

June 12, 1991

The Codorus Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on June 12, 1991 at 7:30 P.M. in the Township office. Board members present were: Lamar Glatfelter, Leroy Thoman and Charles Wehrly. Others present were: Solicitor John Herrold, Mahlon Stambaugh, James Bailey, Rick Sechrist, and sixteen residents of the Pine Valleys Farms Development.

Chairman Glatfelter called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag.

The minutes were approved as written.

Residents of the Pine Valley Farms Development were present regarding the dog problem at the Francis & Bonny Sponheimer property. Mr. & Mrs. Sponheimer have fifteen or more dogs at the property. These dogs do a lot of barking and are also running loose at times. The residents fear for children and others.

Solicitor Herrold reported that he had done some work, trying to get the facts regarding the Sponheimers dogs. Dogs are allowed in the Agricultural District under the definition of kennel. Solicitor Herrold stated he had talked with Harold Snyder, the State Dog Law Officer and Mr. Snyder had found unlicensed dogs at the Sponheimer property and had cited the Sponheimers. The Sponheimers stated they were going to make application to the State for kennel licenses. Solicitor Herrold had also talked to Sue at the SPCA office. She had investigated the Sponheimer property and found one ill dog which was immediately taken to a Vet. Since this problem is in the investigative stage to see what can be proven regarding the operation of a commercial kennel, the Board of Supervisors will need people to say they have bought or boarded dogs at the Sponheimers. It is difficult to prove unless the Board has facts to back it up.

Solicitor Herrold will keep trying to reach Richard Burd in Harrisburg to find out if the Sponheimers have made application for a State kennel license.

The Board realizes that residents need a quiet and safe place to live. The Township does not have a noise ordinance. Solicitor Herrold told the residents that they should all band together, hire counsel and bring a nuisance charge against the Sponheimers. Tom Shelley stated that he feels this is the best approach to take.

Other questions were brought up by the residents. The developer of Pine Valley Farms did not record any restrictions when the lots were sold. One resident asked if there could be restrictive covenants drawn up now that would protect them from this problem happening again. They were told by the Solicitor that this would not be possible at this date.

When asked about the number of junked cars allowed on a property, the residents were told that two unlicensed cars are allowed.

Solicitor Herrold gave each resident his address and asked that they each drop him a line, outlining the facts on the Sponheimer problem so he can review them.

Mahlon Stambaugh reported that the septic problem on Trump road had been corrected and that Philip Wagner is having tests made for eight lots proposed for his property in the rural residential section along Sinsheim School Road.

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Charles Wehrly made a motion to approve the Planning Module of Curtis & Scarlet Alban for submission to D.E.R., Seconded by Lamar Glatfelter. This motion passed.

Jefferson Borough had sent a 'Cooperative Agreement for Specified Police Protection' to the Township for signing by the Chairman. This agreement would give the Jefferson Borough Police the right to enter upon lands owned by the Bcrough which are in the Township. All expense involved would be the responsibility of Jefferson Borough. Solicitor Herrold wanted to review the Agreement as written before authorizing the Board to execute same.

Solicitor Herrold had prepared a Right-of-Way agreement between Ronald and Carolyn Smith and the Township for Sunny Slope Road.

Leroy Thoman made a motion to execute the Right-of-Way easement agreement between Ronald and Carolyn Smith and the Township, seconded by Charles Wehrly. This motion passed.

The Zoning Officer has reported that fireworks are being stored in two trailers at the Paige F. Reed property off Greenmount Church Road. Solicitor Herrold was asked to check with the State Police to see if this storage is allowed.

The bills were presented to the Board. Charles Wehrly made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Lamar Glatfelter. This motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M. on motion by Leroy Thoman and second by Lamar Glatfelter.

Respectfully submitted,

*Goldie Day*

Goldie Day, Secretary