

WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

7171 Allentown Blvd
Harrisburg, PA 17112

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

- 1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation – Vice Chair Miller was not present**
- 2. Approval of the Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes from May 18**
Motion: Supervisor Zimmerman moved, seconded by Supervisor Megonnell to approve the minutes. The motion was unanimous.
- 3. PA State Police In-Person Report - Cpl. Chris O'Brien**
A report was given by Cpl. O'Brien for the month of May.
- 4. WHT Fire Company In-Person Report**
Matt Senft, Assistant Fire Chief, reported that 5 firemen have left the West Hanover Fire Company during the past 5 years, with 3 being active. Also, 11 members left because they moved out of the area. Supervisor Zimmerman said that the Supervisors had asked for a 3 to 5 year plan from the Fire Company and Matt replied that the Fire Company Board would like a workshop with the Supervisors.
- 5. Correspondence**
 - A. Letter from resident Diane Allen regarding Zoom. Would like to see the Zoom participants be able to comment during the meetings and thinks a clip-on microphone or headset should be used by the board members so they can be heard better
 - B. Note from resident Gisela Gottwald pointing out that in years 2024 and 2025 the tag service is less than the quarterly service fee and would like the Township to retain the tag service.
 - C. Email from resident Deborah Clark regarding the new trash contract
- 6. First Public Comment**
Prior to public comment, Township Manager Mike Gossert stated that in July of 2022 Waste Management notified the Township that they were not going to be servicing us for an optional year. The Township had to go through the bid process. We were notifying residents for a year that we knew the cost was going to rise. All Townships with over 10,000 residents are mandated by Act 101 of 1988, stating that refuse service is mandatory.

David Sheaffer, Cedar Lane – Asked if there was a website he can access to find out what each municipality in the county pays.

Daniel Lasecki, N. Fairville – Generates one bag of trash a month why was bag tag service eliminated? He is being penalized for having less trash.

Carol Salwocki, Umberger Road – Would like to opt out of the trash service.

Toni Malachi, Manada Court – Any way we can do a lower tier for low volume users?

Carol Hoover, Piketown Road – Made comments regarding the Zoning Ordinance rewrite.

Jessica Berman, Piketown Road – Made comments regarding the Zoning Ordinance rewrite.

Richard Enck, Hillside Road – Suggested using the American Rescue Plan Act funds to subsidize the trash.

7. Presentations, Staff & Board Reports

- A. June Zoning Report
- B. June Engineer's Report
- C. June WHT Fire Chief's Report
- D. June Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes
- E. June Environmental Advisory Committee's (EAC) Meeting Minutes
- F. Property Maintenance Log for May 18 through June 8
- G. Public Works Daily Report for May 15 through June 9

8. Treasurer's Report

- A. Monthly deposits for May were \$625,817.05
- B. Expenditures
 - (1) Payroll for May 19, Net: \$37,735.91 - Gross: \$49,604.45
Motion: Supervisor Megonnell moved, seconded by Supervisor Zimmerman to approve the payroll. The motion was unanimous.
 - (2) Payroll for June 2, Net: \$37,787.16 - Gross \$49,524.91
Motion: Supervisor Megonnell moved, seconded by Supervisor Zimmerman to approve the payroll. The motion was unanimous.
 - (3) Vouchers pre-paid via paper check, ACH transfer & vendor sites for May were in the amount of \$255,087.67
Motion: Supervisor Megonnell moved, seconded by Supervisor Zimmerman to approve the payments. The motion was unanimous.

9. Old Business: None

10. Zoning & Planning

- A. Consideration to approve Financial Security Adjustment #2 for 7174 Sterling Road in the amount of \$1,839, bringing the remaining balance to \$2,303, as reviewed by HRG
Motion: Secretary/Treasurer Steinmeier moved, seconded by Supervisor Megonnell to approve the adjustment. The motion was unanimous.

- B. Consideration to approve Resolution 2023-35, Elizabeth S. Gault property located in both South and West Hanover Townships. The Resolution is to allow the West Hanover Township portion to be included in the South Hanover Township Agricultural Security Area
Motion: Supervisor Megonnell moved, seconded by Supervisor Zimmerman to approve the Resolution. The motion was unanimous.

11. New Business

- A. Consideration to approve Resolution 2023-36, 2023 Debt Reimbursement from the West Hanover Township Authority
Motion: Supervisor Megonnell moved, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Steinmeier to approve the Resolution. The motion was unanimous.
- B. Consideration to approve ten C. M. High Preventative Maintenance Repair Estimates for a total of \$24,048.31
Motion: Secretary/Treasurer Steinmeier moved, seconded by Supervisor Megonnell to approve the estimates. The motion was unanimous.
- C. Consideration to accept the quote for the purchase of a new air conditioning system for the Administration Building from 03HVAC. They were the lowest quote and the cost to remove the current system and install the new system will be \$9,443.00.
Motion: Supervisor Megonnell moved, seconded by Supervisor Zimmerman to approve the quote. The motion was unanimous.
- D. Consideration to appoint Aaron Hoke as tax collector to fulfill the unexpired term of the previous tax collector until December 31, 2025
Motion: Supervisor Zimmerman moved, seconded by Supervisor Megonnell to approve the appointment. The motion was unanimous.
- E. Consideration to enter into a contract with the Harrisburg Humane Society to take in lost animals from the PA State Police
Motion: Supervisor Megonnell moved, seconded by Supervisor Zimmerman to enter into the contract. The motion was unanimous.

12. Second Public Comment

Richard Enck, Hillside Road – Made a comment about a recent Stormwater meeting.

13. Parks & Recreation Upcoming Events

- 6/23 – Father Daughter Dance 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- 6/24 – Cape May Day on Your Own Bus Trip
- 6/27 – Movie in The Park – DC League of Super Pets
- 6/28 – Golden Oldies Dance 7 – 10 pm
- 7/06 – Senior Electronics Corner 12 – 3 pm
- 7/08 – All Day Scrapbooking 8 am – 10 pm

- 7/08 – Finger Lakes Bus Trip
- 7/11 – Movie in The Park – Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life
- 7/12 – Let Freedom Ring...Philadelphia Bus Trip
- 7/15 – NYC, A Day on Your Own Bus Trip

14. Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Zimmerman – Township used to have an appreciation banquet for the volunteers and all board members. Would like to see that on the agenda.

Supervisor Megonnell – Full house at the Senior Lunch. Township Offices will be closed on June 19 for the Federal holiday.

Secretary/Treasurer Steinmeier – Good turnout at the Senior Lunch, about 150 attending. Regarding trash hauling, all are running short on drivers. They are now paying the drivers \$25-\$30 an hour and better benefits. Not only West Hanover Township but the other municipalities are experiencing the higher rates.

Chair Connors – Thank you to everyone in attendance. There are 7 residents on Zoom. Unfortunately, when it comes to the trash contract, our hands are tied. All of the neighboring Townships are experiencing the same issues.

15. Adjournment

Motion: Supervisor Megonnell moved, seconded by Supervisor Zimmerman to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimous.