

**WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7171 ALLENTOWN BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17112
MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012**

WORKSHOP SESSION: 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

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

Adam Klein, Chairman
Don Steinmeier, Secretary-Treasurer

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD TOPICS: None

NEW TOPICS

Motion – Traffic Light at Rt. 39/Devonshire Heights Road – There was discussion regarding the options regarding the request for a traffic light. A traffic study is required; the cost of this study will probably run in the \$2,500 to \$3,500 range. The Township Engineer thinks it is highly unlikely that the intersection would meet signal warrants. The Township could also request PennDOT to complete the traffic study at their cost however the Township will need to complete the Application for Permit to Operate & Install Traffic Signals. In addition, the Township will have to make a commitment to provide funds for the light if PennDOT warrants the light and issues the permit. As with all other traffic signals in the Township we are also responsible for the operation and all maintenance of the light. The estimate for the engineering, purchasing, and installation of the light could be upwards of \$250,000. There may be an issue of the two sides of Devonshire Heights Road not meeting exactly across the intersection, which would incur additional costs to the proposed project. Solicitor Yost stated that if a traffic study warrants a traffic signal and the Township does nothing this could become a potential liability. Mr. Steinmeier brought up that at the last HATS meeting he attended he had a conversation with Dennis Sloan from PennDOT. Mr. Sloan stated he is looking into an ARLE grant for this location. Ms. England reminded the Board that the Township will be participating in intermunicipal grant project to study transportation issues along the Rt. 39/743 corridor. The Board discussed the costs involved in this proposed project; it was the consensus of the Board that currently the Township does not have funds available to move forward with this project.

Mrs. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Steinmeier to send a response letter to PennDOT that the Township can't move the project forward due to lack of funds. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – West Hanover Township Gaming Grants- The Board reviewed the previously funded grant projects and previous applications. Regarding the Devonshire Heights/Douglas Road Intersection Improvements grant application which was submitted in 2009, it was suggested that the Township Engineer provide an update of costs, to resubmit this year. Ms. England brought to the Board's attention that the Township only spent \$255,000 of the \$300,000 funds received for the fire station architectural & civil engineering grant in 2009. She explained that once grant funds are disbursed, if they are not used they remain with the grant. She asked if the Board wants to request the remaining \$45,000 be added to the grant for this year for the fire station debt. It was the consensus of the Board to have a letter sent to Dauphin County to request the remaining grant money be applied to the fire station debt reduction grant for 2012.

Mrs. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to submit grant applications for the following projects, listed in order of preference: Fire Station Debt Reduction, Exit 77 Debt Reduction, and Devonshire Heights/Douglas Road Intersection Improvements. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER WORKSHOP ITEMS/INFORMATION:

Mrs. Zimmerman stated that she and Mr. Megonnell attended the meeting with Bill McCahan, PA Motor Truck Association and PennDOT on June 12th. Signage was discussed at the meeting to help prevent the truck problems that have occurred on Jonestown Road and at the fire station. Mrs. Zimmerman brought up the truck incident that occurred on June 15th. The fire company would like to install security cameras to monitor the fire station property. If the fire company does the wiring each camera would cost approximately \$385.00. Mr. McCahan spoke to the manager of the trucking firm that was involved in the incident on June 15th; he stated that he will pay for all damages. Mr. McCahan suggested that the Township hire a contractor to complete the repairs.

Mrs. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell for the Township to purchase three security cameras for the fire station. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Mrs. Zimmerman to pay for three security cameras for the fire station from the Fire Tax Capital Reserve Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McCahan stated that the fire station property needs to be posted with legal no trespassing signs.

Mr. Steinmeier stated he met with Joe Woodward and Mike Salvo from PA American Water regarding the 6" water line at the fire station. They stated that the contractor never consulted with the water company regarding the size of the meter; they stated only a 4" line is necessary. Ms. England said that she received an email that the contractor didn't get cooperation from the water company during the design stage. PA American water told the Township during the construction phase that we can't downsize from a 6" water line to a 4" water line.

Mr. Klein informed that Board that John McNally, candidate for Senate would like to meet with the Board to learn about issues and concerns of West Hanover Township. Mr. Klein suggested a workshop meeting; the Board set the July 9th workshop to meet with Mr. McNally.

Mr. Megonnell would like the Township to honor Earl Hoffman, Jr. as an outstanding citizen for all his contributions and support to the various programs within the Township. Mrs. Zimmerman suggested that he be recognized at the Community Festival on August 25th. Mr. Klein suggested the Board see what other Townships do to honor citizens. He suggested it be discussed at the July 9th workshop.

Mr. Megonnell brought up the biosolids project that is going to take place at the Joseph Smink Farm. He stated the EAC is going to send a letter to DEP and they suggested the Township and Water & Sewer Authority also send a letter stating their opposition. Ms. England said that the project is an arrangement between the homeowner and Merrell Brothers, at the homeowner's request. Mrs. Zimmerman suggested that the homeowner attend a meeting to explain the project to the Township and their neighbors. She suggested that a letter be sent to DEP to let them know the Township is opposed to the project as well as the fact that residents received notice before the Township. Ms. England explained that the Township has no jurisdiction regarding the project. Mrs. Zimmerman would like to request reports from DEP. Ms. England said that Dan Rosario, Zoning Administrator, has spoken to DEP and has received all the information regarding the project.

Mr. Megonnell and Mrs. Zimmerman have met with the EAC and Dauphin County Solid Waste, to look into an implementing a satellite electronic recycling program for the Township. He will update the Board as the program develops.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:55 PM