Township Reports:

a. Chief Briggs provided the Police Report. In addition to the normal reports, he provided information regarding issues with a door-to-door book salesperson which he believes have been addressed, and reports of a telephone scam problem reported to his office. A comment from the citizenry indicated that they would appreciate it if this sort of information were made available to the public in some way so the community can be made aware. Chief Briggs stated he will work to find a way, in addition to posting this type of information on the Liberty Township web site, to provide the information he can make public.

b. Mr. Bostek stated there was no Zoning Report this month.

c. Mr. Jackson provided the Road Superintendent's Report. Resurfacing on McClellan is finishing up, and this project cost is approximately \$7,500. The work on Stultz Road is also finishing up, and the cost of that project is approximately \$15,000. In addition to the used truck information provided by Mr. Bostek, he commented that Carroll Valley Township has a used truck (model year 2000) for sale for \$29,900. He and the road crew foreman are planning to test drive and have this truck inspected, and will consider the second truck before providing a recommendation on a replacement purchase for the Township's current 33-year old truck.

d. There was no Planning Commission Report this month.

8. Old Business – None

9. New Business:

a. Ms Cochran stated she will contact the Emmitsburg Dispatch and the Gettysburg Times to learn how these public meetings can gain coverage. A citizen requested consideration of re-establishing a Township Newsletter, commenting that not all households have access to computers. Although there are limited resources to produce a Newsletter and maintain its production, Mr. Bostek stated it will be discussed.

b. A citizen asked about the status of Herrington and Son's, Inc. cleanup of the firms storage area long Hwy 116, noting it's unsightliness. Mr. Bostek reported that the Zoning Officer had sent certified mail, in addition to Ms. Cochran discussing this issue with the proprietor early this calendar year. Ms. Cochran

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will again visit this issue with the proprietor, and Mr. Bostek will discuss with the Zoning Officer and the Solicitor.

10. There being no other items to discuss, a motion to adjournment was presented by Ms. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and unanimously approved. The meeting ended at approximately 8:40 pm. The next township supervisor's meeting will be the first Tuesday in October at 7:30 pm. Respectfully submitted in absence of Ms. LeeEsta Shafer.

Marie Cochran
Supervisor