

WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7171 ALLENTOWN BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17112
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 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, following the Pledge of Allegiance Pastor Brian Harrison gave the invocation. Ms. Turns stated there was an Executive Session on March 1, 2010.

ROLL CALL

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

Jay Megonnell, Vice-Chairman
Linda Turns, Chairman

PRESENTATIONS, STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

West Hanover Township Fire Department-Lifesaving presentation- Tyler Harner, Captain of the West Hanover Township Fire Company made a presentation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the importance of AED and CPR training. On January 19, 2010 the Fire Company responded to a call at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn who reported cardiac arrest. Mr. Glenn was in cardiac when the Fire Company arrived. By performing CPR and use of the AED, the Fire Company was able to resuscitate Mr. Glenn. Mr. Glenn thanked the members of the Fire Company who responded to the call and assisted in saving his life. All members of the Fire Company who assisted in this life saving call were presented with a certificate of appreciation and a life saving accommodation bar.

Anthony Julian, 6509 Heatherfield Wayó House Bill 1254, Tethering of Dogs- Mr. Julian made a presentation to the Board of Supervisors regarding House Bill 1254 regarding tethering of dogs. Mr. Julian is requesting support from the Board regarding this bill that will be coming up for vote by our legislatures. He presented many facts regarding statistics of dogs that are tethered. 45% to 60% of all nuisance calls to law enforcement are for chained dog complaints. Currently 13 states have adopted the anti tethering law with 7 others in the process of enacting this law. Anti tethering will provide more humane treatment of dogs and stop the inhumane practice of chaining.

Mr. Klein moved, seconded by Mr. Scott to have a letter sent to Representative Marisco stating the Board of Supervisor approves of the passage of House Bill 1254. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Beth Carricato, 699 Knight Road- Ms. Carricato asked Mr. Julian what jurisdiction will enforce the tethering law. There was discussion regarding the problem of enforcement of such a law and what the Township can do. The state dog law is covered by the Department of Agriculture; however they refer most problems/complaints to local municipalities.

Gloria Zimmerman, 1453 Mumma Road- Mrs. Zimmerman thanked the Fire Company for a job well done regarding Mr. Glenn. She asked the Fire Company if they are planning on holding an open house and have blue prints available for residents to view. Fire Chief, Mr. Senft stated that there will be an open house in October during fire prevention month. If blue prints are available at that time, they will be available for residents to review.

Don Steinmeier, 11 North Fairville Avenue- Mr. Steinmeier congratulated the Fire Company for a job well done. He asked how much Liquid Fuel money the Township received for 2010; Ms. England stated that it is about the same as last year. He suggested that the Board communicate with Representative Marsico and Senator Piccola regarding getting as much money as possible for liquid fuels. He asked if there was a decision regarding what roads in the Township will be part of the oil/chip project. Ms. Turns stated that the project is in the budget, but she doesn't have the list of roads available this evening that will be part of the project. He brought up House Bill 1500, which will impose a fee on municipalities for patrol services provided by the Pennsylvania State Police. He asked that the Board keep an eye on this bill.

Andy Gnall, 7102 Sandy Hollow Road- Mr. Gnall presented concerns to the Board regarding water that runs across his property from a neighboring residence. He has had this problem since 2004, and recently contacted the Township regarding this issue. Bob Leonard, Zoning Administrator has walked the property with Mr. Gnall. Mr. Gnall took a water sample to Westech for testing and stated that the results of the water test do not comply with EPA. He is bothered that the water sample came back bad. Light- Heigel visited the site, but didn't test the water. Mr. Klein suggested that the Board hold a workshop to speak to staff regarding the problem and will report back to Mr. Gnall with their findings. Mr. Gnall stated that three years ago the Public Works department was to replace 100 feet of curbing that the water company cut, but to date this has not been completed.

Richard McNeal, 631 Walnut Avenue- Mr. McNeal stated that there are also problems with cats roaming in the neighborhoods of the Township. He said that instead of putting storm drains on Walnut Avenue, Chestnut Avenue, and Hillside Drive since it is all natural drains, all that has to be done is open the gutters to solve the problem.

PUBLIC HEARING/MEETINGS: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular meeting of March 1, 2010- *Mr. Klein moved, seconded by Mr. Ostermayer to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 1, 2010 with two corrections. Motion passed unanimously.*

Workshop Meeting of March 8, 2010- *Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Klein to approve the workshop minutes of March 8, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.*

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 March 12, 2010	\$655,638.30
Total Liquid Fuels Balance as of March 12, 2010	\$426,905.56
Total Capital Reserve Fund Balance as of March 12, 2010	\$1,145,091.25

B. Deposit Activity since March 1, 2010

	\$80,285.10
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Mr. Scott reported the gross payroll of March 12, 2010 totaled \$31,290.11. ***Mr. Ostermayer moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve the payroll of March 12, 2010 in the amount of \$31,290.11. Motion passed unanimously.*** Mr. Scott reported the vouchers prepaid to meet due dates were \$56,600.31 ***Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Mr. Ostermayer to approve the vouchers prepaid to meet due dates in the amount of \$56,600.31 . Motion passed unanimously.*** Mr. Scott reported the total for the vouchers to be approved was \$87,255.53. ***Mr. Ostermayer moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$87,255.53. Motion passed unanimously.***

Ms. Turns, Chairman- Ms. Turns asked Mr. Scott if he will be able to continue working on financial issues such as interest rates, and keep an eye on Township accounts. Mr. Scott stated that he would be able to continue to monitor the financial issues for the Township.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS AND PLANS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion ó Authorize Advertisement, Ordinance 2010-02, Open Burning. Tabled 02/16/10. ó The Ordinance was sent to the PSAB for review. Ms. England stated that there was a change on the square footage that it was increased from 15, 000 square feet to one acre. Also, there is a change on page 5 section 85-5A should read, öAny person, firm, partnership or corporation may shall apply to the Fire Marshal of West Hanover Township for a burn permit to set, start or maintain a fire, except when a permit is not required per Section 85-4.B(2).ö

Mr. Ostermayer moved, seconded by Mr. Klein to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance 2010-02, Open Burning amendment, and schedule enactment for Monday, April 5, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Conference Attendance Authorization, Section 607. (4) Harold Arndt

Mr. Klein moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve attendance to Understanding Fire Sprinklers Seminar for Harold Arndt March 19-20, 2010. Motion passed 4-1 with Ms. Turns voting nay.

Improvement Guarantee Release #1-Ciocca Honda

Mr. Klein moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve the reduction of the Improvement Guarantee for Ciocca Honda by \$271,620.95 leaving a balance of \$33,542.05. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion ó Fertilizing Township Property -At the February 1, 2010, regular meeting the Board authorized the advertisement of Bid 2010-02, Mowing and Landscaping. There was considerable discussion about the inclusion of bids on fertilizing (weed and feed). There was concern the runoff would end up in the Chesapeake Bay and be harmful. Mrs. Albright, President of the West Hanover Baseball/Softball Association, spoke in favor of the fertilizing and asked for the opportunity to do more thorough research on the matter. Her research has shown that residential misuse and misapplication is the greatest cause of runoff and potential pollution. She also cites the Penn State Cooperative Extension finding that proper fertilizing and maintenance is the best way to prevent pollution. Mr. Ostermayer thanked Mrs. Albright for the good job she did researching this issue.

Mr. Ostermayer moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to authorize the Park and Rec Coordinator to inspect the areas at the three parks, consult with the winning bidder, and make the determination on fertilizing those areas. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion - Microsealing bid- As part of the 2010 budget the Board approved the microsealing of the full length of Sleepy Hollow Rd. and Fairville Ave. from Piketown Rd. to Linglestown Rd. Pat Sullivan from Asphalt Paving Systems, who did the microsealing of Piketown Rd. last year, has proposed to complete our two roads this summer utilizing last years contract price if we sign this contract by March 30, 2010. As in past years we participated in the 2010 CapCOG bid for road materials, line painting, playground cover, and microsealing. These bids were due on March 10, 2010, and results should be issued before March 31, 2010, the expiration of the 2009 contract year. The road crew will fill in any cracks prior the mircosealing. Ms. England recommends the Board withhold signing any contract until the results of the 2010 CapCOG bid are released in order to ensure the Township gets the best possible price.

Mr. Klein moved, seconded by Mr. Scott to authorize the Manager to award the microsealing bid for Fairville Ave. and Sleepy Hollow Rd. to the lowest qualified bidder through the CapCOG bid process. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2010-33, Delinquent Tax Collection Costs- This resolution authorizes and empowers the Capital Tax Collection Bureau to impose and retain those costs and fees associated with the collection of delinquent taxes in accordance with Act 192 of 2004.

Mr. Klein moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to adopt Resolution 2010-33, Delinquent Tax Collection Costs. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion ó Exoneration of Delinquent Tax penalties- Three residents of the Township contacted Dauphin County Tax Claim Bureau requesting exoneration for delinquent tax penalties. There requests were forwarded to the Township by County. This is the first time that the Township has ever received such requests. The County will not make a decision until the Township makes a decision. The tax penalties for the three residents total \$40.80.

Mr. Klein moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to exonerate Kathleen Kissinger, Frederick and Theresa Mettler, and Jeffrey Shearer from payment of the municipal tax penalties for the late payment of the 2009 property taxes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion ó Recreation Building Status- There was discussion regarding utilizing the fire station property at 7624 Jonestown Road for a Recreation building and what questions need to be answered as a result of this proposal. Discussion included: Can the grant funds used to purchase the property for a fire station also be used for a recreation building? Does the land need to be subdivided to apply for a Recreation grant from DCNR? Can FILO funds be used for renovation of an existing building or must they be used for new construction of a building? Ms. Turns provided the Board a hand out that included: A drawing that shows the original plans for the land that did not include the fire station and a second drawing that includes a fire station on the plan. Ms. Turns emailed Mr. Memmi, Director of DCED asking for clarification regarding use of the land purchased with grant money not used for the fire station. Could it be used to build a recreation center? In his opinion Mr. Memmi believes that the Board would be able to use the residual parcel to construct a recreation center without jeopardizing the grant. Ms. England reminded the Board that HRG has been hired to prepare the site design for only the fire station.

The Scope of Work for the site design that was approved at the last meeting specifies the project understanding as "include the construction of an approximate 15,000 square foot facility, parking and access areas, stormwater management facilities and required utilities." There is no mention of a second building on the site. The Board should notify HRG if they want to change the plans so that a revised Scope of Work can be prepared and to avoid an increase in costs further into the project. Ms. England presented the first preliminary site plan from HRG to the Board for review and discussion. Mrs. Fesig asked the Board what should she do regarding applying for a grant from DCNR. She was instructed to hold off until the Board meets with HRG regarding the site. Mrs. Fesig said the Park & Rec Board is happy with the recreation center at the fire house on Walnut Avenue. It was decided that Mr. Brulo will attend the workshop meeting on March 29, 2010 to discuss the possibility of construction of a recreation building on the site.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Item #14-FROM: Elizabeth England, Township Manager RE: Vehicles Blocking Sidewalks

Ms. Turns wanted to know if Mr. Doyle knows that he needs to call the state police if he any problems with vehicles blocking the sidewalks in front of his house.

OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

Ms. England informed the Board that the Township has submitted all the paperwork for the expenses for the second snow storm in February to the County. The state has met the minimum threshold to declare a disaster which Governor Rendell did and he has forwarded the information to President Obama. If the President declares the storm a disaster we will have a good chance of getting the money back, we submitted \$47,200.94 in expenses.

Ms. England stated that we received the invoice for the chassis payment for the new fire engine and that she sent it directly to the County for payment. The payment was in the amount \$191,806.00 and we qualified for a discount of \$ 8,000.00 by paying for the chassis.

Ms. England gave the Board the draft by-laws from the tax collection committee. Larry Hartman Township representative to the tax collection committee needs hear from the Board their feelings on the by-laws so he can cast the appropriate vote on behalf of the Township.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Beth Carricato, 699 Knight Road- Ms. Carricato asked that the Board provide more details to the public when making motions so they are aware of what the Board is voting on. She brought up the issue of the recreation center and spending a million dollars to build a new one when the Park & Recreation Department and Board are happy at the fire station. She stated that it will cost more money in engineering fees to have HRG change the scope of work for the land on Jonestown road if they decide to build a recreation center. The Township has already spent \$99,000.000 in engineering fees on the project. She asked if the Township is in such bad shape financially how can we afford this.

Don Steinmeier, 11 North Fairville Avenue- Mr. Steinmeier asked the Board to not sell any more Township land to private enterprises. He asked for clarification regarding the letters in correspondence that referenced "intent to enter property". Ms. England said that the letters were sent to residents whose properties border the land for the fire station to inform them that HRG will be out surveying the property. He asked for an explanation for the letter from DEP regarding the reimbursement of sewage facilities act. He asked if they are

continuing the current reimbursement or are they cutting it. Ms. England said that they are cutting it; the Township applied for \$3,144.00 and received \$1,336.00.

Matt Senft, 7741 Valleyview Avenue- Mr. Senft wanted to clarify what he believes is a misconception of some residents. He stated that currently West Hanover Township is not the owner of the land where any of the fire stations are located. The fire company owns all three properties as private entity.

Gloria Zimmerman, 1453 Mumma Road- Mrs. Zimmerman suggested to the Board that they might put it on the referendum for the elections to see what the residents want to do regarding the recreation center.

Richard McNeal, 631 Walnut Avenue- He thinks that the recreation center is at a good location on Walnut Avenue. He asked the Board to consider what is best for all the residents regarding the location of the recreation center.

Dixie Fesig, Park & Recreation Coordinator- Mrs. Fesig congratulated the fire department for the work that they do. She stated that the Park and Recreation department offers CPR and first aid classes twice a year. AED training is part of the class.

Elizabeth England, Township Manager- Ms. England informed the Board that it is a requirement that all Township employees be certified in CPR, First Aid and AED use. The public works department has a portable AED which they take to job sites.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS:

Mr. Ostermayer presented pictures of the plants that are on the Township roof. He asked when and who cleaned the roof. Ms. England said the roof has never been cleaned by a professional company. Mr. Ostermayer has had four roofers inspect the roof and they will provide estimates. All roofers said that the roof is in great shape and that a new roof is not necessary. The biggest factor is to clean the rubber that is on the roof to allow the adhesive to stick. A maintenance agreement needs to be put in place so that the roof is cleaned every three months. Once a maintenance agreement is in place, he would like to have someone check the roof to make sure that the company is doing a good job and that the roof is clean.

Mr. Klein made a comment that there were only 80 calls in the past month to the State Police from the Township. About 1/3 off the calls were false alarms and 911 hang ups. He asked that residents keep this in mind when they read about the House Bill 1500 in the paper.

Ms. Turns gave the Board members a hand out for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 pm

Mr. Klein moved, seconded by Mr. Scott to adjourn the meeting.