

**WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7171 ALLENTOWN BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17112
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016**

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	Adam Klein, Chairman
Steve Kurtz, Supervisor	Don Steinmeier, Secretary-Treasurer
Gloria Zimmerman, Vice Chairman	

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD TOPICS: None

NEW TOPICS

Public Safety Advisory Board

Board Members Present: Bill McCahan, Kyle Miller

Mr. McCahan brought up the issue of installing signs in order to restrict tractor trailers on Fairville Avenue. He stated that he sent an email two weeks ago requesting information and he has not had any response from HRG regarding the status of the project. Mrs. Zimmerman said that she didn't like how he worded the email that he sent. She stated that Mr. McCahan can't speak on behalf of the residents or volunteers. She said that it takes time to get things done and that he should be aware of that. He asked how does he get the issue resolved or is it just a waste of time for the PSAB. Mrs. Zimmerman stated that she has been working on getting the lights at the fire station parking lot fixed for the past three years and they are still not fixed. She said she has brought this issue at every meeting. At the last meeting she said she doesn't want to have to bring it up again, and she doesn't think that anything has been done. There was discussion regarding the project and what needs to be completed. Mr. McCahan said that the Ordinance will have to be changed to state that trucks are restricted on Fairville Avenue. Mr. Harman said that the township can't install any signs on Route 39 until PennDOT approves the request. Mr. McCahan said that HRG should have got approval from PennDOT before meeting with the board of supervisors and PSAB. Mr. McCahan said that he is ready to walk out because he is working hard for the township and he doesn't see results on a lot of things.

Mr. McCahan brought up the subject of eliminating private hydrants in the township. He said that the township can sign a contract with Pennsylvania American Water to have only public hydrants. There was discussion that residents in developments are paying for private hydrants in addition to paying the township fire hydrant tax. Chairman Klein suggested that a workshop be set up with the homeowners' associations to discuss this topic. Mr. McCahan said that he has spent a lot of time on this project and he just wants a decision from the board on what they want to do.

Mr. McCahan stated that over a year ago the PSAB suggested some codes changes to the fire codes in order to make hotels maintain their fire alarm systems properly. He said some hotels are not following the fire alarm requirements/procedures. The codes changes would result in fines if hotels are not compliant. He said that the PSAB hasn't received any information from the board of supervisors regarding their suggestions. Chairman Klein said he thinks that the PSAB recommendations were forwarded to the Planning Commission for the review. The board will follow up with Mr. Rosario.

Mr. Miller said the biggest concern is the communication between the PSAB and the board of supervisors. He said that there is not always a representative from the township at the PSAB meetings. He said it is important for the board to be aware of issues that come before the PSAB that affect the township. Mrs. Zimmerman said that sometimes the board is that last to know about issues and that an open dialogue is necessary.

Mrs. Zimmerman asked Mr. McCahan if he contacted Ford Thompson from Central Dauphin regarding using the high school as an evacuation center. Mr. McCahan said that the Red Cross has contracts with Central Dauphin School District but he is not sure of that schools are designated to be evacuation centers. Ron Bouch who assists Bill has been working directly with the Red Cross to obtain approximately 25 emergency kits (i.e. cots, blankets, etc.). Mrs. Zimmerman commented that the board agreed for the recreation center to be used as an evacuation center, but they were not aware of the need for a new generator and installation of a shower. Mr. McCahan stated the evacuation center would be as used as a short term shelter not a long term facility. Mr. McCahan stated that he never brought up the need for a shower to be installed. Mrs. Zimmerman said to Mr. McCahan that he does not have the authority to contact township staff and tell them when they are working. Mr. McCahan asked her for clarification regarding her statement. Mrs. Zimmerman asked Mr. McCahan if he called Mrs. Fesig and told her that she and her staff had to be on call for the January storm. Mr. McCahan stated that he didn't called Mrs. Fesig. Mrs. Zimmerman requested a meeting be held with the board of supervisors, Mr. McCahan, Mr. Rosario, and Mrs. Fesig in order to discuss the equipment and staffing requirements of the evacuation center. There was discussion regarding the snow storm and the miscommunication between Mr. McCahan, Mrs. Fesig, and Mr. Rosario. Mr. McCahan said there was training with the Red Cross, Mr. Rosario, and Mrs. Fesig and her staff. Mr. Kurtz asked for the current evacuation procedure for the township. Mrs. Zimmerman asked if the PSAB has completed Red Cross training and can they run the evacuation center. Mr. McCahan stated the PSAB can't run the center since they have other responsibilities. Mrs. Zimmerman again requested a separate meeting to discuss this issue, since nothing is getting accomplished at this workshop. Mr. McCahan commented that he has been volunteering for more than forty years for the township and it's getting to be too much. Mrs. Zimmerman said that Mr. McCahan needs to know when to step down.

There was more discussion regarding the need and requirements of the evacuation center. Mrs. Zimmerman again brought up the need for communication between the board of supervisors and the PSAB. Mr. McCahan said that Mr. Rosario should be attending the PSAB meetings and informing the board of issues discussed at the meetings. Mr. McCahan stated that Mr. Rosario has not attended the past two PSAB meetings.

Mrs. Fesig brought up that the current generator is not large enough to support the requirements of what is needed to be hooked up per Red Cross standards. Mrs. Fesig commented that Mr. Rosario directed her to obtain quotes for a new generator and the installation of a shower. She said Mr.

Rosario informed her that he would be her contact person regarding the evacuation center not Mr. McCahan. Mrs. Fesig said Mr. McCahan called her and informed her that she and her staff were to be on call. She also stated that her staff doesn't think they should be required to staff the evacuation center because they are part time employees.

Mr. McCahan said that at this point there is no place to shelter residents in the case of an emergency. He stated that it is the responsibility of the board for the safety of the residents of the township. Mr. Steinmeier asked if the state is requiring the township to provide an evacuation center. Mr. McCahan stated that it is the responsibility of the township.

Mr. Harman said that the public works facility can be used as a shelter. He said there is a generator, shower, cots, and a kitchen.

Zimmerman suggested that local churches could be used as an evacuation center. Mr. McCahan commented that churches don't have generators.

Mr. McCahan stated that he has been volunteering for more than forty years in this township as the EMC and with the fire company trying to get things resolved and he doesn't appreciate how Mrs. Zimmerman came down on him this evening. Mrs. Zimmerman commented that she didn't appreciate Mr. McCahan's email.

Chairman Klein suggested that a meeting be set up and that Mr. Rosario find out what other townships have done to set up evacuation centers.

Historical Society Board

Members Present: Gloria Zimmerman

Mrs. Zimmerman stated that she is not sure if the Historical Society Board members were notified of the workshop this evening. She said that township landscaping contact will include mowing of the cemetery on Jonestown Road. In prior years a volunteer mowed the cemetery.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:40 PM