

**WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7171 ALLENTOWN BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17112
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2013**

JOINT WORKSHOP SESSION

WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Megonnell called the workshop to order at 6:05pm

ROLL CALL

Harold Harman, Supervisor

Adam Klein, Chairman

Jay Megonnell, Vice Chairman

Don Steinmeier, Secretary-Treasurer

Gloria Zimmerman, Supervisor

Water & Sewer Authority Members Present:

Bob Jones

Steve Millard

Ken Tyndale

Mark Salisbury

Dale Shope, Engineer

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD TOPICS: None

NEW TOPICS

Discussion – Extending Public Sewer to Houck Manor and Holiday Park

Mr. Jones began the discussion by stating that the Water & Sewer Authority (WSA) has no money to complete the installation of sewer service to the Houck Manor area by 2016 as outlined in the Act 537 plan which was approved in 2006. He stated that the installation of sewer lines would cost approximately 1.5 million dollars, and about 50 customers would hook up to the new service. He brought up who will pay for the upgrade; new customers or current customers? He said the existing customers have already paid for the construction of the sewer plant. There was discussion of what is the current tap in fee cost, which is approximately \$3,800.00. There was discussion regarding requesting a three year extension from DEP which would amend the current Act 537 plan. Mr. Jones said that by 2019 the WSA should have funds available for the project. The planning could start within the next year with construction beginning in 2019. Mr. Jones stated that the upgrade of the sewage plant which cost 7.2 million along with a \$14,000.00 fine from DEP, both which were not expected in 2006 has left the WSA struggling financially. The issue of failing systems was discussed along with possible solutions to the problem. Chairman Klein asked what the chances are that DEP will grant the

extension. He said we have to be prepared with a backup plan if the request for extension is denied. There was discussion regarding the different options to run sewer lines to Holiday Park. Mr. Shope suggested that the Township SEO check on the current status and conditions of the failing systems and determine if they can be repaired on site. There was discussion regarding requesting an extension for Houck Manor and Holiday Park, or just Houck Manor. Ms. England reminded everyone that the Act 537 Plan approved in 2006 stated that there will be sewer service to Houck Manor and Holiday Park by 2016. There was further discussion regarding requesting an extension from DEP. The reasons for why an extension is being requested were discussed, as well as what DEP will accept as viable reasons. It was decided that Mr. Shope will contact the SEO to determine the current status of any failing systems. If a survey needs to be completed by the SEO, the WSA will pay for the cost. Mr. Shope will draft a letter to DEP regarding a request for an extension after speaking with the SEO. A copy of the letter will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

ADJOURNMENT 6:55pm

An Executive Session was held at the conclusion of the workshop.