

**WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7171 ALLENTOWN BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17112
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012**

SWEARING IN CEREMONY – WHT Fire Police

Mr. Klein performed the swearing in ceremony. Members sworn in included: Paul Huber and Tyler Smith.

CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Klein called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Harold Harman, Supervisor
Jay Megonnell, Vice Chairman
Gloria Zimmerman, Supervisor

Adam Klein, Chairman
Don Steinmeier, Secretary-Treasurer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular meeting – April 2, 2012- Mrs. Zimmerman pointed out corrections to the minutes regarding the contribution for #12.002 F/SB Devonshire Heights Road. The correct total contribution is \$20,000.00

Mrs. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 2, 2012 as amended with corrections. Motion passed unanimously.

Workshop meeting – April 2, 2012- *Mr. Steinmeier moved, seconded by Mr. Harman to approve the workshop meeting minutes of April 2, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.*

Joint Workshop meeting – April 9, 2012- Mrs. Zimmerman pointed out corrections to the minutes regarding comments she made during the workshop. She wants the corrections added to the minutes and she would like see the minutes for review after the corrections.

Mr. Klein moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to table the joint workshop minutes until May 7, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

Workshop meeting – April 9, 2012- Mrs. Zimmerman pointed out corrections to the minutes regarding the recap of the PA Water reception. There is a bill on the House of Representative floor not a mandate.

Mrs. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve the workshop meeting minutes of April 9, 2012 as amended with corrections. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Klein briefly reviewed the correspondence items and informed the public that all correspondence is available for review.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Linda Turns, 8000 Rabbit Lane- Ms. Turns informed the Board that she received an email from Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee for 2012 membership fees. She gave the invoice to the township manager.

PUBLIC HEARING/MEETINGS: None

PRESENTATIONS, STAFF/BOARD REPORTS:

Patti Estheimer, EAC Chairperson- Mrs. Estheimer spoke on the enthusiastic efforts of Chris Scott to promote recycling within the township. She thanked Mr. Scott for all his efforts to support the recycling program and help educate residents. In 2011, as a result of recycling the township has received over \$52,000.00 from Waste Management as well as a recycling performance grant from DEP for over \$18,000.00. On behalf of the EAC, Mrs. Estheimer presented Mr. Scott with a plaque for his dedication, commitment, and donations to the West Hanover Township recycling program.

Mr. Scott thanked the EAC, residents, and Mr. Megonnell for all that they have done in support of the recycling program. He spoke about his concerns regarding stormwater management within the township and asked the residents to make an extra effort to help clean up trash within the community.

Mr. Klein brought up that the Board has received a letter to be placed in correspondence from Mr. and Mrs. Sherwin regarding the township stormwater ordinance.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Steinmeier reported the following fund balances:

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

General Fund Balance as of April 13, 2012	\$869,341.07
Total Liquid Fuels Balance as of April 13, 2012	\$590,704.62
Total Capital Reserve Fund Balance as of April 13, 2012	\$1,953,000.81

B. Deposit Activity since April 3, 2012

\$40,131.84

Mr. Steinmeier reported the gross payroll of April 6, 2012 totaled \$26,887.04. ***Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Mrs. Zimmerman to approve the payroll of April 6, 2012 in the amount of \$26,887.04. Mr. Harman abstained, motion passed unanimously.*** Mr. Steinmeier reported the vouchers prepaid to meet due dates was \$23,748.26. ***Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Mr. Harman to approve the vouchers prepaid to meet due dates in the amount of \$23,748.26. Motion passed unanimously.*** Mr. Steinmeier reported the total for the vouchers to be approved is \$38,760.53. ***Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Mr. Harman to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$38,760.53. Motion passed unanimously.***

Mr. Klein asked if Mr. and Mrs. Sherwin were in the audience and wanted to address the Board regarding their letter. Mr. and Mrs. Sherwin were not present.

Mrs. Fesig, Parks and Recreation Coordinator made a brief presentation to the Board regarding the programs sponsored in the past month. Her presentation included the following: The craft fair, community dinner, Easter egg hunt, park inspections, and wellness day. She thanked Hoffman Ford for sponsoring the community dinner and the Easter egg hunt. Opening day for the baseball association is April 21st; the association has extended an invitation to the Board to attend. Mr. Klein, Mr. Steinmeier, and Mr. Harman will attend.

Mr. Steinmeier informed residents there are 24 prize eggs that were not found at Skyline Commons Park from the Easter egg hunt.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS AND PLANS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

#2012.01 Conditional Use Hearing – Creekvale. Tabled to April 16. Final decision deadline April 18, 2012- Mr. Klein stated that the record is closed on the public hearing regarding the Conditional Use Request for Creekvale, however he will allow brief public comment this evening.

Beth Carricato, 699 Knight Road- Mrs. Carricato asked that the Board not approve the Conditional Use Request for Creekvale. She referenced Section 195-182 of the Township Ordinance regarding the conditional use in EPODs.

Ronald Lucas, Legal Counsel for Applicant- Mr. Lucas stated that if the Zoning Ordinances did not have the conditional uses, then a variance would have to be obtained. Since the Ordinance has a conditional uses, and the applicant has obtained the state and federal permits, he stated that all specific requirements for conditional use have been met and therefore approval should be granted. He said a letter was submitted to the township manager today from Mr. Fisher in response to the township engineer's memo dated March 19, 2012 which the applicant received on April 13, 2012.

Margie Ehmman, 661 Knight Road- Mrs. Ehmman stated that state and federal permits can not override the township Ordinance.

Mr. Klein said the issue before the Board is to either to grant or reject the Conditional Use request. Mrs. Zimmerman commented that she visited the site with Mr. Steinmeier and expected to see a much bigger stream. She stated from the ridge it appeared larger, however when at eye level the stream was not what she expected.

There was no further discussion among the Board.

Mr. Klein moved, seconded by Mr. Harman that the Conditional Use request put forth by Williams Holding Group, LLC either be accepted or rejected by the Board of Supervisors.

There was a roll call vote.

Mr. Harman- Voted to reject

Mr. Klein-Voted to reject

Mr. Megonnell- Voted to reject

Mr. Steinmeier- Voted to reject

Mrs. Zimmerman- Voted to reject

Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote to reject the Conditional Use request from Williams Holding Group, LLC.

Discussion-Fire Company proposal of new Chief's vehicle- Mrs. Zimmerman reported to the Board that she met with Mr. Hoffman at Hoffman Ford and received a quote of \$32,150.00. If the current fire chief's vehicle is traded in, the final cost would be \$25,482.00. There was discussion regarding COSTARS pricing and information obtained from PSATs regarding obtaining bids. Mr. Harman suggested that the current chief's vehicle be repaired and be used by the Codes officer. There was discussion that the chief's vehicle needs a lot of work and may cost too much to repair. Mrs. Zimmerman stated the proposed new vehicle would also be used as a medical back up vehicle for the fire company. The Board discussed the proposal that was obtained by Mrs. Zimmerman as well as how to pay for the new vehicle. Solicitor Yost suggested that the proposal be verified before a motion is made. Mrs. Zimmerman will contact Mr. Hoffman and verify the proposal.

Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Mr. Harman to table the proposal of a new Chief's vehicle until May 7, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion - Ordinance 2012-07 Zoning Sidewalks. Authorize send to DCPC for review and set up public hearing date

Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Mrs. Zimmerman to send Ordinance 2012-07, Zoning Sidewalks to DCPC for review and set a hearing for June 4, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion - Ordinance 2012 -09 SALDO Street Names and Signs. Authorize send to DCPC for review and set up public hearing date.

Mr. Steinmeier moved, seconded by Mrs. Zimmerman to send Ordinance 2012-09, SALDO Street Names and Signs to DCPC for review and set a hearing for June 4, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion - Ordinance 2012-12 SALDO Existing Tree & Vegetation Preservation. Authorize send to DCPC for review and set up public hearing date. Table.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion – Consent Items: Section 607. (4): None

Ordinance 2012-03, Tow Away Zones

Mrs. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to adopt Ordinance 2012-03, Tow Away Zones. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2012-38, Fire Police- Mr. Klein briefly reviewed the list of community events in which the fire police will participate. Mr. Steinmeier suggested that the clause “any other township sponsored events as necessary” be added to the Resolution. Ms. England stated a Resolution must be passed listing the specific events since the fire police are covered by the township’s workers compensation insurance.

Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Mr. Steinmeier to adopt Resolution 2012-38, Fire Police Event Authorization. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – Curbside Yard Waste Collection Mandate- Since the last census the township has surpassed the population density of 300 people per square mile. This triggers further recycling requirements per DEP Act 1988-101. Mr. Klein briefly reviewed the requirements that must be implemented by the township within two years; the biggest decision will be regarding implementation of curbside collection of yard waste. The EAC provided alternatives for the Board to review and discuss. It was the consensus of the Board to have the township add yard waste collection to the new waste hauler contract bid for a July 1, 2013 start date.

Mr. Klein moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to explore the township adding yard waste collection to the new waste hauler contract bid for a July 1, 2013 start date. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – Ordinance 2012-13 SWM Exemption Table Correction. Set up public hearing date for June 4, 2012. (Does not go to County for review)

Mr. Steinmeier moved, seconded by Mrs. Zimmerman to set a public hearing for June 4, 2012 for Ordinance 2012-13 SWM Exemption Table Correction. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – Traffic Light at Rt. 39/Devonshire Heights Road- Mr. Klein provided a brief overview of the issue at Rt. 39/Devonshire Heights Road. Mr. Steinmeier stated that he brought up this issue when he attended the HATS meeting last week. Mr. Steinmeier spoke with Dennis Sloan from PennDOT who said that the intersection is on the district eight project list. PennDOT plans to apply for an ARLE grant to help with the cost of the project. Mr. Steinmeier suggested perhaps the township should consider making a small contribution to the proposed project.

Mr. Steinmeier moved, seconded by Mr. Harman to table the Traffic Light at Rt. 39/Devonshire Heights Road to the June 11, 2012 workshop. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – Approval and Execution of Stormwater Management Operation, Maintenance, and Best Management Practices Agreement- Ms. England provided a review of the agreement. She explained that this is the first single family home that needs to execute the agreement as a result of the current stormwater management Ordinance. The agreement must be recorded in addition to the plan.

Mr. Klein moved, seconded by Mr. Harman to approve and execute the Operation, Maintenance and Stormwater Best Management Practices Agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

Mrs. Zimmerman asked for the date of the road inspection workshop. Ms. England confirmed that the road inspection will be held on May 14th.

Mrs. Zimmerman asked for an update on the Weikel property. Mr. Weikel said that the contractor has been scheduled to come to the property but has not shown up. There is a meeting scheduled for April 17, 2012 with HRG, Premier Construction, and the Weikel's to resolve the issues. Mrs. Zimmerman said she will try to attend.

Mrs. Zimmerman asked for an update on the floor at the fire station. Ms. England said that the floor has been repaired.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Patti Estheimer, EAC Chairperson- Mrs. Estheimer reminded everyone that Earth Day is April 22nd. She asked that the residents celebrate Earth Week by getting involved in cleaning up their neighborhoods. She explained the Adopt a Street program that is sponsored by the township. More information will be in the summer newsletter or residents can contact the township.

Chris Scott- Mr. Scott thanked Ms. Turns for her help at the Easter egg hunt. He thanked the Board for their decision on the Conditional Use request for Creekvale this evening.

Mark Chiles, 228 Brookridge Court- Mr. Chiles provided a report for the Board regarding the Townes at Hershey Road. He stated that all the concrete work is complete, grading work is being done, and planting has been done. Several trees still need to be planted per the plan. He thanked the Board, Mr. Brulo, Solicitor Yost, and Mr. Leonard for all their help in resolving the problems.

Beth Carricato, 699 Knight Road- Mrs. Carricato thanked the Board for voting to reject the Conditional Use application for Creekvale. She suggested that the township work on cleaning up the trash at the Exit 77 truck stop. She volunteered to adopt Knight Road.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS:

Mrs. Zimmerman informed the residents that the fire company is doing a fund raiser and community outreach program on April 21st at Tractor Supply beginning at 10:00am. She urged all residents to attend.

Mr. Klein attended the ground breaking ceremony in East Hanover Township for the Grantville Fire Company on April 14th. He congratulated the fire company and wished them the best of luck with the construction of their fire station.

Mr. Klein said the Baseball Association completed the installation of the warning track at Houck Memorial this past weekend. He said the warning track looks good and congratulated them on doing a good job on the project.

Mr. Megonnell said that the bears are out of hibernation. He suggested that residents take down their bird feeders.

Mr. Steinmeier brought up that he thinks it is important for the township to be represented at local meetings. He stated that if we continue to attend meetings that township issues and concerns will be heard. Mr. Steinmeier spoke to Dennis Sloan from PennDOT regarding the turning lanes at Rt. 39 and Rt. 22. Mr. Sloan said that PennDOT will assume the responsibility and he thinks that work may begin in late 2013.

There was a question from Mark Chiles regarding the proposed paving of Rt. 39 to the Interstate. Ms. England confirmed that PennDOT is milling this week and that paving will begin next week.

Mr. Harman asked Mrs. Estheimer if the EAC will be sponsoring a tire recycling program this year. Mrs. Estheimer stated that a program is not scheduled for this year. Mr. Harman stated that Public Works picked up approximately 20 tires that were placed on Green Hill road over the weekend. Mrs. Estheimer suggested he contact Howard Tire to make arrangements for recycling.

Mrs. Zimmerman informed the residents that the Historical Society will sponsor a program on the Oak Hall School which was located on the land that Pavone's restaurant currently occupies. Items have been donated to the township which will be on display. The program will be held on April 19th at 7:00pm at the township building.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:15 pm