

**WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7171 ALLENTOWN BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17112
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2010**

JOINT WORKSHOP SESSION

WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Linda Turns, Chairman
Chris Scott, Secretary/Treasurer
Bill Ostermayer, Supervisor
Ken Tyndale, Water & Sewer Authority
Don Steinmeier, Water & Sewer Authority

Jay Megonnell, Vice Chairman
Adam Klein, Supervisor
Steve Millard, Water & Sewer Authority Chairman
Robert Jones, Water & Sewer Authority

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

OLD TOPICS: None.

NEW TOPICS

Discussion – Act 537 Special Study Update- Justin Mendinsky, HRG, provided an update for the new Board Members regarding the 2006 Act 537, which included the three, inter-municipal alternatives. There was discussion about all the alternatives, and approaching the plan upgrade in phases. The plant is near capacity with only 120 EDU's remaining. There was discussion of the size of expansion and what land is needed and available. Dale Shope, Authority Engineer, presented the hydraulic and organic loading projections report for review and discussion. There was discussion, about in past years using a standard of 235 gpd/EDU. Mr. Shope presented six year historical figures which showed an overall average of 149 gpd/EDU, and presented justification to lower from 235 gpd/EDU to 175 gpd/EDU. The Board of Supervisors and the Water & Sewer Authority agreed to utilize a 175gpd/EDU as a planning figure. The Board of Supervisors discussed the pros and cons of the various basin design capacities. In January the organic load was over capacity, which will send up a red flag to the DEP. The DEP views capacity by flow and organic loading. Mr. Shope explained that if one basin was added that 15-18 years of capacity would be the result. There was discussion regarding what would be the least expensive project that would solve the current problems. The estimated cost to add one basin would be between 6.5 and 7 million dollars. The implementation schedule was then discussed in detail. The Authority has sent out RFP for design engineering firms, based on a phased plan beginning with a one basin. After a design has been completed the Authority will then know what amount of land is needed. Mr. Shope stated that you can't go to bid without a Part II Permit. There was a great deal of discussion the completion of the Act 537 study, and the time involved for DEP to review the plan, along with time for advertisement, public hearings, and any possible time extension requests from DEP. There was discussion regarding the letter from East Hanover Township who is looking at the need for sewer extensions and the possibility of an inter-municipal sewage system. It was decided that Justin should proceed with the Act 537 plan without including the request from East Hanover Township since there has been no further correspondence. Justin will proceed with the plan including the phased approach, with the initial phase being completed within two years. Additional phases will be added as needed due to growth.

Supplemental Scope of Work, Municipal Park Ped Path Project. Tabled at 01/19/10 regular meeting. Tabled until 3/8/2010 workshop when Al Brulo will make a presentation.

Other Workshop Items/Information- On Friday, February 5th the Township was under a snow emergency. Ms. England stated that on Saturday February 6th at 12:01 pm, Governor Rendell declared a state of emergency. Mr. McCahan, Chairman of the PSAB, contacted Ms. Turns who then confirmed with other Board Members regarding the situation at hand.

Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Ms. Turns to declare a state of emergency on Saturday February 6, 2010 at 12:01 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

By declaring a state of emergency the Township can apply for Federal reimbursement for overtime and use of equipment.

Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Ms. Turns to rescind the state of emergency on Monday, February 8, 2010 at 8:10pm. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:10 PM