

**WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7171 ALLENTOWN BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17112
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Klein called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation. Mr. Klein informed the audience that there was an Executive Session held this evening to discuss legal issues; there was also an Executive session held at 6:00pm on August 1, 2011.

ROLL CALL

Adam Klein, Chairman
Bill Ostermayer, Supervisor-Absent
Chris Scott, Supervisor

Jay Megonnell, Vice-Chairman
Linda Turns, Secretary/Treasurer

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Klein briefly reviewed the correspondence items and informed the public that all correspondence is available for review. The following item was brought up for discussion.

FROM: PennDOT **RE:** Hershey Road Traffic Safety Study- There will be no change in the existing 40/45 MPH posting. PennDOT will upgrade numerous existing warning and advisory signs on Rt. 39 to alert motorists.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Steinmeier, 11 North Fairville Avenue-Mr. Steinmeier said that as a representative of the Water & Sewer Authority he would like to thank the Board for their support and help with the application process of the Gaming grant. He also thanked Ms. England for all her assistance.

Mary Ann Still, Jonestown Road & Manor Drive – Mrs. Still brought to the attention of the Board that the West Hanover Winery is using an air cannon on a regular basis to keep birds out of the vineyard. The cannon goes off every few minutes between the hours of 8:00a-8:00p. She has a petition signed by neighbors who find the continual noise a disturbance. She has contacted the Department of Agriculture, but they don't have rules regarding noise. She is asking for the Township to look into the problem. Mr. Klein stated that Harold Arndt, Codes Administrator, will look into the problem.

Beth Carricato, 699 Knight Road- Ms. Carricato said that air cannons are designed to chase birds from roosting areas, but not to be used every few minutes. She thanked the Public Works department for the great job that they did after the rain storm last week. She said the South Hanover Bridge below Knight Road no longer exists as a result of the rain storm last weekend.

PUBLIC HEARING/MEETINGS: None

PRESENTATIONS, STAFF/BOARD REPORTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular meeting – August 1, 2011- Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 1, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

Workshop meeting-August 8, 2011 Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve the workshop meeting minutes of August 8, 2011. 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 August 12, 2011	\$1,117,251.76
Total Liquid Fuels Balance as of August 12, 2011	\$445,157.03
Total Capital Reserve Fund Balance as of August 12, 2011	\$1,892,625.16

B. Deposit Activity since August 1, 2011 \$40,184.12

Ms. Turns reported the gross payroll of August 12, 2011, totaled \$29,743.92. *Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve the payroll of August 12, 2011 in the amount of \$29,743.92. Motion passed unanimously.* Ms. Turns reported the vouchers prepaid to meet due dates was \$14,865.12. *Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve the vouchers prepaid to meet due dates in the amount of \$14,865.12. Motion passed unanimously.* Ms. Turns reported the total for the vouchers to be approved is \$180,206.06. *Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$180,206.06. Motion passed unanimously.* Ms. Turns reported the total for the Emmaus Bond Pool Loan is \$382,742.08. *Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Mr. Scott to approve the Emmaus Bond Pool Loan in the amount of \$382,742.08. Motion passed unanimously.*

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS AND PLANS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

#2011.02 Curative Amendment, Keystone Correctional Services, Inc. - A decision will be made by the Board of Supervisors in September.

Motion - Authorize Advertisement of Position Vacancy

Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to cancel the advertisement of a full-time employment opening for a Skilled Laborer in the Public Works department and shrink the size of the Public Works department, through attrition, to 6 full-time employees plus the Roadmaster. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion – Consent Items: Section 607. (4)- Harold Arndt

Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve attendance to the 37th annual PennBoc conference for Harold Arndt October 11-14, 2011. Motion passed 3-1 with Ms. Turns voting nay.

Motion – Authorize Advertisement of Bid 2011-06, Stofko/Getty Drainage project – Ms. Turns asked that HRG review the design thoroughly.

Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Mr. Scott to authorize the advertisement of Bid 2011-06, the Stofko/Getty Drainage project. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – Sign Retroreflectivity project

Ms. Turn moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to reject all proposals received for the sign retroreflectivity project and cancel the project for and its' budget for 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Ms. Turns to implement and budget in the amount of \$25,000 for calendar year 2012 for the attached plan to meet the federal requirements. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – Authorize Township Health Insurance for 2011-12- The Township received renewal rates from Highmark and quotes from Health America and Blue Cross. Renewal with Highmark would incur a 38.17% rate increase, Health America's quote would be a 118.79% rate increase and Blue Cross would be a 2.73% rate increase compared to the current rates.

Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to execute the contracts for the Township health insurance for the contract year October 1, 2011, to September 30, 2012, with Capital Blue Cross PPO HRA 1000 and notify Highmark Blue Shield of our intent to cancel our current contract effective September 30, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – Approve Uniform Local Share Municipal Grant Applications: Fire Station Debt Reduction, SR 0039 Right of Way and Utility Debt Reduction, West Hanover Sewer Authority Plant Upgrade

Ms. Turns moved, seconded by Mr. Scott to approve the Dauphin County Local Share Municipal Grant applications for the Fire Station Debt Reduction, the SR 0039 Right-of-Way and Utility Debt Reduction, and the Water & Sewer Plant Upgrade as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – Authorization to hire Facility Assistant –There was discussion regarding the H-1, step 4, rate. Ms. England explained salaries and increases were have evolved over time based on cost of living increases years ago. Mrs. Fesig explained the park facility job requirements and explained why she believes Mr. Goodsell is the best candidate for the job. Mr. Megonnell stated that in the future all applications should be presented to the Board for review.

Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve the employment of Thomas Goodsell as part-time Facility Assistant at a starting wage of \$11.27 per hour. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion - Authorize Investment and Management of General Obligation Bond proceeds- Ms. Turns stated that she believes that PLGIT is more secure. There was general discussion regarding both financial groups. Ms. England stated that the Township financial advisor has reviewed both Fulton and PLGIT and feels that both firms are qualified and offer the same services.

Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Ms. Turns to place the funds from the General Obligation Bond of 2011 with PLGIT and authorize the staff to execute any documents needed for the investment and management of the funds. Motion passed 3-1 with Mr. Scott voting nay.

OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

Ms. Turns asked if the staff has begun working on the FILO account per the motion made by Mr. Scott. Ms. England stated that the staff has not begun work on the FILO account.

Ms. Turns asked how often Moody's Investors Service would request disclosure of current financial information. Ms. England thinks the request would be when an audit is conducted. Solicitor Yost stated he believes they would re-evaluate the Township's finances only if another bond is requested.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Neil Shatto, 1452 Mumma Road- Mr. Shatto requested an update when the roads that were oil chipped will be swept. He said the roads should have been swept weeks before the recent rain storms. He feels that the Board is neglecting issues that need to be addressed such as: tree trimming, mowing, and brush that needs to be cut.

Mr. Scott stated that the Board has made a decision that paving projects will be completed by outside contractors and that Public Works will concentrate on maintenance that has been neglected. Mr. Klein said that the recent weather has created work that was unexpected but needed to be done. Ms. England will meet with Mr. Harman to discuss Mr. Shatto's concerns.

Beth Carricato, 699 Knight Road-Ms. Carricato brought up the current storms that have occurred and that Public Works is working to fix all the problems that happen as a result of the storms. She noted that the stormwater problems continue to get worse each year in the Township. She asked the Board to keep the stormwater problems in mind when new projects are begun.

Mr. Scott stated that he attended the EAC meeting last week and that he is impressed with the work that they do with stormwater management. He urges the Planning Commission and the EAC to continue to look into stormwater management that is presented to them by the Township engineering firm. He contacted Al Brulo regarding the water problems with the Loxas project after the rain storm and Mr. Brulo responded within thirty minutes and contacted the various agencies to help with the problem. . Mr. Scott believes HRG does a good job for the Township.

Dale Reigel, 176 Florence Drive- Mr. Reigel asked for further clarification on invoices that were paid regarding legal services for the Zoning Hearing Board and the curative amendment hearing costs.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS:

Mr. Scott asked Mrs. Estheimer for the two words of the year and her reply was recycling and communication.

Mr. Megonnell said that he had an excess of bottles for recycling and placed them in a plastic bag on top of the recycling bin. Waste Management did not take the additional bag of bottles with the recycling but later took it with the garbage. He contacted Waste Management regarding the problem; they informed him that they will only pick up what is in the recycle bin; he wanted the residents to be aware of this policy.

Mr. Scott asked Mrs. Estheimer for an EAC meeting update. She said the EAC is trying to get more participation from businesses in the Township in regards to recycling. In 2008 letters were sent to Township businesses to explain the recycling program and requirements, but the EAC is not sure who is recycling and who is not. Greg Grudovich from Waste Management will attend the September 13th EAC meeting to provide suggestions on how to get the local businesses involved in the recycling program. Involving area businesses is essential to the Township rebate from Waste Management. Mrs. Estheimer reviewed the updated recycling brochure that is available on the Township website and at the Township office. She briefly reviewed the recycling programs that are offered by Dauphin County.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 pm