

**WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7171 ALLENTOWN BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17112
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2009**

WORKSHOP SESSION

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Hartman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

Adam Klein, Vice-Chairman
Rick Mullen, Supervisor

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD TOPICS: None

NEW TOPICS

Discussion - Proposed Ordinance-Forestry Activities – Bob Leonard spoke regarding his work with the EAC the past few years to improve our Ordinances with better protection of land both prior to and during development. The Board discussed land clearing vs. forestry activity. Mr. Hartman asked Mr. Yost if we are taking the landowner's right of their property. Discussion was held regarding waiting periods after land clearing regarding landowners changing their mind and wants to develop the land.

The Board tabled the updating of the Forestry Activity Ordinance awaiting Mr. Yost who will look into the state statues so we can word the ordinance the way it will benefit the Township.

Discussion – Fire Station Zoning District - Discussion began with Bob Leonard reviewing Section 195-208 of the Zoning Ordinance which exempts the Township from following its own rules, it was discussed that this zoning to allow a new fire station would benefit the township. Mr. Hartman asked if anyone has spoke with Mr. Yingst and is he interested with the appraisal. Ms. England stated that he is on vacation this week so we won't know anything until he is back next week. Mr. Hartman asked Matt Miller if they have an idea of what type and size of building they will propose. This led into the discussion of fund raising, and is there a plan in place to raise money for the fire department. Mr. Miller stated the fire company will continue to do their mailer to raise money. The Township will need to review how funds will be raised or budgeted to support the fire station. It was then discussed if in the future will the fire department will be a municipal organization.

Discussion – Connecting Municipal Building to Public Sewer - Discussion revolved around Keystone Correctional Services offering to allow the Township Municipal Building to be connected to the sewer. There has been no formal written offering at this time. Mr. Brulo spoke about the cost of connecting according to the tentative plan would be near \$20,000.00. The questioned was asked if the Township has \$20,000.00 in the budget, Ms. England stated that it would have to come from Capital Reserve. Keystone Correctional Services must first get approval from the Water & Sewer Authority before the Board will make any decisions as they do not have any written offer at this time.

Mrs. Curcillo motioned, seconded by Ms. Turns to table the issue of connecting the Municipal Building to Public Sewer until as written offer is presented to the Board from Keystone Correctional Services. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion – Brynfield Curb grinding - Bob Leonard received a call from a resident in Brynfield who want to install a handicapped ramp right beside his mailbox so he could run his wheelchair to his mailbox. The resident stated that other homeowners had grinded the top of their curbs. Bob Leonard and Al Brulo visited the development and found that three different types of curb modifications had been done. The concern with the modifications is that the changes could eventually cause structural issues, the concrete will crack, and there may be storm water issues. Ms. England stated that the township has accepted the roads but a maintenance guarantee is not in effect. The Board needs to find out if the curbs were accepted as part of the streets. Letters will be prepared for the Home Owners Association and homeowners who made the changes to be reviewed by the Board at the meeting on June 15th. There will be an agreement of professional responsibility between the homeowners who made modification to their curbs and the Township. The agreement will state that the homeowners will be responsible for all maintenance and repairs.

The Board agreed to table the decision of the Curb grinding in Brynfield contingent upon review of the following: A letter to the Home Owners Association, a letter to the homeowners who made changes to their curbs, and the agreement that will be between the homeowners who made changes and the Township.

Discussion – Local Share Gaming Municipal Grant projects- Discussion on the Grant projects began with the Fire Station. Ms. England stated that the original grant for the proposal of the fire station was a three year plan. The first year was land acquisition, the second year design, construction, and bid documents, and the third year construction. Ms. England asked the Board to decide what grants they want to apply for and in what order of importance for the Township. It was discussed if Mr. Brulo should work up a design, engineer, bid spec, architectural, and land development plan. It will not be a scope of work, but will be for planning purposes. The application deadline for the 2010 Local share Gaming Municipal Grants is September 1, 2009. Ms. England stated the Board may also want to consider retaining a professional grant writer to prepare the grant applications. The Board unanimously decided not to look into retaining a grant writer. Ms. England proposed that the grants be written for the 1st meeting in August so the Board can review. The Board decided they will apply for the following grants, in the following priority:

1. WHT Fire Station
2. Harper Drive Rebuild
3. Jonestown Road/Blue Ridge Avenue Construction
4. SR 39 Devonshire Speed Warning System.

Mr. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Klein to have Mr. Brulo provide cost estimates to complete a design, engineer, bid spec, architectural, and land development plan for the grant application. Ms. Turns opposed, Passed 4-1.

Discussion – Compost Center Hours- The compost center at the Public Works facility is manned by a part-time employee on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 7 AM to 3 PM, and Saturdays, from 8 AM to 12 noon. The compost center is very busy and public works has started keeping track of the number of residents that visit the center. Last year the center was closed on Tuesday and Thursday and the Township received a lot of complaints. There was discussion regarding should there be a charge to use the Compost Center, and if so would it be for residents or non-residents. No final decision was made regarding charging a fee to use the Compost Center. ***Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Klein to keep the hours of the compost center and its' attendant for Tuesday and Thursday, 7 AM to 3 PM, and Saturdays, 8 AM to 12 noon, from approximately April 1 to December 1. Mr. Hartman opposed. Passed 4-1.***

Motion – Resolution 2009-45, Closure of Piketown Road- Ms. England stated that the Township has further negotiated the proposed road closing to limit disruptions to traffic. The road closure will be limited to 8 AM to 3 PM to allow morning commuters access through the area. We have also asked that the full road closure be limited to the week of June 15th only. Womex, Inc. has agreed to these conditions. The Resolution has been prepared for the road closure for two weeks, from June 15 to June 26, 2009, to allow for weather delays. Womex Inc. has assured us they will limit the full closure as much as possible. A letter will be sent to all homeowners, and they will have access to their homes during the road closure hours as well. Closing information will also be posted on the Township’s website. *Mr. Klein moved, seconded by Ms. Turns to make a motion to approve Resolution 2009-45, the temporary closure of a portion of Piketown Road. Motion passed unanimously.*

Other Workshop Items/Information

Helen Pinkerton called Mr. Hartman regarding a neighbor. His children are driving cars and motorcycles on their property until midnight and are very loud. Mrs. Pinkerton wants to know what can be done. Ms. England stated that she should call in and file a noise complaint.

Ms. England informed the Board that CAPCOG is holding a Comcast renewal meeting on June 24th. Due to prior scheduled events no one is able to attend.

Ms. England informed the Board that Phase 1, the front of the Keystone Correctional Services building has received a permit. Phase II, the back of the building, has nine items that need to be addressed in order to receive a permit. A certificate of occupancy will not be issued until all inspections are complete.

Mr. Klein mentioned that the dog park opened in Lower Paxton Township, and asked if West Hanover Township should build one behind the Municipal Building.

Mr. Yost stated that the Swatara Township Authority will meet next week they didn’t meet last week.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:55p

There was a brief executive session, following the workshop meeting.