

WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7171 ALLENTOWN BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17112
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2011

WORKSHOP SESSION: 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

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

Jay Megonnell, Vice Chairman
Chris Scott, Supervisor

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Don Steinmeier, 11 North Fairville Avenue- Mr. Steinmeier brought up the Township health insurance coverage for employees. He asked if the Township employees are aware of what the insurance covers. Ms. England stated that all employees are given information regarding the health insurance plan and what the plan covers.

OLD TOPICS: None

NEW TOPICS:

Review of Health Insurance Renewal Rates- Ms. England reviewed the 2011-2012 renewal rates from Blue Shield as well as rates quoted from Heath America and Blue Cross. If the rates are as follows:

1. Renewal rates with Blue Shield, \$1000/2000 contract year deductible - 35% increase
2. Blue Shield, Option 1, \$1500/3000 contract year deductible-31% increase
3. Health America, \$1000/2000 contract year deductible – 118.79% increase
4. Blue Cross, \$1000/2000 contract year deductible – 2.73% increase

In addition to the low cost increase, the advantage of contracting with Blue Cross is that they will administer the HRA (health reimbursement account). Ms. England briefly reviewed the benefit highlights of Blue Cross. The only change from Blue Shield is that the charge for a specialist visit with Blue Cross is \$40 compared to \$30 with Blue Shield. There was general discussion regarding the deductible and what is paid annually. Ms. England reminded the Board that 10% of the premium cost is paid by the employees. The Board will vote at the August 15th meeting regarding health insurance for 2011-2012.

Discussion – Sign Retroreflectivity project- Ms. England briefly reviewed the proposals that have been presented regarding the project, as well as the time frame that the FHWA has mandated. Mr. Klein stated that Senator Toomey will be introducing legislation to repeal the Department of Transportation regulation mandating new street signs in towns and municipalities across the country. Each proposal

was discussed and reviewed. Concerns included: the amount of time that Township staff would incur, number of signs in the Township, what method of testing will be used, separating the Township into sections to complete the project, and incorporating all information into the current GIS system. The Board agreed on the following timeline:

- May 2012- Begin inventory of traffic warning signs
- May 2013-Begin retroreflectivity testing of traffic warning signs by dividing the Township into sections
- Calendar year of 2014- Remove and replace deficient traffic warning signs
- 2016-2017-Inventory, analysis, and replacement of street signs as necessary.

The Board discussed that for 2012 budgeting purposes they will allocate \$25,000 for the project, this will allow the project to begin with the inventory of signs.

This timeline proposal will be on the August 15th meeting agenda.

Other Workshop Items/Information

Ms. England provided an update to the Board regarding the traffic signal incident on Rt. 22 & Rt. 39 that occurred on August 3rd. Public works responded quickly to the incident and provided materials and equipment. Their assistance was instrumental in restoring the traffic light operation by 5 pm. She will be meeting on August 10th with the fiber optic company that caused the incident to review all costs involved. The Township will present a bill to recover the following costs: Public works labor and equipment, materials, flaggers, and traffic signal repair.

Ms. England was contacted by Dauphin County regarding three locations within the Township that have tested positive for West Nile virus. The locations are: Water & Sewer Treatment plant, Fishing Creek Valley school area, and Short Street. The County will conduct a barrier spray on Tuesday. Flyers will be handed out at movie night to inform residents of the situation. Dauphin County will issue a press release regarding this situation.

Mr. Megonnell asked when the traffic light at Rt. 39 and Piketown Road will be fixed. Ms. England said that C.M. High is still waiting for a part; she will contact them to follow up on resolution of this problem.

Mr. Megonnell brought up that asphalt has been replaced around the pond near Tom Baker's residence. Mr. Harman, Road Master stated that Penn Dot completed that work not the Township.

Mr. Harman said that he has received calls regarding a missing stop sign on Oak Grove Road and Green Hill Road. Ms. England confirmed that the sign is missing; since it is a state road, Ms. England will contact Penn Dot to have the sign replaced.

Ms. Turns brought up the hearing that was held on August 1st regarding Keystone Correction. The Board will hold an Executive Session on August 15th at 6:00p to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:10 pm