

**WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
7171 ALLENTOWN BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17112  
MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2010**

**WORKSHOP SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

Jay Megonnell, Vice Chairman  
Adam Klein, Supervisor

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**OLD TOPICS: None**

**NEW TOPICS:**

Motion - Health Insurance –Ms. England gave a brief history and overview of the health insurance offered to Township employees. There was general discussion among the Board regarding the plans available for the 2010-2011 contract year. Quotes were received from Health America, Capital Blue Cross, and Highmark. The underwriting process for Health America resulted in a premium increase of over 133% above the current premium with Highmark Blue Shield. The Capital Blue Cross premium was an increase of over 76% above our current premium. The Highmark Blue Shield renewal quote resulted in a 17.82% increase over the current premium. There was discussion regarding dental and vision plans, and the available deductible options. The Board brought up the option that any new employees would be subject to a different contribution rate than current employees. The current employee contribution is 10% of the monthly premium. Solicitor Yost suggested that a good time to discuss implementing a new policy would be during the budget process. It was suggested that early 2011 that Ms. England begin researching the Benecon plan. It was brought up that the Water & Sewer Authority may look into leaving the Township plan; however this would not happen for the 2010-2011 contract year.

*Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to execute the contracts for the Township health, dental, and vision insurances for the contract year October 1, 2010, to September 30, 2011, with Highmark Blue Shield for the renewal policy at \$1000/\$2000 deductible and that at the budget meetings the Board will discuss options for new employees. Motion passed unanimously.*

Discussion – PSATS News Bulletin – Ms. Turns brought up the article regarding Medicare for Township Supervisors. This brought up a discussion of employees who are eligible for Medicare and that Medicare would pay first for services with the Township insurance plan as the secondary coverage. Solicitor Yost asked if the employee is on Medicare should their secondary insurance premium be lower. Ms. England stated that all employees pay the same cost for single, couple, or family; there is no differential for employees on Medicare.

### Other Workshop Items/Information

Ms. Turns brought up the Dauphin County Conservation District meeting regarding the Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan regulations. She said the meeting brought up the issues facing Townships regarding the federal regulations from the EPA which are becoming stringent. Mr. Scott suggested that a workshop be set up with the Conservation District. Ms. England said the Mr. Brulo will make a presentation at the September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding what the Township needs to do to update of Stormwater Management Ordinance.

Ms. Turns brought up an article that is in the July issue of Pennsylvania Township News regarding painting Township parks green. The state is encouraging Townships to put aside traditional park designs and practices in favor of more natural greener options, which minimize upkeep and are kinder to the land. The Board discussed the options and advantages of having the parks become greener and what could be done at the various parks. This idea will be revisited in the future.

Ms. Turns brought up the issue with the office space for the Tax Collector. She said that she spoke with the Dauphin County Tax Bureau and that they offered to help Mrs. Kelemen collect bills after the flood that occurred at the office, however Mrs. Kelemen declined help. She then brought up the payments and incentives paid by Dauphin County, Central Dauphin School District, and the Township to Mrs. Kelemen. There was discussion regarding the motion made at the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the office space for the Tax Collector. The Board discussed the use of the office space on the lower level for the various groups and the Tax Collector at length.

***Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Turns to allow Mrs. Kelemen to work in the conference room until Friday, September 3, 2011 at 4:00pm, after this time Mrs. Kelemen must move into the office designated as the Tax Collector office. Motion passed unanimously.***

There was a roll call vote.

***Mr. Scott-voted Yes, Mr. Ostermayer-voted Yes, Ms. Turns-voted Yes, Mr. Megonnell-voted Yes, and Mr. Klein-voted No. Motion passed 4-1.***

Ms. England presented to the Board the agreement between Central Dauphin School District and the Township regarding the Jonestown & Blue Ridge project cancellation. The School District owes the Township half of the engineering fees incurred.

***Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Mr. Ostermayer to accept the agreement from Central Dauphin regarding cancellation of the Jonestown & Blue Ridge project and payment to the Township for half of the engineering fees incurred. Motion passed unanimously.***

Mr. Megonnell stated that he will be the Township representative for the Dauphin County Civil War Advisory Board. He informed Ms. England that a representative would contact her.

Ms. England stated there were numerous complaints regarding the road closure for the 225<sup>th</sup> Celebration parade.

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:10 pm**