

**WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY**

**May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 pm – Meeting Minutes**

*21 Attendees including board, staff, solicitor, engineer and public*

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Fowler called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

**2. ROLL CALL:** All board members present

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

a. Informational meeting minutes from March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

b. Monthly meeting minutes from April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Motion to approve the 3/23/21 and 4/7/21 meeting minutes as presented was made by Mr. Geppert, seconded by Mr. Shradley. Motion passed.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Bailey – 7439 Manor Drive

Addressed concerns with MS4 and the stormwater management construction he has performed on his property. Concerned with the Lakeside project being performed on private property when he has protected storm banks and stream beds on his own property at his own expense. Mr. Fowler acknowledged that he, Mr. Gossert and Mr. Greenly had toured Mr. Bailey's property and are looking to what credits and partnerships we may be able to offer, he does already qualify for a 30% low impact credit. Mr. Greenly is in the process of reviewing his notes from the visit and will let us know what Mr. Bailey may qualify for in addition to what credits the Authority already offers. Mr. Fowler stated the Authority is not in the position for reimbursing capital expenses but are in a position to look at efforts that have been made to control stormwater and erosion and pass along credits to help offset your annual stormwater bill. Mr. Steinmeier encouraged residents to reach out to state government and officials to address their concerns. Mr. Bailey confirmed he has done that.

Richard Enck – 7112 Hillside Road

Mr. Enck shared articles he found regarding funding for stream restoration projects.

Diane Allen – 7400 Fishing Creek Valley Road

Asked if we know how much West Hanover contributes to the pollution into the Chesapeake Bay and is the water tested? Once the water leaves our township, it's out of our hands. Mr. Fowler recalls Mr. Greenly saying there is probably very little water testing, its predominately computer models that determine how much pollution we are adding to the streams. Our pollution reduction plan relates to sediment reduction more than anything else, we don't have to reduce nitrogen or phosphorous. DEP doesn't have the resources to test every stream in every municipality.

**5. PRESENTATIONS, STAFF & BOARD REPORTS:**

**a. Administration**

i. Alexis activity report for April

ii. Update on intern: Mr. Gossert confirmed we have received 1 resume, interviewing soon

**b. Public Works**

i. Oak Tree Road Estimate (approved at last meeting) - \$7,578.06

- ii. Lakeside project update – Mr. Gossert advised we had a meeting in March with the impacted residents, they received easements and O&M agreements, we are waiting on 3 signatures. Mr. Fowler reminded this project was selected in 2017, long before the Authority board was created. There was concern over it being on private property, however at the time, the owners were on board to sign easements and undertake the maintenance. This work is on the stream, not on anyone’s back yard. We may want to rethink the project since we are not getting full cooperation from the residents at this point. Mr. Shradley asked if this project was part of our approved permit plan? Do we need to have an alternative plan so we can meet our permit requirements? Mr. Fowler answered he has had that discussion with Mr. Greenly regarding what our liability is if we don’t get easements? Mr. Greenly thinks we may not be penalized based off the work that we have already done but we should still find a substitute for the project.

**6. TREASURER’S REPORT**

- a. Mr. Shradley stated as of 4/30 the Mid Penn balance is \$970,733.82
  - b. Approval of Invoices Totaling \$11,334.64 (Keystone, HRG, Light Heigel)
- A motion to approve the bills presented was moved by Mr. Shradley, seconded by Ms. Zimmerman, motion passed.

**7. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Delinquency from 2020 as of 1/7/21 - \$248,863.33
  - Collected in January - \$41,833.14
  - Collected in February - \$108,665.80
  - Collected in March - \$15,339.99
  - Total Collected - \$165,838.93
- b. HRG RFP for design of remaining stream restoration projects – Mr. Fowler recommended to table this as we are still dealing with drafts and the attorney is reviewing. We will defer this to the next meeting.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Approval of Appeals**
  - i. A21-10 - West Hanover Township Historical Society, Recommendation: Approval, no IA, no fee should be assessed. A motion to approve Appeal A-21-10 was made by Mr. Shradley, seconded by Mr. Steinmeier, motion passed.
  - ii. A21-18 - 900 Pheasant Road, Recommendation: Denial, outbuildings removed however aggregate pad of IA remains. A motion to deny Appeal A21-18 was made by Mr. Shradley, seconded by Mr. Steinmeier, motion passed.

Mr. Fowler reminded the appeal period is now over for the 2021 stormwater billing

- b. New website – split between Authority, Sewer and Township? Alexis & Mr. Gossert have been working with a website company for redesign. Mr. Gossert estimates the cost around \$25,000. He has not yet discussed this with the Sewer Authority. It is on the agenda for the board of supervisors meeting on 5/6. He believes that we can use some of the CARES and American Rescue Act funding to assist. Mr. Fowler thinks the Authority should consider paying up to a third. Mr. Shradley questioned if the Sewer Authority did not agree, would it then be a 50/50 split? Ms. Zimmerman made a motion

to share in the cost of the new website in an amount not to exceed \$12,500., Seconded by Mr. Geppert, motion passed.

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:**

Mr. Steinmeier again expressed his concern for the smaller townships having higher fees for stormwater and federal and state agencies not caring about where the money is coming from for the mandated projects. Mr. Fowler suggested the possibility of getting West, East and South Hanover together for a collaborated meeting with DEP to address concerns.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Richard Enck – 7112 Hillside Road

Asked if the delinquencies collected includes penalties. Mr. Fowler confirmed it does include the 10% penalty.

**11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

- a. Gloria Zimmerman – Thanked Mr. Bailey for taking such good care of his property and hopes we can help him out.
- b. Mike Geppert – No comment
- c. Max Shradley – No comment
- d. Don Steinmeier – Thanked Mr. Bailey
- e. Robert Fowler – Noted there were a few members of the public that did attend in person. Mr. Fowler asked Mr. Stinnett the status of meetings being held in person as restrictions are starting to lift. Mr. Stinnett confirmed that we are working on getting back to a more in-person schedule in the very near future. It's a possibility that we may be able to go to Parks and Rec where there is more space, but we will still have the Zoom option.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Fowler entertained a motion to adjourn. Moved by Ms. Zimmerman, seconded by Mr. Steinmeier. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 7:44 pm.

**\*West Hanover Township Authority Monthly Meeting June 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30 pm\***