

**WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7171 ALLENTOWN BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17112
MONDAY, JULY 13, 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:

Discussion - Proposed Ordinance-Forestry Activities. Tabled 06/08/09 WS. - The Board discussed various issues regarding the proposed ordinance. Mr. Yost didn't find any court cases relating to a three year time delay for development. He also suggested calling the logging plan the forestry management plan. Mr. Hartman questioned if there is a size limit, Mr. Leonard stated there is no minimum area listed in the current Ordinance. Mr. Yost suggested that he and Mr. Leonard meet to review the proposed language in the Ordinance and will then present it to the Board.

Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mrs. Curcillo to table Proposed Ordinance-Forestry Activities until Mr. Yost and Mr. Leonard meet to review the proposed language.

Discussion – Brynfield Curb grinding. Tabled 06/08/09 WS. – Mr. Leonard stated he is looking for direction from the Board on how to handle future requests regarding curb grinding. In the future any proposed modification by the owner would require a road cut permit. There was a discussion on the use of linseed oil, and the effectiveness of this sealing procedure. Mr. Yost stated there are two main issues: The maintenance and repair of the curbs and the need for a release of liability agreement. Ms. Turns stated that curb modification should only be allowed if the homeowner has a physical disability. The Board approved the letters that would be sent to the homeowners association and those homeowners who have cut or grinded their curbs without Township knowledge. Mr. Leonard and Mr. Yost will meet to review the agreement. The letters will be sent along with the liability agreement once approved by Mr. Yost.

Discussion – Connecting Municipal Building to Public Sewer. Tabled 06/08/09 WS- There was discussion regarding the connection to the public sewer with Keystone Correctional Services. The Township will be responsible for the tap in and monthly fees. The grinder pump will be the responsibility of Keystone Correctional Services. Mr. Yost stated that Keystone Correctional Services needs to draft an agreement for the Board to review prior to the August 3, 2009 meeting which Keystone Correctional Services will attend to discuss any issues.

Board consensus to agree to put on agenda for August 3, 2009 meeting.

Discussion- Repaving of Towhan Road- Keystone Correctional Services will be resurfacing the eastern half of Towhan road as part of their improvement plan. They are proposing that both halves of the road be resurfaced at the same time. The estimated cost to the Township for the resurfacing of the western half is \$9,707.00.

There was discussion regarding the condition of the road and the cost.

Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mrs. Curcillo to not approve the repaving of the western lane of Towhan Road with Township money. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW TOPICS

Discussion – Streetlight Tax- The Board of Supervisors has met several times regarding the Streetlight Tax Assessment which will be effective January 1, 2010. The current assessment is foot frontage. There was discussion regarding the four forms of assessment and how they effect what the homeowners are charged. Pubic comment was that the Board should make a decision that is fair to all homeowners.

Mr. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Hartman to choose parcel based tax assessment method for streetlights. Motion failed on a 2-3 vote with Mrs. Curcillo, Ms. Turns, and Mr. Klein voting no.

Mr. Klein moved, seconded by Mrs. Curcillo to choose millage based tax assessment method for streetlights. Motion passed 3-2 with Ms. Turns and Mr. Hartman voting no.

Discussion – Matt Miller, Fire Station Architectural Design- The Board of Supervisors reviewed the preliminary concept provided by the Fire Company. Discussion revolved around what is necessary in the fire house and how additional funds can be obtained. The Fire Company is suggesting a Master Plan Design with different construction phases. This plan design will allow the building to meet the basic requirements of the Township and the Fire Department as well as adding construction phases as funds are obtained by grants. Average fire houses are between 20,000-30,000 square feet. Mr. Hartman suggested that we make the Casino Grant Application based on construction of a 25,000 square foot building.

Discussion – Linda Turns, PIP progress report, financial matters- The purpose of the PIP is to provide an update on the progress of projects and costs involved at the end of each quarter. Ms. Turns felt that the amount spent on the micro surfacing in addition for preparation for micro surfacing was very expensive. It would have been more cost effective to have Public Works pave the road.

Other Workshop Items/Information

A discussion was held regarding the old street sweeper. The cost of placing an ad for the sale of the sweeper would be a greater value than the sweeper. It was discussed that the sweeper could be used for parts to repair Public Works machinery.

Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mrs. Curcillo to have Harold Harman utilize the old sweeper for parts. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Curcillo asked what the status is of Exit 77. Ms. England stated there is a construction meeting on Friday July 17, 2009 that she will attend.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:40 pm