

WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7171 Allentown Blvd
Harrisburg, PA 17112

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 20

Motion: Secretary/Treasurer Steinmeier moved, seconded by Supervisor Megonnell to approve the minutes. The motion was unanimous. Both Chair Connors and Vice Chair Miller abstained as they were not present at the July 20 meeting.

3. PA State Police In-Person Report: Cpl. Justin Kurtz

In July there were 2,900 total incidents in Dauphin County and 1,300 between East, South and West Hanover. Of those 1,300 there were 357 traffic stops; 10 DUI arrests; 16 drug possession arrests; and 67 vehicle crashes, including 3 fatalities.

4. Presentation of the 2022 Financial Audit by Nick Shearer of Hamilton & Musser, PC

Nick Shearer provided an in-depth report regarding the 2022 Financial Audit findings. He did report that the debt the Township has is low for our size. There was nothing related to the internal controls of the Township that need to be addressed by the Board.

5. WHT Fire Company In-Person Report

Fire Company President Mike Keller reported there were 43 calls in July: 23 in WHT and 20 out of the Township. There was a good turnout to National Night Out.

6. Correspondence: None

7. First Public Comment

Patty Shade, N. Fairville Avenue – Recently participated in a Zoom meeting sponsored by Spotlight PA on “How a Local Government Works”. Also asked the Board to consider the problems that will occur if there is not a steep slope ordinance in place.

Jessica Berman, Picketown Road – Made comments regarding the second revision of the Zoning Ordinance.

Carol Buskirk, recently moved out of the Township – Would like to work with the Township on Bucks Tavern.

Richard Enck, Hillside Road – Resident near him has not hooked up to public sewer. Their forsythia is out on the road and needs trimmed.

Andrew Williams, Berkstone Circle – Made comments regarding steep slopes. Also commented that when developers get approvals they go through a rigorous process with DEP.

8. Presentations, Staff & Board Reports

- A. July Zoning Report
- B. July Engineer's Report
- C. July WHT Fire Chief's Report
- D. July Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes
- E. July Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) Meeting Minutes
- F. August Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) Meeting Minutes
- G. June South Central Emergency Services Chief's Report
- H. Property Maintenance Log for July 20 through August 10
- I. Public Works Daily Report for July 17 through August 11

9. Treasurer's Report

- A. Monthly Deposits for July were in the amount of \$50,134.86.
- B. Expenditures
 - (1) Payroll for July 28, Net: \$45,815.50 - Gross: \$58,960.31
Motion: Supervisor Megonnell moved, seconded by Supervisor Zimmerman to approve the payroll. The motion was unanimous.
 - (2) Payroll for August 11, Net: \$46,739.28 - Gross: \$60,118.40
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 July were \$173,095.78
Motion: Vice Chair Miller moved, seconded by Supervisor Zimmerman to approve the payments. The motion was unanimous.

10. Old Business: None

11. Zoning & Planning: None

12. New Business

- A. Consideration to schedule a public hearing on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 6 p.m. and advertise the public hearing for the Zoning Ordinance and Map Modernization
Motion: Supervisor Zimmerman moved, seconded by Vice Chair Miller to approve the scheduling of a public hearing and the advertising. The motion was unanimous.

- B. Consideration to approve the 2024 Budget Adoption Schedule
Motion: Secretary/Treasurer Steinmeier moved, seconded by Supervisor Megonnell to approve the schedule. The motion was unanimous.
- C. Consideration to approve a Temporary Construction Easement Agreement with the Mountain View Swimming Club, Inc.
Motion: Vice Chair moved, seconded by Supervisor Megonnell to approve the Agreement. The motion was unanimous.
- D. Acceptance of Kevin Trafka's resignation from the Parks & Recreation Board
Motion: Supervisor Megonnell moved, seconded by Supervisor Zimmerman to accept the resignation. The motion was unanimous.
- E. Buck's Tavern discussion and possible action
Township Supervisor Mike Gossert said that the Township has owned Buck's Tavern for 8 to 10 years. He was out with the Risk Manager from the Township's insurance company and was told the Risk Manager was going to recommend to the underwriters that they pull insurance coverage for Buck's Tavern. A lengthy discussion then took place regarding the options and costs. Jon Hetrick, President of the West Hanover Township Historical Society, spoke and asked the Board to give him time to reach out to people to see if they can help.

13. Second Public Comment

Jeff Shade, N. Fairville Avenue – Questions and comments about the Zoning Ordinance and steep slopes.

Patty Shade, N. Fairville Avenue – Good point brought up by Secretary/Treasurer Steinmeier that there needs to be more enforcement on property maintenance issues.

John Robinson, Beaver Creek Road – Comments about Buck's Tavern. Difficult to keep up a historical building but not undoable.

Michelle Camilli, Sleepy Hollow Road – If Buck's Tavern would be razed what would happen to the property?

George Dovey, East Hanover Township – When historic preservation and restoration happens in one township it tends to affect other townships as well.

14. Parks & Recreation Upcoming Events

- 8/17 – Senior Luncheon – Gourmet Salad Bar, Dinner Roll & Butter Dessert: Peanut Butter Pie or Coconut Cream Pie
- 8/22 – Make-up Movie Night “DC League of SuperPets”
- 8/24 – Historical Society Picnic – Skyline Commons Park 6 – 8 pm
- 9/10 – Community Festival 3 – 7 pm
- 9/27 – Blood Drive @ Community Center 12:30 – 5:30 pm

15. Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Zimmerman – All of us would like to see Buck’s Tavern flourish like it did in the 1700’s but it’s not happening overnight. We’ve put a lot of time in this, but I don’t see it going a lot of places.

Supervisor Megonnell – New recycling brochures and they will be handed out by the EAC at the Festival. National Night Out went very well. Taste of Linglestown is coming up in September. The Senior Lunch was very good.

Secretary/Treasurer Steinmeier – Senior Lunch was very good, there were about 150 people there. Hoping we can get the Buck’s Tavern situation resolved.

Vice Chair Miller – Apologized for missing June and July meetings. Would like to get something new to hand out by the Supervisors at the Community Festival.

Chair Connors – Recognized that there were five residents on Zoom. Apologized for missing the July meeting. Thanked everyone for coming and expressing their concerns. Reminded everyone that when posting on social media, perception is not always reality and when statements are posted that are not true, they can be libel/defamation.

16. Adjournment at 8:05 p.m.

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