

WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7171 ALLENTOWN BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17112
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2009

CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Hartman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Hartman announced there had been an Executive session at 6:00 PM to discuss real estate and personnel issues. An Executive Session was also held on July 29, 2009.

ROLL CALL

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

Adam Klein, Vice-Chairman
Rick Mullen, Supervisor

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Steinmeier, 11 N Fairville Avenue – Mr. Steinmeier presented to the Board of Supervisors possible solutions to the problem at the intersection of Tiverton Road and Manor Drive a the Townes of Hershey. There was discussion regarding the solutions that Mr. Steinmeier presented and the possibility of posting warning signs. The Board will have Harold Harmon visit the location and see where warning signs can be posted.

On the correspondence list Mr. Steinmeier wanted to know who is Maxwell Brink. Ms. England stated he is the home owner who had an on-lot septic system installed by the previous homeowner who should have been connected to the public sewer system. Ms. England sent a letter to Mr. Brink stating the Board of Supervisors granted of a waiver to hook up to the public sewer system, however if there are problems with the on-lot septic sewer system in the future they will be required to connect to the public sewer system.

Michael Kelly, 7389 Country View Drive- Any update on Manor Drive Ped Path? Mr. Yost and Mr. Brulo still need to review the plans.

PUBLIC HEARING/MEETINGS

Swearing In Ceremony – WHT Fire Police – Mr. Kevin Harner

Mr. Samuel Swartz, Fire Police Captain, spoke regarding Mr. Harner’s qualifications to be sworn in as a Fire Police Officer. Mr. Harner was unable to attend the meeting and will be sworn in at a later date.

Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Mullen to appoint Mr. Kevin Harner as a member of the West Hanover Township Fire Police. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS, STAFF/BOARD REPORTS:

Ms. England discussed the memo from Dixie Fesig inviting the Board of Supervisors to attend and participate in the West Hanover Township Community Festival being held on Saturday August 22, 2009. Invitations were sent to the Dauphin County Commissioners, Representative Ron Marsico, and Senator Jeff Piccola.

Ms. England informed the Board that the Public Works Department would stop the drainage work this week in order to move the dirt pile that is behind the Public Work's shop. The dirt pile is in the right of way for Exit 77 and must be moved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular meeting – July 20, 2009 – *Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Mullen to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 20, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Turns reported the following fund balances:

A. Fund Balances (Fund balances are presented for reference only.)

General Fund Balance as of July 31, 2009	\$549,024.97
Total Liquid Fuels Balance as of July 31, 2009	\$422,123.11
Total Capital Reserve Fund Balance as of July 31, 2009	\$1,978,454.26

B. Deposit Activity since July 20, 2009 \$36,663.09

Ms. Turns reported the gross payroll of July 31, 2009, totaled \$33,930.01. *Mrs. Curcillo moved, seconded by Mr. Klein, to approve the payroll of July 31, 2009 in the amount of \$33,930.01. Motion passed unanimously.* Ms. Turns reported the vouchers prepaid to meet due dates were \$800.00. *Mrs. Curcillo moved, seconded by Mr. Klein, to approve the vouchers prepaid to meet due dates in the amount of \$800.00. Motion passed unanimously.* Ms. Turns reported the total for the vouchers to be approved was \$181,820.65. *Mr. Klein moved, seconded by Mr. Mullen, to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$181,820.65. Motion passed unanimously.*

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS AND PLANS

Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Junkyard- Comments were received from Dauphin County and Mr. Leonard reviewed the comments. There was discussion regarding burning of yard waste and other DEP regulations on burning. According to the Township Ordinance only yard waste can be burned in certain residential districts.

Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Mullen to set the Junkyard Ordinance Amendment Hearing date for 9/8/09. Motion passed unanimously.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Commercial Recreation- Comments were received from Dauphin County and Mr. Leonard reviewed the comments.

Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Mullen to set the Commercial Recreation Ordinance Amendment Hearing date for 9/8/09. Motion passed unanimously.

SALDO Ordinance Amendment – Pre Construction Conference- Comments were received from Dauphin County and Mr. Leonard reviewed the comments. There was discussion regarding fees, fines, and the Township being notified before any work can begin.

Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Mullen to set the SALDO Ordinance Amendment for Pre Construction Conference Amendment Hearing date for 9/8/09. Motion passed unanimously.

SALDO Ordinance Amendment – Site Design Standards. Comments were received from Dauphin County and Mr. Leonard reviewed the comments. There was discussion regarding site analysis and requirements. The Board had concern for small single home lots.

Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mrs. Curcillo to send the SALDO Ordinance Amendment – Site Design Standards back to the Township Planning Commission to set a standard for lot size. Motion passed unanimously.

Sidewalks in Arondale Final Land Development Plan - Representatives of Yingst Homes met with Township staff and the Township Engineer along Sarhelm Road to discuss potential changes to the sidewalk locations along the rear of the Phase VII Bradford Estates townhouses, and in front of the Arondale Development. Due to the location of the stormwater system on both sides of Sarhelm Road, installation of sidewalks as indicated on the recorded Final Plans for the two developments would be difficult to construct, could raise some safety issues with sight distance, and not serve the public efficiently. The Township staff and Township Engineer agree that it is a better to not have a sidewalk along Sarhelm Road on the Bradford Estates side (eastern side), and extend the sidewalk on the Arondale side (western side) of Sarhelm Road.

Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Mullen to approve the plan of not having a sidewalk along Sarhelm Road on the Bradford Estates side (eastern side), and extend the sidewalk on the Arondale side (western side) of Sarhelm Road. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion – Supplemental Scope of Work, Municipal Park Ped Path Project.- Tabled at meetings on 07/06/09, 07/20/09, 8/3/09.

Motion – Sidewalks on Manor Dr. - Tabled at meetings on 07/06/09, 07/20/09, 8/3/09.

Discussion – On-lot septic request, corner of Hershey Rd. and Red Top Rd. - There was discussion regarding the On-lot septic request There is no requirement in the West Hanover Township codes that a commercial enterprise connect to public sewer. On lot systems are permitted however there must be enough room and the grounds must be suitable for such a system. Ms. England stated that the real estate agent has spoken with South Hanover Township who sends down to the Derry Township Municipal Authority. It was suggested by South Hanover Township that the agent speak directly with Derry Township and they have no objections.

Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Mullen to have Township Staff respond to the Client that there are no requirements to connect to public sewer. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion – Consent Items: Conference Attendance Authorization, Section 607.4: Harold Arndt

Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Mullen to approve conference attendance for Harold Arndt at the Pennsylvania Residential Sprinkler Forum. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – Municipal Building Sewer Connection Agreement – Mr. Powell was in attendance to answer and questions regarding the Sewer Connection Agreement between West Hanover Township and Keystone Correctional Services and TWL Realty. Mr. Powell confirmed that the grinder pump would be the responsibility of Keystone Correctional Services.

Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Mullen to accept the offer from Keystone Correctional Services and TWL Realty to provide a sewer lateral from their grinder pump to approximately the location of the current Municipal Building septic system and authorize the execution of an agreement specifying maintenance responsibilities for each party. Motion passed 3-2 with Mrs. Curcillo and Mr. Klein voting nay.

Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Mullen to execute the agreement for the paving of Towhan Road. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2009-15, Bridge Weight Restrictions –Ms. England stated that this Ordinance was advertised for discussion and enactment. It is regarding adding definitions to the vehicles and traffic section regarding weight limits on bridges. The bridge on Jonestown Road over Beaver Creek has been established as a bridge with special weight restrictions. This bridge should be posted with a Weight Limit Sign. When the Ordinance has been passed the Township will coordinate with Lower Paxton Township to post the signs at the same time.

Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mrs. Curcilio to pass Ordinance 2009-15, Bridge Weight Restrictions. Motion passed unanimously with one abstention.

Motion – 225th Celebration funding request- Mrs. Zimmerman, Chairperson of the 225th Celebration Committee updated the Board on the their ideas and suggestions for the Celebration. The committee is composed of members from various local organizations and citizens. They have already met several times to discuss publishing a booklet, sponsorships, facilities, celebration logo, and fundraising ideas. They have tentatively set the date for the celebration for the weekend of August 27, 28, and 29, 2010. In order to fully plan for the event, however, they will need funds to continue the planning and work prior to receiving sponsorship donations. They are asking for seed money from the Board of Supervisors in the amount of \$10,000.00 which will be paid back after the event.

Mr. Mullen moved, seconded by Ms. Turns to forward to the 225th Celebration Committee seed money in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Capital Reserve Fund to be fully repaid to the Capital Reserve Fund by September 30, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2009-50, Fire/Police Authorization- This resolution would authorize the West Hanover Township Fire Police to participate and be utilized in specific non-emergency civic events, conventions, parades, meetings and similar civic functions of the type customarily attended by and participated in by volunteer fire police.

Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mrs. Curcillo to pass Resolution 2009-50, Fire/Police Authorization. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – Health Insurance package 10/01/09 to 10/01/10- Ms. England reviewed the proposed renewal options to the Board. There are three options: The renewal option is identical to our current plan with Highmark, Option 1 is a \$1,000/\$2,000 deductible with Highmark, and Option 2, is a \$1,000/\$2,000 deductible with Blue Cross. Option 2 would require underwriting with Blue Cross, there is no underwriting with Highmark. The Board discussed the plans and the cost for each option.

Mr. Hartman moved, seconded by Mrs. Curcillo to Table the Health Insurance renewal decision until the August 17, 2009, meeting and direct staff to proceed with the underwriting process through Capital Blue Cross with a \$1000/\$2000 deductible in order to accurately compare the policies. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – Uniform Local Share Municipal Grant Application: I-81/Harper Dr. Truck Turnaround-Ms. England stated that the grant is in final form.

Motion – Uniform Local Share Municipal Grant Application: Jonestown Road/Blue Ridge Avenue Intersection Relocation- Ms. England stated that the grant is in final form.

The Board agreed that both grants looked good and are needed projects.

Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Klein to submit the Uniform Local Share Municipal Grant Application: I-81/Harper Dr. Truck Turnaround and Uniform Local Share Municipal Grant Application: Jonestown Road/Blue Ridge Avenue Intersection Relocation as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – Weight Limit Study Scope of Work- Last year the Board expressed concern about over-weight vehicles traveling on Township roads in the northern part of the Township, specifically logging related vehicles. In order to protect Township roads from damage a weight limit study must be conducted on each of the roads in order to determine the actual weight limit. the following roads to be included in a weight limit study: Pine Tree Avenue, Sleepy Hollow Road, Appleby Road, Mumma Road, and a portion of Piketown Road There was discussion regarding should other roads be included in the study and should a study be conducted on the entire Township. Mr. Yost stated that it would be very expensive to do a road study for the entire township but perhaps it should be considered to be done in stages.

Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mrs. Curcillo to reject the Scope of Work for a Weight Limit study of 5 specific roads in the Township in the amount of \$15,400.00. Motion passed 3-2 with Mr. Hartman and Mr. Klein voting nay.

Motion – Sterling Road Alternatives Scope of Work- The Board discussed the contribution cost from the developer and the problems with Sterling Road. Ms. England stated that the scope of work will provide the alternatives to address the potential safety issues, substandard width, aging pavement, and the lack of shoulders. She also suggested that it could be added to the 2010 budget.

Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Mullen to reject the Scope of Work for the Sterling Road Alternatives study in the amount of \$10,700.00. Motion failed 3-2 with Mrs. Curcillo, Mr. Hartman, and Mr. Klein voting nay.

Mr. Klein moved, seconded by Mrs. Curculio to approve the Scope of Work for the Sterling Road Alternatives study in the amount of \$10,700.00. Motion passed 3-2 with Ms. Turns and Mr. Mullen voting nay.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Item #1 From: Dauphin County Association of Township Officials-Ms. England stated the annual convention of Dauphin County Officials will be held on Thursday October 1, 2009. The following members will attend: Mrs. Curcillo, Ms. England, Mr. Hartman, Mr. Klein, Ms. Turns, and Mr. Yost.

Item #8 From: Rescue Fire Company #1, Susquehanna Township- Mr. John Logan from the Susquehanna Fire Rescue Company is requesting support from West Hanover Township in their grant application for the replacement of their existing Tanker. The Susquehanna Township Fire Tanker responded 11 times in 2008 to West Hanover Township fires. They are requesting West Hanover Township to be a joint partner in this grant application or write a letter of support on their behalf. Mr. Neal Shatto, West Hanover Township Fire Company Trustee, stated the request had been received by the fire company and would be discussed at their meeting 8/4/09.

Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mrs. Curcillo to approve a letter of support for Susquehanna Fire Rescue Company grant application. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

Mr. Gary Bank, Pastor of the Friendship Community Church has reserved Lenker Park for August 23rd and is requesting a waiver of the rental fee. Ms. England stated that he will need to take this request to the Park & Recreation Board. There was also discussion regarding the schedule of the Recreation Center. Ms. England stated that the schedule of the building is in the control of West Hanover Township Park & Recreation department.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS: Mr. Hartman wanted to know that status of the telephone on Devonshire and Oak Grove. Ms. England stated she will write the letter this week to Verizon.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:40 PM