

West Hanover Township
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Board of Supervisor Tele-Meeting Minutes
Monday April 20, 2020

1. Ms. Connors called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation. All Board members were present.
2. ***Motion: Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Mr. Steinmeier to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 2, 2020. The motion was unanimous.***

Motion: Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 6, 2020. The motion was unanimous. Note, there was not a meeting on March 16th due to the shut down due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The meeting on April 6th was the first tele-meeting that occurred.

3. **Public Comment:**

- a. **Sherri Anderson** – Asked about who will be enforcing the pro-rating of the fee for home sales. Local title companies would have to be aware as it is a lienable item. She advised that the Greater Harrisburg Association of Realtors needs to be notified so that they can mass email the realtors to look for this during closings. This would be calculated into any closing costs.
- b. **Laurie Daubert** – Said that the real issue is the Stormwater bill, it is not fair. She said that her neighbors are not happy or understand why there is a fee, what it is for, etc. She also stated that this came at a terrible time, with the pandemic still active. She would request that the Board investigate ways to reduce the costs for the residents. Ms. Daubert also asked what the residents who did not have computer access were to do about receiving the newsletter. Ms. Connors replied that paper copies are available at the Township office and can also be mailed out by request.
- c. **Jeff Mack** – He would like to second all of Laurie's statements. He said that if the invoice would have included an explanation – a lot of confusion could have been avoided. He also stated that he called Janet Hardman this morning but has not received any communications back. He stated that the bill says you have 30 days to pay it, but if the Township cannot respond to questions, how are you supposed to understand what you are paying? Mrs. Zimmerman said that the Authority is debating an extension of 30/60 days.
- d. **Jon Hetrick** – He is mostly here to observe but does have major concerns regarding the stormwater.
- e. **Jonathan & Angie Dickey** – They said that within their community there are a lot of questions regarding the Stormwater. Many have voiced their concerns over the way this was been implemented.
- f. **Diane & Phil Allen** – They asked who is the Authority? Who is on the committee? Mr. Rosario said that the Authority Board is composed of three residents and two Supervisors. Members are Robert Fowler, Michael Geppert, Max Shradley, Gloria Zimmerman, and Donald Steinmeier. The Allen's asked why the Township did not apply for a waiver like surrounding Townships? Mr. Stinnett replied that he is the Solicitor for East Hanover Township as well and they do not have a waiver. He stated that West Hanover Township would not be able to meet the regulatory requirements for a waiver. The Allen's asked why in Lower Paxton is the fee a flat rate at \$128/year – why didn't we attempt to collaborate with

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them to reduce fees? Our fees are astronomical. They said that when researching, they came up with a national average of \$64/year.

- g. **Ms. Connors** stated that the Governor today signed a bill enabling the Authority to hold meetings in the same fashion as the Board of Supervisors. She anticipates the meeting scheduled for May 6th for the Authority will occur as scheduled.
 - h. **Michael Kreiser** – He is observing from the perspective of the Sewer Authority. They had cancelled their meeting in April but were seeing if this was a viable option for their May meeting.
 - i. **H. Cassell** joined the meeting to listen what was said about the Stormwater.
 - j. **Richard Enck** stated that he has been attending the Authority meetings since January and nothing is new. He said that his bill came with an option to pay it in three installments without penalty.
4. **Presentations, Staff & Board Reports** included the Fire Chief's Report for March 2020. Harold Harman and Sharmaine Harman received a certificate of Completion for attendance of the Infectious Diseases Webinar put on by PA Training for Health & Safety. Tara Rex, Harold Harman and Sharmaine Harman received a certificate of Completion for attendance of the Pandemic Preparedness Webinar put on by PA Training for Health and Safety.
5. The **Treasurer's Report** was read by Mr. Steinmeier with fund balances as of April 20, 2020.
- a. **Motion: Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the gross payroll for April 10, 2020 in the amount of \$40,048.90. The motion was unanimous with Mrs. Zimmerman abstaining.**
 - b. **Motion: Mrs. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve the vouchers prepaid via check in the amount of \$16,675.88 for the Administration, Parks and Public Works departments. The motion was unanimous.**
 - c. **Motion: Mrs. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve the vouchers prepaid via check in the amount of \$4,922.30 for Fire Tax. The motion was unanimous.**
 - d. **Motion: Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Mrs. Zimmerman to approve the vouchers prepaid via ACH in the amount of \$64,593.78 for the Administration, Parks and Public Works departments. The motion was unanimous.**
 - e. **Motion: Mrs. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to approve the vouchers prepaid via Vendor Sites in the amount of \$51,040.04. The motion was unanimous.**
6. **Other Business**
- a. **Septic pumping request –Fishing Creek Valley Road, Geib Residence.** This was expired last year. Mr. Megonnell said that he knows the resident. There would be further research on this, and it will appear on the next agenda. **Motion: Mr. Megonnell moved, seconded by Mr. Steinmeier to withdraw the motion from today's meeting. The motion was unanimous.**

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7. New Business

- a. Resolution 2020-43 Adoption of RE Tax Deferment of Interest & Penalties – The objective is to provide relief to taxpayers during this unprecedented time. This will waive the 5% and 10% penalties for 2020 County real property taxes for the balance of 2020. With the Township approval, local tax collectors will be instructed to process all real property tax paid between June 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020 at the FLAT rate. By processing all real property tax payment received at FLAT, refunds will not be required. Endorsement of this process is required before Friday, April 24, 2020. ***Motion: Mr. Steinmeier moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to adopt Resolution 2020-43 for the Adoption of RE Tax Deferment of Interest & Penalties as presented.***

8. Public Comment:

- a. **Michele Doyle** – asked who does the Authority answer to? Mrs. Zimmerman said that they are a separate entity. Michele asked what the chain of command looked like, who does the Authority answer to? Mr. Stinnett said that the Authority is its own governing body and they would answer to the Rate payers. Concerns would be addressed by going to the Authority Board. Claims can be pursued by going through the court of common pleas. Michele asked if the Authority grants the 60-day extension on the payments – how will the public be informed?

9. Supervisor Comments:

Mr. Megonnell wanted to remind everyone of the Governors orders to stay in. If you should go out, put a mask on. Practice social distancing - remain safe and secure.

Mr. Miller said that it was nice to see and hear all the residents. He believes the meeting went well, especially with the amount of public comments.

Ms. Connors thanked everyone for letting the Board hear their concerns. She advised the residents to email or phone the concerns in.

Mr. Steinmeier talked about the demonstrations at the Capital. He said many did not practice social distancing or wear masks.

Motion: Mr. Steinmeier moved, seconded by Mr. Megonnell to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. The motion was unanimous.