

December 2, 1999

The Codorus Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on December 2, 1999 at 7:30 P.M. Board members present were: Lamar Glatfelter, Brian Baer and Goldie Day. Others present were: Anson Costella, April & Dave Rehbein, Gerry & Ann Jones, Robert Breighner, Wayne & Irma Burkhart, Charles Wisner, Mr & Mrs. Roger Teeter, Charles Wheat, Tim Steger, Robert Bull, Sheila Fink, Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Jager, Angela Gwinn, Wayne Smith, Patricia Brewer, John Kovach, Robert Finke and Fox 43 TV News.

Chairman Glatfelter called the meeting with the Pledge.

The minutes were approved as written.

Under public comments, Charles Wheat wanted to know if there was anything new on the police study. Chairman Glatfelter told him there has been no news on this.

Many of the above residents in the Hill Climb Road area were present regarding the fly problem.

Charles Wisner stated that they were before the Board in 1994 because of the fly problem and now they would like to get the problem over with. He wanted to know if other Townships are doing more for their residents than Codorus Township is doing.

Chairman Glatfelter said he is sorry for the residents. The residents wanted to know why Bailey isn't tilling the manure under.

Chairman Glatfelter said he knows that James Bailey is windrowing some of the manure. This method generates heat that kills the maggots.

Angela Gwinn reported that her house is filled with flies, she kills flies every night and had to cancel Thanksgiving dinner because of the problem. She said she has never seen anything like the fly problem, it is so bad she cries a lot.

Jeff Jager stated that since September they have had to leave their home every other weekend because of the flies, that this infestation is not sanitary and the problem needs to be taken care of.

Mr. Wisner stated that manure is hauled daily from the Bailey property, that the manure is never covered. He watches this happen and the manure spread on the fields is never tilled under.

Gerry Jones asked if the Bailey operation is not a factory farm, not just a large livestock operation. The odor and fly problem should be taken care of by the owner.

Chairman Glatfelter noted that Charles Pitt, entomologist from Penn State Extension office, had led a study of the fly problem in 1996 but no final report was received on the results. Mr. Pitts has since retired.

Charles Wisner said he heard that some place in Nebraska is spraying for flies and wonders if this would help. All the articles he reads say that egg farms are the source of flies.

Robert Bull, a resident living along Fissel's Church Road, said there is a lot of proactive things that can be done. He believes composting is the way to go. He works for an engineering firm in Owings Mills, Maryland. He does environmental impact studies for the firm. He would be willing to take a look at the problem and provide any help he can.

Sheila Fink said she called Jim, he said he wasn't hauling manure when at the time she was watching trucks with manure going in and out all the time. None of the trucks were covered. She said that every holiday he hauls manure and causes the problem.

Wayne Smith said they have had the fly problem on Catholic Valley Road. It is not a small problem.

Residents wanted to know why the Township does not require the haulers of manure to plow it under after application.

Robert Bull said there is a way of composting manure and Ann Jones said there is a market for treated and bagged manure. Chairman Glatfelter said James Bailey doesn't want to do this since farmers want the product for fertilizer.

Sheila Fink said Bailey can take care of his property, but kill the neighbors with his manure.

Dave Rehbein also stated that their place was overcome by flies last summer.

Gerry Jones wanted to know what the Bailey operation is doing to property values and the health of residents. He offered his assistance in trying to arrive at a solution to the fly problem. The Board appreciates this offer and will be in touch with him.

Producers could spend money to take care of the problem, but they want the money in their pocket.

Mrs. Irma Burkhart wanted to know if the Bailey operation is classified as a commercial operation. She feels we need something to regulate large commercial farm operations.

All those present regarding the fly problem want something done.

Chairman Glatfelter said the Township will contact Penn State Extension office and anyone else that may be of help on the fly problem.

Fox 43 TV video taped the meeting for the 10:00 P.M. news.

Tim Steger gave the roadmaster report.

He reported that the radios are working fine; the new truck is ready, the mowing is finished, two pipes have been installed on Sunny Slope Road. If the weather doesn't cooperate, they may pull out and not do anymore work on Sunny Slope Road until Spring.

Brian Baer made a motion to issue a junkyard renewal license to Springfield Contractors, seconded by Lamar Glatfelter. This motion carried.

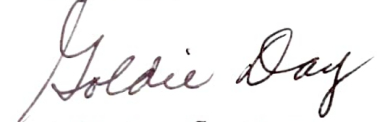
The secretary reported that the cell tower ordinance has been advertised for adoption at the January 12, 2000 meeting.

The Board will return the questionnaire to the County convention with the Dover Fire Hall first choice for the County Convention and The York Fairgrounds as 2nd choice.

The bills were presented to the Board. Brian Baer made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Lamar Glatfelter. This motion carried. Vote 3-0

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M. on motion by Chairman Glatfelter and seconded by Brian Baer.

Respectfully submitted,


Goldie Day, Secretary