

**WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7171 ALLENTOWN BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17112
WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Klein called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

ROLL CALL

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

Adam Klein, Chairman
Don Steinmeier, Secretary-Treasurer

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD TOPICS: None.

NEW TOPICS

Presentation – Tim Stewart, Merrell Bros., Smink Farm Biosolids- Mr. Stewart provided a brief overview of biosolids project that will be conducted on the Smink Farm. He explained that biosolids are not raw sewage and must meet quality standards prior to land application. DEP regulates the quality standards as well as the land application. He briefly reviewed the regulations that DEP enforces. Mr. Klein asked about odor involved with a biosolid project. Mr. Stewart explained that biosolids may have a musty or ammonia odor as a result of sulfur and ammonia compounds in the biosolids. There was general discussion regarding the potential odor. Mr. Stewart explained that each participant must have a conservation plan that is monitored by DEP. Mr. Megonnell stated that the Township should have been notified before residents and that he is concerned about Beaver Creek. Mr. Stewart said that Merrell Brothers must adhere to the map which was set by DEP. Mr. Megonnell would like Merrell Brothers to notify the Township when spreading of the biosolids will occur as well as provide analysis reports. Mrs. Zimmerman asked for a map of the Smink Farm project. She reiterated Mr. Megonnell's comments regarding that the Township should have been notified before letters were sent to the residents and the request for analysis reports so we can answer any questions that residents may have regarding the project. Mark Salisbury, Water & Sewer Authority Manager commented on the project that the WSA is involved in with East Hanover Township. He provided his comments on odor issues, which he doesn't believe is a problem. Mr. Klein suggested that the Board talk to Solicitor Yost regarding the zoning districts for such projects. Mr. Stewart commented that Merrell Brothers is very careful on site selection. There will be twelve acres of setback on the Smink Farm project; biosolids will be spread on fifty of the sixty two acres. Mr. Klein asked how long the contracts are; Mr. Stewart explained that contracts are five years. Mrs. Zimmerman asked how many fines have been imposed on Merrell Brothers. Mr. Stewart stated in twenty eight years of business Merrell Brothers has never been fined. She asked Mr. Stewart to explain the news report regarding farm in Cumberland County that said biosolids contaminated a resident's septic system. Mr. Stewart explained that DEP confirmed that the contamination did not

come from biosolids but from the residents well. He explained that DEP monitors all projects very closely. Mr. Stewart explained the process involved in spreading of the biosolids and the type of machinery used. Mrs. Zimmerman brought up the issue of the possibility of biosolids in the forests. Merrell Brothers is not involved with that type of project and that it is currently not happening in this area of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Zimmerman suggested that the Forestry Ordinance should be updated to add that no biosolids can be applied to the Township forests.

Drannon Buskirk, 6908 Fox Hill Road- Mr. Buskirk had questions regarding the application to the DEP, vegetation density, geology, and setbacks. Merrell Brothers uses the Penn State University agriculture guide regarding vegetation density. DEP provides guidance and set the perimeters regarding projects. Mr. Stewart explained that the DEP monitors all projects very closely and suggested that Mr. Buskirk contact Tom Sweeney at DEP to discuss how guidelines are determined. There was a question of the zoning district of the Smink Farm project.

Tim Albright, 213 Hanoverview Circle- Mr. Albright asked where the biosolids used on the Smink Farm project will come from. Mr. Stewart stated the biosolids will come from three different plants.

Dorothy Steinmeier, 11 North Fairville Avenue- Mrs. Steinmeier asked how many truckloads of biosolids would be involved in the Smink Farm project. Mr. Stewart explained the delivery process and that about ten trucks per day for one week would be involved in the process. There was general discussion regarding the process and if any township roads will be damaged by the trucks.

Dan Rosario, Zoning Administrator, informed the Board and residents that the Smink Farm project is located in the FRA zoning district.

The Board thanked Mr. Stewart for all the information provided this evening.

OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Ms. England provided the Board with updates regarding the Keystone Curative amendment appeal and the Creekvale appeal.

Ms. England updated the Board regarding the gaming grant pre-application meeting. The County suggested that the grant application for Rt. 39/Devonshire Heights be split into a multi year project. They suggested that year one the Township applies for engineering funds and the second year apply for construction fund. The Board discussed this suggestion; it was the consensus of the Board to split Rt. 39/Devonshire Heights into a multi year project.

Ms. England updated the Board regarding the senior van. The van was found in Maryland, we are waiting for an update from the State Police. Mrs. Zimmerman asked about the gas credit card that was in the van. Ms. England said the gas credit card and the cell phone have been cancelled.

Mrs. Zimmerman brought up the landscaping at the fire station. Ms. England stated the township contractor began service at the end of June. Mrs. Zimmerman stated that the landscaping is unacceptable. There was discussion regarding the landscaping and the detention pond. Ms. England stated that work still needs to be completed on the detention pond. Mr. Megonnell brought up that the tile throughout the building is cracking. There was discussion regarding outstanding

construction issues at the fire station. There is \$92,769.55 being held as retainage on the contract with the general contractor of the project. Mrs. Zimmerman commented that she is disappointed with all the problems at the fire station.

Ms. England spoke with Skip Memmi regarding the request of the remaining funds from grant 2010-04, Fire Station Architectural and Civil Engineering in the amount of \$54,648.00. The request to have the funds be applied to grant 2012-18, Fire Station Debt Reduction, must be reviewed by the Dauphin County Commissioners for approval.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:05 PM