

**WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7171 ALLENTOWN BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17112
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014**

WORKSHOP SESSION

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

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

Adam Klein, Chairman
Don Steinmeier, Secretary-Treasurer

SWEARING IN CEREMONY-FIRE POLICE

Chairman Klein swore in Jay Robertson as a member of the West Hanover Township Fire Police.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD TOPICS: None

NEW TOPICS

HRG-Act 89 Funding- Erin Letavic began her presentation to the Board with an update on the existing CDBF-DR grant that was awarded to the Township. The grant request was for \$340,000 it is for the Hoffman and Smith culverts on Devonshire Heights road. She explained that the necessary agreements are being executed. The repairs are needed as a result of damage from Tropical Storm Lee. The grant program is administered by Dauphin County. Ms. Letavic reviewed the following information regarding Act 89 Funding:

Supplemental County-Level Vehicle Registration Fee

- If Dauphin County elects to impose the additional fee, funding will likely be incorporated into Dauphin County Infrastructure Bank.

Multimodal Funding Program

- The program could help pay for the DCIB loan.
- Administered by Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA).
- 70% grant/30% local match.
- Shovel-ready projects including local highway development, bridge improvements, transit development, greenways, and pedestrian/bicycle safety projects.

The Township's DCIB project (Rt. 39/Devonshire Heights/Douglas Road intersection) is not shovel ready project this year; HRG is working on the design of the project and in another year it should be shovel ready.

Mrs. Zimmerman suggested that we look into the expansion of pedestrian paths.

Traffic Signal and Maintenance

- This is an invitation only program for traffic signal upgrades to LED technology, retiming, special event plans, traffic signal monitoring and maintenance.
- This program requires a 50% local match.

The following programs are under development:

Bridge Bundling

- PennDOT determines bridges that are eligible – invitation only at the outset of the program.

Gravel, Dirt, and Low Volume (average daily trips of less than 500) Road Maintenance Program

- Administered by DCNR and State Conservation Commission.
- Local paved roads may be eligible in the future.

Ms. Letavic reviewed with the Board that asset management and capital improvement planning provide a strong application. She reviewed two additional funding opportunities:

MS4 funding opportunity – Watershed Restoration and Protection Program (WRPP)

- Administered by CFA.
- 85% funding/15% local match.
- Projects involve rehabilitation of new or existing watershed protection Best Management Practices (BMPs); there are potential opportunities at the Recreation Center.

Parks funding opportunity – Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP)

- Administered by CFA.
- 85% funding/15% local match.
- Projects involve development, rehabilitation, improvement, planning, or land acquisition for public parks, recreation areas, greenways and trails, and rivers conservation.

Mr. Harman asked if hook up of public water at the Recreation Center would be eligible. Ms. Letavic explained that a project cannot be started until funding is obtained. There was discussion regarding bringing public water to the Recreation Center and surrounding neighborhood. Ms. Letavic will find out if a water line construction project is eligible for funding.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Megonnell asked if any of the Board is planning on attending the PA 811 Safety Day on June 18th at the York Expo center. He will attend if other members of the Board are interested.

Mrs. Zimmerman brought up the following issues:

- Mrs. Fesig had a problem regarding our state tax exemption eligibility at Costco last week. Ms. Riley confirmed that local governments are exempt from sales tax because they are a political subdivision of the Commonwealth. Mrs. Zimmerman asked that a letter be written to explain this so Mrs. Fesig can shop at Costco as tax exempt.

- The Township insurance policy does not allow for non-employees to ride in Township vehicles. Mrs. Zimmerman asked if the policy can be changed to allow volunteers to ride in Township vehicles. Mr. Rosario said our insurance representative explained the Township's liability insurance would not cover non- employees in the case of an accident. There was discussion regarding the possibility of changing our coverage and the potential cost involved.
- The issue of comp time. Solicitor Yost stated this issue should be discussed in the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:45 PM

An Executive Session immediately followed the workshop.