

**WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7171 ALLENTOWN BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17112
MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013**

WORKSHOP SESSION: 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Klein called the workshop to order at 6:30 pm.

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

Water & Sewer Authority Request, Houck Manor

Ms. England began the discussion by providing the Board with correspondence from DEP from 2006 regarding the Act 537 plan. She feels it has been clear since 2006 that Houck Manor and Holiday Park needs to be provided with public sewer by 2016 due to failing septic systems. Mr. Steinmeier commented that the Water & Sewer Authority (WSA) has such a large debt due to the 7.2 million dollar plant upgrade which will be completed in the near future. The WSA sent the letter to the Board requesting help in either obtaining an extension from DEP or financial assistance for the Houck Manor project. He brought up that current sewer rates may be increased to help pay down the current debt; the current rate is \$52.00 per month Chairman Klein asked how the Township sewer rates compare to neighboring municipalities. Mr. Steinmeier stated that West Hanover's rates are higher than neighboring townships. Ms. England asked Mr. Steinmeier if the WSA considered adding this project into the bond that was obtained in 2012. Solicitor Yost stated that the WSA did discuss, however they wanted to keep the bond under ten million dollars. Chairman Klein commented he thinks an extension request should be sent to DEP. Ms. England stated that in 2006 26% of Holiday Park had failing septic systems. Solicitor Yost suggested looking into a rural agriculture loan, which may be able to provide a low interest rate. Mrs. Zimmerman asked what the total WSA debt is. Mr. Steinmeier stated the WSA debt is approximately fourteen million dollars. There was discussion of the cost and requirements to amend the current Act 537 plan if an extension is granted. The Board would like the WSA to pay for any fees incurred with the amendment. Chairman Klein suggested a workshop with the WSA to discuss the options available. Solicitor Yost commented that the WSA needs to obtain information on options and solutions before the workshop.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:57 PM