

**WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
7171 ALLENTOWN BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17112  
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman Megonnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Adam Klein, Chairman-Absent  
Don Steinmeier, Secretary-Treasurer

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular meeting –July 6, 2015- *Mrs. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Harman to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 6, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.*

Workshop meeting –July 6, 2015- *Mrs. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Harman to approve the workshop meeting minutes of July 6, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.*

Workshop meeting –July 13, 2015- *Mrs. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Steinmeier to approve the workshop meeting minutes of July 13, 2015. Motion passed 3-0, with Mr. Megonnell abstaining.*

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Vice Chairman Megonnell briefly reviewed the correspondence items and informed the public that all correspondence is available for review. The following items were brought up for comment/discussion:

**FROM:** Dauphin County Conservation District **RE:** 2016 Dauphin County Gypsy Moth Suppression Program- Vice-Chairman Megonnell stated that he doesn't think the township needs to participate because there was no infestation last year and it has been a wet spring.

**FROM:** Pennsylvania Association of Councils of Governments **RE:** The PACOG News-Summer 2015- Vice-Chairman Megonnell commented that the PACOG conference will be held on September 20-21 at the Harrisburg Hilton. Mrs. Zimmerman asked that information regarding SB 299, Volunteer First Responder Tax Credit information be forwarded to the fire company.

Vice-Chairman Megonnell stated that a Notice of Violation Letter was sent to Classic Communities however it was not listed in the correspondence section.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Milton Moritz, 215 Brookridge Court- Mr. Moritz commented that about two months ago Classic Communities removed their sign from the retaining pond. He said he views that as an ominous act.

He asked that the township make Classic Communities comply with their responsibilities of the plat plan. He said the items that need to be completed are: the concrete work on Tiverton Lane, the paving of Tiverton Lane, the retaining pond, and repairs to the walking path in phase two.

Mr. Rosario commented that this is the first time that he has been notified regarding the repairs needed to the walking path in phase two. He will add it to the list of issues that Classic Communities needs to address.

Becky Griffiths-203 Tiverton Lane- Mrs. Griffiths commented that when she lived in Silver Spring Township her taxes were \$2,800.00 and she pays \$4,800.00 in West Hanover Township. She asked that the board help in getting Tiverton Lane dedicated to the township.

Tom Butler, 234 Brookridge Court- Mr. Butler thanked the board for their help a few years ago in eliminating the flooding problem he had in his back yard. He asked for the board for help in getting Tiverton Lane paved and dedicated to the township.

## **PRESENTATIONS, STAFF/BOARD REPORTS**

Corporal Finn, State Police- Corporal Finn stated the crime rate in 2015 is similar to 2014 and that it is relatively low. He said that recently in Lower Paxton Township there have been a lot of cars stolen. The police think that teenagers are stealing them to go joy riding since the cars are found in other municipalities. There was a question if the state police patrol in developments. Corporal Finn stated that developments are not normally patrolled unless there is a request or a problem. He said that some state troopers are in unmarked cars so residents don't always see marked cars patrolling. Mr. Steinmeier asked if day time burglaries have increased or decreased. Corporal Finn stated that burglaries have died down in the township, there have been none since April. Mrs. Zimmerman commented that she heard there was a burglary on Walnut Avenue last week. Corporal Finn said that he would look into it. Vice Chairman Megonnell thanked Corporal Finn for attending the meeting and for the information that he provided to the residents.

Patti Estheimer, EAC-Recreation Center Riparian Buffer Restoration Project- Mrs. Estheimer provided a brief overview of the riparian buffer restoration project for the board. She said that the Lower Susquehanna Initiative will provide the big trees for free. The township will provide the small trees and shrubs. She estimates the cost to the township will be approximately \$1,200.00. The project activities time line was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Steinmeier commented that the Water and Sewer Authority will keep the EAC informed of the progress of public sewer to Houck Manor and Holiday Park. Mrs. Estheimer asked if the Water and Sewer Authority will utilize the stream corridor. Mr. Steinmeier stated that the project has not been finalized. There was discussion that is the stream corridor is utilized the riparian buffer project will be cancelled. Mr. Steinmeier suggested that the EAC present the project to the Water and Sewer Authority at their September meeting. It was discussed that the first stream assessment will still be completed. Mr. Megonnell would like the EAC to do a stream assessment for Beaver Creek.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mr. Steinmeier reported the following fund balances:

A. Fund Balances (Fund balances are presented for reference only.)

General Fund Balance as of July 17, 2015

\$1,682,148.28

Liquid Fuels Balance as of July 17, 2015	\$730,507.68
Capital Reserve Fund Balance as of July 17, 2015	\$676,570.65

B. Deposit Activity since July 1, 2015	\$26,456.40
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Mr. Steinmeier reported the gross payroll of July 10, 2015 totaled \$29,737.94. *Mrs. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Steinmeier to approve the payroll of July 10, 2015 in the amount of \$29,737.94. Motion passed 3-0, with Mr. Harman abstaining.*

Mr. Steinmeier reported the vouchers prepaid to meet due dates was zero.

Mr. Steinmeier reported the total for the vouchers to be approved is \$94,579.40. *Mrs. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Harman to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$94,579.40. Motion passed unanimously.*

Mr. Steinmeier reported the total for the vouchers to be approved and paid from Fire Tax is \$6,640.52. *Mr. Harman moved, seconded by Mrs. Zimmerman to approve the vouchers to be paid by Fire Tax in the amount of \$6,640.52. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS AND PLANS: None**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Motion- Scope of Work, Pedestrian Path Master Plan, Tabled 3/16/2015

Motion- Authorization to Advertise Ordinance 2015-01, ECHO Housing, Tabled 4/20/2015

Discussion-Townes at Hershey Road, Paving of Tiverton Lane and Pond Issues- Mr. Rosario stated that the township has issued a Notice of Violation to Classic Communities. He met with the president of Classic Communities on July 16<sup>th</sup> and that they are working on completing the outstanding issues in the development. Solicitor Yost said the he met with Mr. Rosario and they reviewed the options for this development, Maple Glen, and Pine View. This development has a bond for the improvement guarantee. Solicitor Yost explained that it is harder to get money from a bond than from a bank issued letter of credit. Vice Chairman Megonnell suggested that the township Ordinance be amended. Mr. Rosario said that he is meeting with HRG to begin work on the process.

Marsha Costabile, 234 Tiverton Lane- Mrs. Costabile thanked Mr. Rosario for all his help. She asked when fines will be imposed on Classic Communities as a result of the Notice of Violation letter. Since Mr. Rosario met with Classic Communities they must present a plan of when the outstanding issues will be resolved or a second Notice of Violation will be issued. A citation will be issued if nothing is completed after the second Notice of Violation issued.

Herman Dodson, 218 Tiverton Lane- Mr. Dodson asked what the timeline between warnings. Mr. Rosario said that he gave Classic Communities five days to contact him upon receipt of the Notice of Violation. They contacted Mr. Rosario and met on July 16<sup>th</sup>; Mr. Rosario will give them time to get a plan in order. Classic Communities said they are working with another contractor to get the

work completed. Mr. Dodson said that due to the major rain storms water has been coming downhill from Avondale Terrace. As a result of the water there are three trenches in the mulch and drains are clogged. He said that there is a 6' or 8" black PVC pipe on Avondale that was installed by the township that is causing the problem. Mr. Harman said that the township doesn't use any pipes less than 15" so it was not installed by Public Works. Mr. Rosario and Mr. Harman will look into the problem.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion – Consent Items: Section 607. (4): None

Motion- Septic System Pumping Extension Requests

Mr. Rosario briefly reviewed the request from the resident.

***Mrs. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Harman to approve the pumping extension requests for 603 Mill Race Road, 625 Mill Race Road, and 645 Mill Race Road until July 31, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.***

Mr. Rosario reviewed the letter from Brian McFeaters, township SEO, regarding the property at 7348 Trent Street owned by Melvin Steward. Mr. Steward demonstrated that there is very little sludge in the septic tank which is from twelve years ago. He is requesting an extension and proposed that after the extension he would have the SEO perform an evaluation to determine if pumping is needed. There was discussion regarding the Ordinance requirements and that if the SEO performs evaluations that a fee should be set. Mr. Steinmeier reminded everyone that the area will have public sewer by the end of 2021. Solicitor Yost suggested a two year extension as per the Ordinance. Mr. Rosario spoke with DEP and informed the board if the township changes the Ordinance a copy must be sent to DEP. Mrs. Zimmerman commented that if the Ordinance is changed then the Act 537 plan must be changed.

Mr. Steward addressed the board and explained he uses thirteen gallons of water per day. He spoke with Tim Wagner from DEP who confirmed that when the sludge level reaches sixteen inches on the septic tank then it needs to be pumped. Mr. Steward demonstrated to Mr. McFeaters that there is only six inches of sludge in his septic tank. He offered to be the township SEO and help residents with septic issues. Mrs. Zimmerman explained that a SEO must be certified by DEP.

***Mrs. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Steinmeier to approve the pumping extension request for 7348 Trent Street until July 20, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.***

## **OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

Mr. Rosario briefly reviewed the 2015-2016 gaming grant projects that he will present to the gaming advisory board at the pre application meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup>. The grant applications are listed in order of importance.

1. Township Fire Station #1 Debt reduction- \$500,000.00
2. Exit 77 Debt reduction - \$300,000.00
3. Chapter 542 –Vietnam Veterans of America – Sponsor letter for new van \$45,000.00

4. Central Dauphin School District – Sponsor letter for security camera upgrade at CD High School and West Hanover Elementary school.- \$ 200,000.00
5. Township new Public Park and replacement of existing playground equipment.-\$100,000.00 over 5 years. (\$10,000.00 contribution per year from township).
6. Emergency Evacuation Center & Storage Building-\$ 30,000.00 (\$20,000.00 contribution from township.)
7. Park & Ride – Pavement and signage- \$ 100,000.00 (\$25,000.00 contribution from township.)
8. Parks and Recreation – Recycling units for township parks- \$10,000.00

Mr. Rosario said the township will receive twenty-five points on each application because he is attending the pre application meeting.

Mrs. Zimmerman asked if Mr. Rosario if he reviewed the plans for the fire station. Mr. Rosario commented that he has not reviewed the plans yet. Mrs. Zimmerman informed the board that Richard Canulli has declined the parks and recreation maintenance position. Mrs. Fesig has a new applicant that she would like to interview to fill the position. It was the consensus of the board to have Mrs. Fesig interview the new candidate.

Mr. Steinmeier stated that there is a vacancy at the Water and Sewer Authority for an operator. The position requires certification from DEP.

Mr. Megonnell stated that on August 15<sup>th</sup> volunteers will clean Beaver Creek.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Zervanos, Yingst Homes-Mr. Zervanos informed the board that there was some confusion between the Maple Glen Homeowners Association and Yingst Homes. He said that within the last week there has been dialogue between both parties. All items that need to be completed in the development will be completed by Yingst Homes. He apologized on behalf of Yingst Homes for any inconvenience to the board.

The board thanked Mr. Zervanos for the update. Mr. Steinmeier commented that he wished there were more developers like Yingst Homes in the township.

## **SUPERVISORS COMMENTS**

Mrs. Zimmerman reminded everyone that Tuesday night is “Movies in the Park”. She said that the senior luncheon is held the third Thursday of each month and that you must register the Friday before.

Mr. Steinmeier commented that Mrs. Fesig is looking for volunteers for Community Day which is being held on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed from 11:00am to 3:00pm.

## **ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 PM**