

**WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
7171 ALLENTOWN BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17112  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 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.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Jay Megonnell, Vice-Chairman  
Linda Turns, Chairman

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Don Steinmeier, 11 North Fairville Avenue- Mr. Steinmeier attended the joint workshop with the Fire Company and suggested to the Board that if they are thinking about raising the fire tax that they hold a public hearing or place a survey in the Township newsletter. He suggested contacting The Capital Tax Bureau to get the income levels within the Township; he said that this sometimes helps decisions to be made. He is concerned that some of the senior citizens in the Township are not aware of the lottery tax rebates that may be available to them for real estate tax payments. He thinks the Board should get the information that is available to the residents, perhaps by offering a meeting/workshop. He stated that the Paxton Herald is reporting wrong information.

Beth Carricato, 699 Knight Road- Ms. Carricato thanked the road crew for doing a great job during the recent storms. She was very offended by the article in the Paxton Herald.

Joe Stepansky, 7648 Patterson Drive- He stated that the road crew does a great job, and it is not an easy job however not all roads were great. He said that Patterson Drive was a mess for four days after the last storm. He looked at the budget and notices significant cuts in various areas. He plans on reviewing the budget for the past five years to see where money is going and why there are large cuts in certain areas.

**PUBLIC HEARING/MEETINGS: NONE**

**PRESENTATIONS, STAFF/BOARD REPORTS**

Harold Harman, Roadmaster- Mr. Harman stated that the road crew worked for 48 hours straight during the last snow storm. He apologized for certain developments only having 1 ½ lanes open, but they did the best they could while trying to keep overtime down. The road crew will be working the rest of the week to clear snow and widen the lanes. Any mailboxes that were damaged will be repaired. He spoke to the home owners associations and contractors in developments regarding not placing snow into the roads.

The supervisors thanked the Mr. Harman and the road crew for all their hard work. Mr. Scott stated that Perkins restaurant praised the road crew for doing a great job.

Bob Leonard, Zoning Administrator- Mr. Leonard presented the Board with questions regarding the land development process for the Firehouse project. He asked if they intend to utilize the same Section 195-208 for the zoning requirements, such as setbacks, parking, lighting, and open space.

Ms. Turns stated that she would like to review Section 195-208.

*Mr. Ostermayer moved, seconded by Mr. Klein to table discussion of exempting part of the zoning ordinance for the land development process for the Firehouse project. Motion passed unanimously.*

Mr. Leonard stated that all non-residential construction requires a land development plan under the Municipalities Planning Code. The Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) does not have the same exemption section as mentioned above. However, if the Board requests a waiver of all SALDO requirements from the Planning Commission, a recommendation will be sent back to the Board. Similarly, the Solicitor may be able to point out case law where a municipal project may be exempted from local review.

He recommended against bypassing our Planning Commission review for the following reasons:

- The Dauphin County Planning Commission will require a plan review.
- Without a County review, they will not sign the plan for recording.
- The State may require proper plan review procedures if state money is involved.
- Review by our Planning Commission gives the public a chance to review and comment on the project.
- Fees will likely be waived by the Board, as it is a municipal project, so no additional cost is involved.

Solicitor Yost stated that the Township's SALDO ordinance doesn't provide a similar exemption as it does under the zoning ordinance. He said that waivers can be granted. He suggested that the Board proceed with the plan and seek waivers as necessary. We will need to speak with HRG as they do the plan to see what waivers we can request.

Ms. England stated that she has asked Mr. Brulo, Township Engineer, to provide a scope of work for the land development plan for the March 1, 2010 meeting.

Linda Turns, Chairman

Ms. Turns asked the Board to make a motion to declare a disaster emergency for February 10, 2010 so the Township can apply for funding from FEMA.

***Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Mr. Scott to declare a state of emergency for February 10, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.***

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular meeting – February 1, 2010- ***Mr. Klein moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 1, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.***

Workshop Meeting – February 8, 2010- ***Mr. Klein moved, seconded by Mr. Scott to approve the regular workshop minutes of February 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.)

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| General Fund Balance as of February 12, 2010               | \$670,107.41   |
| Total Liquid Fuels Balance as of February 12, 2010         | \$219,061.09   |
| Total Capital Reserve Fund Balance as of February 12, 2010 | \$1,144,886.58 |

B. Deposit Activity since February 2, 2010 \$41,668.58

Mr. Scott reported the gross payroll of February 12, 2010 totaled \$34,771.51. ***Mr. Ostermayer moved, seconded by Mr. Klein to approve the payroll of February 12, 2010 in the amount of \$34,771.51. Motion passed unanimously.*** Mr. Scott reported the vouchers prepaid to meet due dates were \$3,105.27. ***Mr. Ostermayer moved, seconded by Mr. Klein to approve the vouchers prepaid to meet due dates in the amount of \$3,105.27. Motion passed unanimously.*** Mr. Scott reported the total for the vouchers to be approved was \$68,805.52. ***Mr. Klein moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$68,805.52. Motion passed unanimously.***

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS AND PLANS: None**

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion – Consent Items: Section 607. (4): None.

Motion – Approve Request for Scope of Work: Houck Manor 5 Drainage, Houck Manor minor, Skyline Landscaping/Drainage- Ms. England stated that the Board put these three projects in the budget last year for engineering and design. Prior to the engineering and design the Township engineer provides a scope of work for the Board to review.

***Mr. Klein moved, seconded by Mr. Scott to authorize the Township Engineer to prepare a Scope of Work for three projects: Houck Manor 5 Crossings, Houck Manor Minor Crossings, and Skyline Commons Landscaping/Drainage, to return to the Board for their approval. Motion passed unanimously.***

Motion – Appoint liaison to 2010 Census Municipal Committee- The Dauphin County Commissioners are asking the Board to designate an individual to represent the Township to serve as a liaison on a Municipal Committee. Ms. England stated that Bob Leonard has completed all the preplanning activities on behalf of the Township for the census until the Board formally appoints a liaison.

***Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Ms. Turns to appoint Bob Leonard as Township Liaison to the Dauphin County Municipal Committee. Motion passed unanimously.***

Motion – Authorize Advertisement, Ordinance 2010-02, Open Burning - Township Fire Marshal Bruce Hetrick has encountered several deficiencies in the Ordinance over the years and worked with the Public Safety Advisory Board (PSAB) to revise and update the Ordinance. There were questions from the Board regarding Section B, items number 2 & 4. The questions regarded the measurements listed in the Ordinance. There was discussion regarding the set backs and square footage. It was decided that Mr. Hetrick and Mr. McCahan should review the questions brought by the Board.

***Mr. Ostermayer moved, seconded by Mr. Klein to send Ordinance 2010-02 Open Burning amendment, back to the PSAB for review and clarification. Motion passed unanimously.***

Motion – Median Closing on Allentown Blvd. PennDOT will be doing a resurfacing project on Allentown Blvd. from Bretz Dr. east to the Lebanon County Line. Part of this project is also closing the center median strip in many places including to Ollie’s Distribution warehouse. With the median closed these trucks will use Carlson Rd. to Bretz Dr. to make a left turn onto Allentown Blvd. Charlie Longreen, East Hanover Public Works Director, has been in touch with us expressing concern with the PennDOT plan to close the median. Neither Carlson Rd. in East Hanover or West Hanover is built to carry large trucks and these trucks will be making a left onto Allentown Blvd. very close to the traffic light at Route 39. He is asking for our support in keeping the median open at Ollie’s by writing a letter to both PennDOT and Rep. Marsico.

*Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Mr. Scott to authorize a letter to be sent to PennDOT officials and Rep. Marsico in support of leaving the median open at the Ollie’s Warehouse as part of the Route 22 paving project. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Item #7-FROM: Elizabeth England, Township Manager TO: Sgt. Wellman, PA State Police RE: Traffic Complaints

Mr. Klein suggested that Ms. England forward a copy of the letter to Ms. Cathy Pierich who brought this matter to the Board’s attention at the February 1, 2010 meeting. Ms. England will forward a copy.

Item #11-FROM: Lester Doyle RE: Ordinance on blocking crosswalks and sidewalks

Ms. Turns brought this letter up for discussion. Ms. England stated that our Ordinance does not address this issue, but she is not sure of the vehicle codes. The Board will refer to PSAB for clarification. Ms. England will contact Mr. Doyle to let them know that PSAB will be investigating and may contact him with any questions.

Item #9-FROM: Evelyn Burton RE: Thanks to Road Crew

Ms. Turns acknowledged the letter of thanks from Mrs. Burton

Item #10-FROM: Julie Scott RE: Thanks to Road Crew

Ms. Turns acknowledged the letter of thanks from Mrs. Young

#### **OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD:**

Ms. England wanted to publicly acknowledge and thank Perkins Restaurant for offering free meals to the road crew during the storms.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Gloria Zimmerman, 1453 Mumma Road- Mrs. Zimmerman is glad that the Board is moving ahead with the firehouse and believes it should be treated like any other plan. She asked the Board to please make sure that the appropriate lighting is installed as to not disturb neighboring residences. She thanked the road crew for the excellent work during the two storms. She stated she does care if taxes are raised, people that make the statement that they don’t care if taxes are raised do not speak for the entire Township. She suggested that the Township send a thank you letter to Perkins Restaurant for their generosity. She asked the Board if it is possible to explain in the next newsletter what FILO funds are and what they can be used for. This will clear up any questions that the residents may have regarding FILO funds.

Don Steinmeier, 11 North Fairville Avenue- Mr. Steinmeier thanked the road crew for the good job during the snow storms. He mentioned that Bethel Township in Lebanon County has only a three man road crew and are still plowing from the storm. He brought up the issue of Casino grant money that was to be targeted for the Chesapeake Bay Initiative. The money has not been disbursed at this time. Representative Marsico will attend the WSA meeting on March 16, 2010 and they are going to look at how PennVest funding is being handled. It

will cost the WSA between 7-10 million dollars for the plant upgrade. Sewer rates increased in 2010 and will continue to increase. All upgrades must be completed by September 30, 2012. He also brought up Act 40, which affects school and state employee retirement programs. He stated the average household in the Central Dauphin School District will see their taxes go up by \$1,000.00 per year if the legislative doesn't do something.

Joe Stepansky, 7648 Patterson Drive- He stated if the Township is resource short, then he is willing to pay more taxes. His point is that he thinks the road crew was resource short during the snow storms.

Mr. Klein stated that the Board is always interested in hearing resident comments.

#### **SUPERVISORS COMMENTS:**

Mr. Ostermayer read the following statement "To set the public record straight Chris Scott, there is a lot of talk of you taking a \$10,000.00 pay-off bribe from the Harper Hotel people. You told me that you had damages to your swimming pool because the Harper Hotel people cut down some trees. They did not cut down your trees, but some of their own trees that were on their property. Just to set the record straight for the public, I am asking you to show us a copy of the receipts for \$10,000.00 for the damages to your swimming pool. I would suggest that you have the receipts certified to prove that they are the truth. So we can put this thing to rest."

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

*A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Klein, seconded by Mr. Megonnell.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM