

**WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7171 ALLENTOWN BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17112
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Klein called the workshop to order at 6:00 pm

ROLL CALL

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

Adam Klein, Chairman
Don Steinmeier, Secretary-Treasurer

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Erik Smetzer and Julie Yutesler, Mayberry Estates- Mr. Smetzer and Ms. Yutesler addressed the Board regarding their concerns with a work release facility occupying the current Greenlawn Motel. Their concerns include: (1) Close proximity to West Hanover Elementary School (2) The Township Ordinance does not define what a “non-violent” criminal is, and (3) Two residents at Keystone Corrections are listed on Megan’s List as sex offenders.

Chairman Klein addressed the Ordinance requirements, and explained that the Keystone Corrections facility next door is in compliance with the Township Ordinance. He brought up that Keystone requested to increase the number of residents to 250 which the Board denied. This denial prompted Keystone to take the Township to court regarding the Board decision. In the end the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Township and denied the request of 250 residents. Chairman Klein stated that he is not in favor of the current or proposed facility; however they are in compliance with the Township Ordinance. The Board cannot do anything at this time regarding the proposed facility.

Mr. Steinmeier commented that that he does not want to see the Township become an annex for correctional/institutional facilities. He suggested that residents contact the State Department of Corrections regarding the type of residents they allow in work release facilities. He said that the Board may look at the Ordinance and Zoning of the Township in the near future.

Ms. Yutesler said she completed the Township resident survey as part the Comprehensive Plan update and said she did not think the Township needed dedicated law enforcement in the Township. However if more work release facilities come into the Township she stated she would change her opinion and would be in favor of a local police force for the Township.

Mrs. Zimmerman commented that in 2009 when Keystone Corrections requested the number of residents be increased to 250 if the Board had compromised for an additional 75 residents perhaps there would not be a proposed facility at the Greenlawn Motel.

Solicitor Yost stated that the Township needs to follow up on Keystone Corrections housing two registered sex offenders.

OLD TOPICS: None

NEW TOPICS

Health Insurance Renewal, Mike Alfonso, Trilogy Group Services- Mr. Alfonso briefly outlined the current health insurance plan. The staff participated in the underwriting process in order to receive quotes from different carriers. The renewal of our existing plan resulted in a 24.24% increase over our existing premium costs. Highmark Blue Shield and Health America quotes were higher than Blue Cross. Mr. Alfonso received quotes for different plans from Blue Cross.

The four quotes are as follows:

Option 1- This is a HRA 2000 with a deductible increase to \$2000/\$4000. The rate with the existing deductible split-employee pays first 250/500 and the Township funds the balance 1750/3500.

Option 2- This is the same plan as Option 1 with a different deductible split-employee pays the first 500/1000 with the Township funding the balance of 1500/3000.

Option 3- This plan is a HRA 2000 with the higher deductible split- employee pays the first 500/1000 with the Township funding the balance of 1500/3000. The difference with this option is the purchase of a HERO policy. The HERO is an insurance policy to cover the cost of the Township portion of the deductible. Rather than budgeting \$43,500 for the cost of the Township portion of the deductible the Township purchases the HERO policy to cover this liability at a cost of \$18,724.56 which is approximately 43% of the cost of the deductible liability.

Option 4- This plan is a HRA 3000 plan with the higher deductible split and the HERO policy funding the 2500/5000 deductible balance. The cost of the HERO policy for this size deductible is \$31,168.08 which funds a maximum liability of \$72,500.

Chairman Klein asked Mr. Alfonso for his recommendation of the four options. Mr. Alfonso recommends the \$3000 deductible with the HERO product for the Township.

Ms. England reminded the Board that an increase in deductible for employees doubles their cost and it increases the premium cost as well. She said that there is no increase in the vision insurance renewal, however the dental rates increased by 8.66% and this is for a two year contract.

Chairman Klein suggested a workshop be set for the entire Board to review and discuss the various options that were presented this evening. It was the consensus of the Board to schedule a workshop for August 27th at 6:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT 6:50 pm