

WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7171 ALLENTOWN BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17112
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hartman called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Hartman announced there had been an Executive Session at 6:00 PM prior to the meeting to discuss legal and personnel issues.

ROLL CALL

Larry Hartman, Chairman,
Linda Turns, Secretary/Treasurer
Deb Curcillo, Supervisor

Adam Klein, Vice Chairman
Rick Mullen, Supervisor

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC HEARING/MEETINGS

- A. #2008.01 Conditional Use Request – Oak Grove Manor, Continued from 12/15/08.
See Attached Transcript for discussion. ***Mr. Mullen moved, seconded by Ms. Turns to grant a continuance of the hearing until June 1, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.***

PRESENTATIONS, STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Workshop Meeting – February 17, 2009. ***Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Mullen, to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2009 workshop meeting. Motion passed 4-1 with Mrs. Curcillo abstaining..***

Regular Meeting – February 17, 2009. ***Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Mullen, to approve the minutes of February 17, 2009. Motion passed 4-1 with Mrs. Curcillo abstaining.***

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Turns reported the following fund balances:

General Fund Balance as of February 27, 2009	\$883,105.37
Total Liquid Fuels Balance as of February 27, 2009	\$213,291.67
Total Capital Reserve Fund Balance as of February 27, 2009	\$1,727,194.98

Ms. Turns reported the following deposit activity:

Deposit activity since February 17, 2009	\$83,958.44
Monthly Earned Income Tax Deposit, March 2, 2009	\$135,538.53

Ms. Turns reported the gross payroll of February 27, 2009, totaled \$34,317.39. ***Mr. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Klein, to approve the payroll of February 27, 2009 in the amount of \$34,317.39. Motion passed unanimously.*** Ms. Turns reported vouchers prepaid to meet due dates totaled \$577.00. ***Mrs. Curcillo moved, seconded by Mr. Mullen, to approve the vouchers prepaid to meet due dates in the amount of \$577.00. Motion passed unanimously.*** Ms. Turns reported the total for the vouchers to be approved was \$61,052.83. ***Mrs. Curcillo moved, seconded by Mr. Mullen, to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$61,052.83. Motion passed unanimously.***

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS AND PLANS

Discussion – Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Solar Energy Mr. Leonard presented the draft ordinance for Solar Energy Systems. Some discussion was held regarding item #6 vegetation or structures, under the standards section. ***Mr. Mullen moved, seconded by Ms. Turns, to forward the ordinance onto Dauphin County Planning Commission for review and schedule a hearing date for Monday, May 4, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.***

Discussion – Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Manure Storage – Mr. Leonard presented the draft ordinance for Manure Storage which was requested by the Board as one of the model ordinances from the County. Discussion was held regarding runoff from the manure piles, allowable height of manure piles and how much regulation there really needed to be. Mr. Klein asked if there were many complaints pertaining to this issue. Mr. Leonard stated he does not recall ever receiving any complaints. ***Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Klein, to table the manure storage amendment, pending comments from DCPC. Motion passed unanimously.*** No public hearing date to be set until after County comments are received and reviewed.

Ms. Edna Seachrist, speaking from the audience expressed concerns regarding over regulation of farming and making it difficult for small farms to operate.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Consent Items. None.

Ordinance 2009-01 No Parking Areas Ms. England provided Board members with an e-mail received from a resident in Sagewicke who expressed opposition to the ordinance. Mr. McCahan reported that the parking concern was first brought to the Board for action by residents of Brynfield, citing concerns regarding the ability of emergency vehicles, waste haulers and township equipment getting through on narrow streets due to parked vehicles. The Board referred the issue to the PSAB (Public Safety Advisory Board). Mr. McCahan further stated that he and the Fire Marshal surveyed all new developments for similar problems. It was determined that parking along the boulevard entrances, islands and cul-de-sac would indeed prevent or delay emergency vehicles from responding. Mr. McCahan noted that fire apparatus cannot mount the curbs in these newer developments.

Residents from the Sagewicke development, who did not address the Board at the microphone, expressed their opposition to the ordinance stating it will restrict their ability to have visitors and host large gatherings. After considerable discussion it was agreed that representatives from the Sagewicke Homeowner's Association would attend the April 2, 2009 PSAB meeting in order to try to reach a compromise.

Chairman Hartman noted this is a safety concern that needs to be addressed. Mr. Yost stated the Board has 60 days to act from the advertisement of the ordinance. ***Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Mullen, to table ordinance 2009-01 No Parking Areas, pending further review. Motion passed unanimously.***

Motion – Bid 2009-03 Mowing and Landscaping – ***Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Mullen to authorize advertisement of Bid 2009-03, Mowing and Landscaping Services. Motion passed unanimously.***

Ordinance 2009-07, Bus Shelters, Authorization to advertise, send to DCPC for review and set public hearing for May 4, 2009. ***Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Klein to authorize Ordinance 2009-07 Bus Shelters to be advertised, sent to DCPC for review and a public hearing date set for May 4, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.***

Ordinance 2009-08 Outdoor Furnace, Authorization to advertise, send to DCPC for review and set a public hearing date for May 4, 2009. Some minor discussion ensued with wording added to item L to state “No anti-pollution devise shall be altered or removed outside manufactures recommendations.” Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Klein, to authorize Ordinance 2009-08 Outdoor Furnace to be advertised, sent to

DCPC for review and a public hearing date set for May 4, 2009. Motion passed 3-2 with Mr. Hartman and Mrs. Curcillo voting nay.

CORRESPONDENCE

OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Ms. England reported that the Township received a reimbursement from PENNDOT in the amount of \$486,611.21 for the Part 2 engineering for Exit 77. The check was immediately deposited into the Exit 77 Fund and that amount is being repaid against the line of credit. Balance on the line of credit is down to \$895,000.

Edna Seachrist, 226 Brookridge Court – Ms. Seachrist noted she was in Florida when the work release ordinance hearing was conducted and stated she was very uncomfortable with the ordinance and the location.

John Dambrosia – Commended the Board for their support of the West Hanover Elementary School, showing up for School Board meetings and making information available to residents.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:20 PM