

**WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7171 ALLENTOWN BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17112
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2011**

WORKSHOP SESSION: 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Megonnell called the workshop to order at 6:00pm

ROLL CALL

Adam Klein, Chairman-Absent
Linda Turns, Secretary/Treasurer
Bill Ostermayer, Supervisor

Jay Megonnell, Vice Chairman
Chris Scott, Supervisor

PUBLIC COMMENT:

OLD TOPICS: None

NEW TOPICS:

Motion – Authorize General Obligation bond issue-Mr. Shearer and Mr. Williard from PFM were present to review information on General Obligation bonds, answer questions, and get authorization to proceed on several items. Before reviewing the information for this evening, Mr. Shearer informed the Board that Bond Pool Loan for the Fire Station project closed last week. Ms. England stated that disbursement paperwork is included in the correspondence section of the Board packet. Mr. Shearer reviewed the General Obligation bond handout which included: The estimated timeline of events, interest rates for fixed rate long term municipal bonds, how a bond issues works, and obligations of the Township. There was general discussion regarding the five year call feature to pay down debt as well as the bond term options/rates that are available to the Water & Sewer Authority. Don Steinmeier, WSA Board Member stated that the WSA is meeting on April 19th. All options and rates will be discussed and a decision will be made at that meeting. Mr. Shearer said that the trend is a 25 year term in most WSA projects. The bond issue will be approximately 7 million dollars.

Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Scott to proceed with the General Obligation Bond issue as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion – Review of Subsidy Agreement for General Obligation Bond issue- The first draft of the Subsidy Agreement between the Township and the Authority was available for review. Much of the contents of the agreement are a requirement of the Local Government Unit Debt Act. The Township has a choice of selecting a Paying Agent and Sinking Fund depository. M&T and Fulton are two banks that offer this service. There was general discussion regarding the banks and the fees that would be incurred.

Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Ms. Turns to select Fulton Bank as the Paying Agent and Sinking Fund depository. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. England brought up that the Board can add a clause to the subsidy agreement that would allow any grant proceeds that the WSA may receive could be applied to the debt service. There was general discussion among the Board regarding this item. The Subsidy Agreement will be worked on over the next month and will be presented to the Board and WSA to make the appropriate changes/additions.

Other Workshop Items/Information- Ms. Turns informed the Board that she, Mr. Geppert, and Mrs. Fesig toured Fairville Park, Lenker Park, and Skyline Commons last week. There have been a number of incidents of vandalism at each park. Mrs. Fesig briefly reviewed the vandalism that has occurred. Ms. Turns would like to have an article on the front page of the Spring Township newsletter to bring this problem to the attention of the residents. Solicitor Yost suggested that a reward be offered for information that would lead to arrest and conviction. Mrs. Fesig will work on the purchase and installation of cameras for the parks.

Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Scott to authorize a reward of \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of individuals responsible for park vandalism. In addition, an article will be on the front page of the Spring Newsletter regarding park vandalism. Motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the heavy rains that occurred over the weekend and the flooding that has occurred throughout the Township. Mr. Scott asked Solicitor Yost what is the Township's recourse with builders and engineers regarding calculations for stormwater management. There was discussion regarding what is a reasonable level for calculations of stormwater, and that in many cases the standards are too low.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:43 PM