

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

**WORKSHOP SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.**

Ms. Turns called the workshop to order at 6:00pm

**ROLL CALL**

Linda Turns, Chairman  
Chris Scott, Secretary/Treasurer  
Bill Ostermayer, Supervisor

Jay Megonnell, Vice Chairman  
Adam Klein, Supervisor

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**OLD TOPICS:**

Discussion – Ordinance 2010-04, Forest Management Amendment. Tabled

**NEW TOPICS**

Discussion – Complaint by Andy Gnall. - The Board reviewed the list of responses that the Township had presented to Mr. Gnall regarding his complaints. Township staff and the Matt Williard, SEO for Light-Heigel performed site visits to his property. The consensus of the Board is that it is not a Township issue. It was suggested that Ms. England will send a letter to Mr. Gnall from the Township to include all documentation detailing the Township responses to the complaints.

*Mr. Klein moved, seconded by Mr. Scott to resolve the Gnall complaint as lacking merit for Township action and recommending consultation with an attorney for any neighbor disputes. Motion passed unanimously.*

Discussion – Financing of Fire Station project- Ms. Turns asked for clarification as to why the money from the Jonestown Road sale was to be for a new recreation center. Ms. England stated that at that time it was the general consensus that the funds would be used for a centralized recreation facility. There was discussion about a pre payment penalty for early payment of loans. Ms. Turns proposed that the Fire Company sell the Walnut Avenue property (location of the current recreation center) to the Township and that everything be worked out prior to their move into the new Fire Station. It was suggested that a joint workshop with the Fire Company be scheduled to begin the process. Ms. Turns also suggested that Township staff take over the Fire Department accounting which would save them the monthly fee that they are currently paying their accountant. Ms. England said that that is a large step towards taking over the Fire Company and making it a department of the Township. She said that there are a lot of details and a lot of liability to make them a department of the Township. Ms. Turns said that we need to look at the scope of work that would be involved with such a change and start a discussion with the Fire Company. Mr. Yost suggested that the Fire Company take an inventory of the building contents, excluding fire apparatus. There was dialogue about the various options to raise funds to pay for the construction of the Fire Station. The following options were discussed: Grant funds from Dauphin County, use of the building fund, a building assessment tax, and a variable rate bond. The pros and cons of each option were discussed among the Board members. It was determined that we need to find out what is our borrowing base for a loan. Ms. Turns suggested that we take grant funds out of the mix, if we get grants that would be great, but we need to have a plan on how to pay for

the building. Budgeting concerns and issues were discussed as well. The Board asked that Ms. England contact the County Commissioners to set up a meeting with the Board to discuss the potential for future grants.

Other Workshop Items/Information- Mr. Megonnell asked for an update regarding the Sam Harris situation. Solicitor Yost stated that he wasn't able to find anything information to prove that he owns the entire road. The Board instructed Ms. England to send Mr. Harris a letter informing him that it is not a Township issue regarding changing the name of the road.

Mr. Megonnell asked for an update regarding Harold Harman setting up a bank account for the funds received from scrap metal. Ms. England stated that he hasn't received any scrap metal at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:55 pm**