

**WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
7171 ALLENTOWN BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17112  
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.**

Mr. Klein called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation. Mr. Klein informed the audience that there was an Executive Session held this evening to discuss legal and personnel matters.

**ROLL CALL**

Adam Klein, Chairman  
Bill Ostermayer, Supervisor  
Chris Scott, Supervisor

Jay Megonnell, Vice-Chairman  
Linda Turns, Secretary/Treasurer

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Klein briefly reviewed the Correspondence items for the public. The following item was brought up for discussion.

**FROM:** Harrisburg Area Transportation Authority **RE:** HATS Meeting- Ms. Turns asked if Mr. Steinmeier was going to attend the meetings on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Megonnell said that Eric Bugaile is on the HATS committee and that he will periodically give a report to the Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dave Smith, 739 Walnut Run Court- Mr. Smith stated that the Homeowners Association of Walnut Run Court has concerns of the closing of North Fairville Avenue. He brought up the safety and time factors for emergency services to get to the development since Jonestown Road is closed for the bridge replacement in addition to the closing of North Fairville Avenue. The Association would like the Board to consider postponing the project. He said there are two residents in the development that are handicapped and may be in need of ambulance service. There are no fire hydrants in the development and therefore if a fire occurs tanker trucks must bring water to contain a fire.

Mr. Brulo, Township Engineer, spoke to the concerns of the Homeowners Association. He stated that HRG has allotted thirty days for the contractor to complete the project; realistically the project should be completed within three weeks. He reviewed the detour route and presented his findings on the time to drive the detour. If the Township chooses to delay the project, the contractor will likely file a construction claim which will cost the Township approximately \$9,000.00. This is a result because the project was bid as two culverts (Pheasant Road and Fairville Road). The contractor has equipment, laborers scheduled, and materials ordered for the two culverts. Mr. Brulo anticipates that he contractor will also add an additional \$40,000-\$45,000 to the claim for money he has already spent of the project (material and engineering costs).

Mr. Klein stated that the Township can contact Emergency Services to provide the addresses of the individuals who may need assistance as well as the detour information.

Mr. Harman, Road Master, suggested that the contractor only close one lane of the road at a time. Mr. Brulo will contact the contractor to see if this is a possibility.

Don Steinmeier, 11 North Fairville Avenue- Mr. Steinmeier said that there are rumors regarding the agreement between the Board and the Fire Company regarding the land at Walnut Avenue and the ball fields. The rumors are that the Board wants the agreement to allow the Township the flexibility to sell the land. Mr. Steinmeier spoke about the legacy of the Houck family and all that they have done for the Township. He said that the land was donated for community use. He attended the Park & Recreation meeting last week where the Board voted 3-1 to support that the land is for community use and not eligible to be sold by the Township. He brought up that FILO funds are available to use for renovations at the recreation center.

Mr. Klein stated that the Board is still negotiating the lease with the Fire Company. He said that the Board has no intention to sell the land and that the ball fields are an asset to the community. He hopes that the fire station will eventually be renovated into a community building/recreation center.

Mr. Scott reiterated Mr. Klein's statement that the Board has no intention to sell the land.

Jeanine Albright, 8009 Kiwanis Road- Mrs. Albright is the President of the West Hanover Baseball/Softball Association and has been involved in the program for many years. She spoke of protecting and preserving the land for the baseball/softball program, which is essential for the youth of the Township. The Association hopes that the Board will honor the wishes of the Houck family and the original agreement between the fire company and the family.

Gloria Zimmerman, 1453 Mumma Road- Mrs. Zimmerman agreed with the comments of Mr. Steinmeier and Mrs. Albright. She suggested that if the Township is interested in selling land, that the Public Works department be relocated to the lower level of the recreation center and the Township can sell the land where Public Works is currently located.

Tim Shatto, 1468 Mumma Road- Mr. Shatto brought up the commitment of the Houck family and that they donated the land for community use. He hopes that casino grants will allow the Township the opportunity to continue to expand. He asked that everyone remember the history and the people who helped bring the Township to where it is today.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING/MEETINGS: None**

**PRESENTATIONS, STAFF/BOARD REPORTS:** Ms. England updated the Board that the Gables property at the truck stops has been closed and is up for sale. The Codes Officer has contacted the real estate agent to have the trashed cleaned up; address the issue of trucks parking in the lot; and lack of electricity/lighting. He has reported this information to the State Police so they are aware that the business is closed.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular meeting - March 7, 2011 *Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 7, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.*

Workshop meeting – March 7, 2011 *Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve the workshop meeting minutes of March 7, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.*

Workshop meeting – March 14, 2011 *Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Ms. Turns to approve the workshop meeting minutes of March 14, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.*

## **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Ms. Turns reported the following fund balances:

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

General Fund Balance as of March 18, 2011	\$1,172,645.77
Total Liquid Fuels Balance as of March 18, 2011	\$222,873.51
Total Capital Reserve Fund Balance as of March 18, 2011	\$1,868,190.25

B. Deposit Activity since March 8, 2011 \$78,835.53

Ms. Turns reported the gross payroll of March 11, 2011, totaled \$29,087.33. *Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Mr. Ostermayer to approve the payroll of March 11, 2011 in the amount of \$29,087.33. Motion passed unanimously.* Ms. Turns reported the vouchers prepaid to meet due dates was \$78.60. *Mr. Ostermayer moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve the vouchers prepaid to meet due dates in the amount of \$78.60. Motion passed unanimously.* Ms. Turns reported the total for the vouchers to be approved was \$105,322.29. *Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Mr. Ostermayer to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$105,322.29. Motion passed unanimously.*

## **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS AND PLANS:**

#2010.02 Text Amendment – Keystone Correctional Services. Authorization to advertise a public hearing date of May 2, 2011.

*Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Scott to authorized advertisement a public hearing on May 2, 2011 for #2010.02 Text Amendment Request-Keystone Correctional Services. Motion passed unanimously.*

Time Extension – Townes @ Briar Creek. Action by 4/17/11.- The Township has received a request for a six month time extension for the Townes @ Briar Creek plan. This request asks to extend the time until October 17, 2011.

*Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to accept the time extension for the Townes @ Briar Creek. Motion passed unanimously.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion – Award Bid 2011-01, Fire Station Construction. Tabled 03/07/11.- Mr. Klein briefly reviewed the five contracts. Mr. Megonnell asked why we are financing 2.8 million if the five lowest bids are more than 3 million dollars. Ms. England reviewed the casino grant funding and the Township building fund contribution. Solicitor Yost asked for the date which the bids are to be accepted or rejected. Ms. England stated the bids are valid until April 25<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion among the Board regarding awarding the bids even though the agreement with the fire company has not been finalized. Mr. Klein suggested that the bids be awarded this evening; Mr. Scott was in agreement with Mr. Klein.

*Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Ostermayer to award Contract 1, General/Site Construction to Yingst Homes, Inc.*

Solicitor Yost stated that the Township has to award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder which was Premier Construction.

*Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Klein to award Contract 1, General/Site Construction, for the new Fire Station at 7624 Jonestown Road to the low bidder, Premier Construction of Dillsburg, for the amount of \$1,819,000.00. Motion passed 4-1 on a roll call vote, with Mr. Ostermayer voting nay.*

*Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to award Contract 2, Plumbing, for the new Fire Station at 7624 Jonestown Road to the low bidder, Stouffer Mechanical of Chambersburg, for the amount of \$361,200.00. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.*

*Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Ostermayer to award Contract 3, HVAC, for the new Fire Station at 7624 Jonestown Road to the low bidder, Shannon A. Smith of Myerstown, in the amount of \$495,775.00 less the deduct alternate bid M-1 Zone #2 Tarmac Snow Melting Rear in the amount of \$28,450, for a total cost of \$467,325.00. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.*

*Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to award Contract 4, Fire Protection, for the new Fire Station at 7624 Jonestown Road to the low bidder, S.A. Cumunale of Westlawn, for the amount of \$45,958.00. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Ostermayer to award Contract 5, Electrical, for the new Fire Station at 7624 Jonestown Road to the low bidder, J.A. Kolva of Lewisberry, in the amount of \$477,900.00 less the deduct alternate bid E-1 Zone #2 Tarmac Snow Melting Rear in the amount of \$340.00, for a total cost of \$477,560.00. Motion passed unanimously.*

Mr. Scott thanked Matt Miller for all his hard work on this project and thanked the members of fire department for all they do for the Township.

Mr. Miller thanked that Board for the assistance with the project and he is confident that the lease issues will be resolved.

Motion- Municipal Building and Public Works Building Security Upgrades. Tabled 03/07/11.- Ms. England has not heard back from the insurance company regarding if the security upgrades would affect our rates.

***Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Ms. Turns to table the upgrade of the fire detection system at the Municipal Building and the Public Works shop until the Manager finds out how a fire detection system will affect our insurance premium. Motion passed unanimously.***

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

Resolution 2011-34, Appointment of EAC Seat #1- Mr. Klein reviewed the two applications for Seat #1 for the EAC for the balance of a term of three years ending December 31, 2013.

***Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to appoint Carol Buskirk to Seat #1 on the EAC for the balance of a three year term ending December 31, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.***

Motion – Execute Dauphin County Local Share Municipal Grant Agreements

***Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to accept and execute the Dauphin County Local Share Municipal Grant agreements for the SR 0039 Right-of-Way purchase and Utility Relocation and the Fire Station Construction project. Motion passed unanimously.***

Resolution 2011-36, Fire/Police Authorization

***Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Ostermayer to adopt Resolution 2011-36 Fire/Police Authorization to participate in the Summer Movies in the Park Program. Motion passed unanimously.***

Motion – Authorization to Hire Part-Time Compost Center Attendant

***Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve the employment of Ralph Tuckey as part-time Compost Center attendant at a salary of \$9.00 per hour. Motion passed unanimously.***

Motion – Authorization to Advertize Ordinance 2011-05, amending Chapter 103 -The PSAB is recommending an amendment to Ordinance Chapter 103, Fire Prevention. The amendment would require annual testing and reporting of all fire alarms, water based fire protection systems, and all emergency illumination and exit signs for commercial buildings. The inspections would certify that the systems are fully operational and could be performed by the manufacturers' service representative. Fire Chief Matt Senft stated that if a business has three or more false alarms they can be fined.

***Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Ostermayer to authorize the advertisement of enactment of Ordinance 2011-05, amending Chapter 103, Fire Prevention, to require annual testing of all fire alarm systems. Motion passed unanimously.***

Motion – Authorize Construction of Dimatex Storage @ Houck Memorial Park- As part of the 2011 budget the Board approved a Park project funded from FILO to construct a storage pad for the dimatex material at Houck Memorial Park. The material is used on the infield of the ball fields, maintained by the baseball association. Mrs. Fesig, Park and Recreation Coordinator, issued a request for quotes to three local contractors for the pad; all three contractors submitted quotes.

*Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to award the quote for the Dimatex Storage pad to the low bidder, Gundy Excavating, in the amount of \$5,500.00 from the FILO fund. Motion passed unanimously.*

Motion – Approve Scope of Work-Walnut/Chestnut North Culvert Replacement -The Board authorized the Township Engineer to prepare a Scope of Work for engineering and design of the replacement of the Walnut/Chestnut North culverts. The Board voted to have the Public Works department replace the drainage on Walnut North and Chestnut North. A permit is required from the Corps of Engineers, and engineering work is needed to properly size and place the replacement pipes. The engineering work will be completed at this time with the actual construction postponed to the future when the Authority brings public sewer into the area. There was discussion regarding the time frame of the permit. Mr. Brulo said you can extend a permit; he will check on the time extension of the permit.

*Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to table the engineering scope of work for the Walnut/Chestnut North culvert replacement project until Mr. Brulo confirms the time extension of the permit from the Corp of Engineers. Motion passed unanimously.*

Motion – Approve Scope of Work-Stofko/Getty Drainage project- This project requires installing drainage facilities across and down Fairville Ave. around UGI gas lines, sewer lines, and water lines. The Board authorized the Township Engineer to prepare a Scope of Work for engineering/design/bidding documents/construction observation for this drainage project. This scope does not include the requested construction observation activities. Initial investigations into this project produced many alternatives for the route of the drainage pipe. Until the exact location of all the utilities are known the design location and direction of the drainage pipe is unknown. Mr. Brulo will provide a separate scope of work for the construction observation later this spring.

*Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Ostermayer to approve the scope of work for the engineering/design/bidding documents for the Stofko/Getty drainage project in the amount of \$26,000 to be paid from the Capital Reserve Fund. Motion passed unanimously.*

**OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD: None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Matt Senft, 7741 Valley View Avenue- Mr. Senft thanked Mr. Ostermayer, Ms. Turns, Matt Miller, Tyler Kerstetter, and Denny Sowers for all their time and hard work on the fire station project.

Don Steinmeier, 11 North Fairville Avenue- Mr. Steinmeier brought up the bridge project between Lower Paxton and West Hanover that was discussed at the workshop on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Klein said that a joint application will be made for funding. Possible casino funding for the project was discussed. Mr. Steinmeier brought up the issue of the oil n chip project; he said it didn't work years ago when he was on the Board. He said that residents complained about the stones that damaged their cars.

Ms. Turns said that Rabbit Lane has never been paved; it has always been oil n chip, and there were never any problems. She said the problems with the project that occurred will be corrected.

Mr. Ostermayer stated that is oil n chip is done properly; it is a good way to repair roads.

Beth Carricato, 699 Knight Road- Ms. Carricato asked why the oil n chip project wasn't overseen by HRG. Ms. England said that the Board didn't hire HRG for construction observation on the project.

Dave Smith, 739 Walnut Run Court- Mr. Smith asked the Board if any action is going to be taken this evening regarding the closing of North Fairville Avenue. Mr. Klein said that the project will move forward, but Mr. Brulo will contact the contractor to see if one of the lanes can be kept open. Ms. Turns will contact Mr. Smith to keep him informed of the project. Mr. Klein said that the Township will notify the appropriate authorities regarding the detours.

#### **SUPERVISORS COMMENTS:**

Ms. Turns stated that someone to represent the Township at the CapCog meetings since Mr. Megonnell can't attend because it is the same night as the Board meeting. Bob Garland has offered to represent the Township, and seek assistance from CapCog in obtaining a towing contract. There was discussion that the CapCog meetings always coincide with the Board meeting and therefore Mr. Megonnell is unable to attend.

***Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Mr. Ostermayer to appoint Bob Garland as the CapCog representative for West Hanover Township. Motion passed unanimously.***

Mr. Scott asked why the real estate tax is down \$171,000 from last year. Ms. England said that you can't compare most of line items from one year to another. She said the discount period ends next week and perhaps residents are waiting to pay their taxes.

Mr. Scott brought up the request to waive tax penalties from the resident who paid their taxes, but the Tax Collector lost the check. Ms. England authorized the waiver since the resident had his tax bill which was stamped paid from the Tax Collector.

Mr. Megonnell reminded everyone of the EAC Compost Workshop on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ms. England reminded everyone of the Community Dinner on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:15 pm**