

**WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7171 ALLENTOWN BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17112
MONDAY, MAY 17, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Turns called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Ben Wilson gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Adam Klein, Supervisor
Bill Ostermayer, Supervisor
Chris Scott, Secretary/Treasurer

Jay Megonnell, Vice-Chairman
Linda Turns, Chairman

PRESENTATIONS, STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Turns reviewed the list of correspondence for the residents.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Steinmeier, 11 North Fairville Avenue- Mr. Steinmeier said the workshop held prior to the meeting was very interesting. He feels that the Board should set public hearings for any projects that may include financing, borrowing money, or tax assessments. He presented his opinion on the casino money and what may be the future of the casino money. He said that in 2012-2013 there could be an increase of 30% in school real estate taxes due to state and school retiree pension funds. It will all depend on what the legislature does regarding those costs. Regarding the oil 'n chip project that is scheduled for summer, he said that if the bids are too high, that the Road Crew might be able to do the work. In previous years they completed a similar project.

Patti Estheimer, 309 South Clover Lane, Chairperson EAC- Mrs. Estheimer informed the Board that the EAC met on 5/15 at the rain garden. They discussed the function and condition of the rain garden as well as the maintenance schedule. The EAC performed a clean up of the rain garden. She stated the maintenance schedule has been the same each year. The EAC designed the rain garden to function and mimic the forest floor. It is cleaning the water and putting it back into the ground, and it's in its 6th growing season. Carol Buskirk, EAC member presented to the Board the benefits of the plants that were planted in the rain garden.

PUBLIC HEARING/MEETINGS: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular meeting – May 3, 2010- Mr. Klein moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 3, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

Workshop Meeting – May 3, 2010- Mr. Klein moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve the workshop minutes of May 3, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Turns asked the following questions regarding information in the Treasurers' Report.

- She asked for clarification regarding use of Freedom Toyota as well as Hammaker Enterprise for vehicle repair. Ms. England clarified that the Senior Van Fund handles their own maintenance and they take their vehicles for service to Freedom Toyota. The Senior Van Fund pays for all maintenance to their vehicles. Township vehicles are repaired at Hammaker Enterprise.
- She thanked Mr. Ostermayer for doing a fantastic job regarding the roof repair. She asked for an update on the status of the yearly maintenance agreement for the roof. Ms. England stated that she requested a maintenance agreement proposal from Houck, but has not received a reply to date.
- She asked if the Township has received an invoice for our share of the electric bill for the Recreation Center at Walnut Avenue. Ms. England confirmed that the Fire Company has not presented a bill to the Township.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Scott reported the following fund balances:

A. Fund Balances (Fund balances are presented for reference only.)

General Fund Balance as of May 14, 2010	\$708,597.03
Total Liquid Fuels Balance as of May 14, 2010	\$434,743.12
Total Capital Reserve Fund Balance as of May 14, 2010	\$1,073,265.65

B. Deposit Activity since May 3, 2010 \$57,688.03

Mr. Scott reported the gross payroll of May 7, 2010 \$28,966.27. *Mr. Ostermayer moved, seconded by Mr. Klein to approve the payroll of May 7, 2010 in the amount of \$28,966.27. Motion passed unanimously.* Mr. Scott reported the vouchers prepaid to meet due dates were \$24,384.21. *Mr. Ostermayer moved, seconded by Mr. Klein to approve the vouchers prepaid to meet due dates in the amount of \$24,384.21. Motion passed unanimously.* Mr. Scott reported the total for the vouchers to be approved was \$176,414.35. *Mr. Ostermayer moved, seconded by Mr. Klein to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$176,414.35. Motion passed unanimously.*

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS AND PLANS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion – Consent Items: Section 607. (4) Improvement Guarantee Reduction #2 (FINAL)-Bradford Estates, Phase VII; Maintenance Guarantee Bradford Estates, Phase VII

Mr. Ostermayer moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve the reduction of the Improvement Guarantee for Bradford Estates, Phase VII by \$163,271.50, leaving a balance of \$0.00 contingent upon posting an 18 month maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$46,821.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2010-37, Temporary Closing of Roads for 225th Anniversary Celebration Parade- Mr. Glaspey, Chairman of the 225th Celebration Parade Committee presented the temporary road closings to the Board. The parade route is a little less than two miles.

Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Mr. Ostermayer to accept Resolution 2010-37, Temporary Closing of Roads for 225th Anniversary Celebration Parade. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution-2010-38, Fire/Police Pre-Authorization -This resolution would allow the West Hanover Township Fire Police to participate in specific non emergency civic events, parades, etc.

Mr. Ostermayer moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve Resolution 2010-38, Fire/Police Pre-Authorization. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Item #8 FROM: Patriot News RE: Flagman Killed- Ms. England stated that Mr. Harman wanted to remind the Board how important safety is in construction zones and protection of the workers on the road.

OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

Ms. Turns asked for clarification on the motions that come before the Board report. She wanted to know if there were no motions being carried from meetings prior to May 5, 2010. Ms. Riley confirmed that there are no motions being carried prior to the May 5th meeting and workshop.

Ms. England stated that all four culverts are complete as far as construction; guardrails are to be installed at Fairville and Kiwanis.

There was discussion about the date for the oil'n chip project; Ms. England stated the target date for the work to begin is August.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS:

Mr. Ostermayer asked that Ms. England send a letter to Kerry Davis of PP&L from the Township regarding two dead trees at the end of Azala Trail on Appleby Road. Mr. Ostermayer and his neighbors have called PP&L numerous times yet nothing has been done. He stated that it is a very bad traffic hazard. Solicitor Yost stated that since it is a potential liability that the letter should be sent on behalf of the Township.

Mr. Ostermayer read a statement that he wanted to go on record in the minutes. (See attached statement).

Ms. Turns asked if Harold Harman could attend the first meeting in June to provide an update to the Board regarding the Public Works projects. Ms. England said that he was planning on attending the meeting.

Mr. Megonnell stated that May 22nd is designated by the PA Fish and Boat Commission as a Free Day of Fishing. Fish for Free Days allow anyone (resident or non-resident) to legally fish for Pennsylvania's most popular fish without a fishing license.

Mr. Megonnell wanted it to go on record that Mr. Ostermayer was not the only Supervisor to assist with the roof project as reported in the Paxton Herald. Mr. Megonnell had the first roofing contractor look at the roof and although Mr. Megonnell didn't go up on the roof, the contractor told he and Mr. Ostermayer what repairs were necessary.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:40 pm

TO GO ON RECORD

This Board of Supervisors must take action NOW to reduce the townships expenses. We have cut several projects and now are at a point the only action is to down size our personnel to save money.

Where else are we going to get the money if we don't tighten our belt? The economy is at an all time low!

In less than two months we will be tasks with formulating the 2011 Budget. The actions we take now will determine not only what projects we must fund but how high we may have to raise the Taxes!

There is no other way to get the funds that are necessary to maintain the township facilities and infrastructure! Unless of course the Board chooses to borrow the money, and that will put the Township much deeper in debt!

We do not have the money to pay for essential projects that are coming up that the residents desperately need!

We just can not keep spending money that we do not have!

I am in favor of cutting as much as we can to save as much as we can and NOT to raise Taxes or Borrow the money that we can not afford to pay back! THANK YOU!