

WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

7171 Allentown Blvd
Harrisburg, PA 17112

Thursday, November 18, 2021
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Present via Zoom: 17 Residents

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Invocation. Supervisor Miller was not present.

2. Approval of Minutes:

A. Consideration of the Meeting Minutes from October 21, 2021

Motion: Secretary/Treasurer Steinmeier moved, seconded by Supervisor Megonnell to approve the meeting minutes of October 21, 2021. The motion was unanimous.

B. Consideration of the Budget Workshop minutes from October 21, 2021

Motion: Supervisor Megonnell moved, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Steinmeier to approve the budget workshop minutes of October 21, 2021. The motion was unanimous.

At this time Lieutenant Brian Wolf with Troop H. of the Pennsylvania State Police introduced himself to the Board of Supervisors and those in attendance. He started as the Patrol Section Commander in July 2021 and he has 16 years of service. Lt. Wolf stated that he plans to attend the meetings and give an update of calls the State Police has responded to. He said in the last 30-45 days they responded to just under 2200 calls: of those, 170 were criminal offenses; 71 were DUI related, and of those 18 were DUI crashes. Lt. Wolf asked if anyone had any questions. Some in attendance asked questions and Lt. Wolf answered those he was able.

Township Manager, Mike Gossert, spoke with those in attendance to explain the process of how we got to where we are now with the proposed warehouse on Linglestown Road. He answered questions during this time pertaining to the process

3. Correspondence: None

4. Public Comment

Richard Enck, Hillside Avenue – Richard brought up what he saw as a conflict on the billing information attached to the agenda.

Judy & Larry Hancock, Laurie Daubert, Lisa Neiter, Donna Demczak, Jeffrey Shade, David Sheaffer, Adam Sheaffer and Chris Pleskonko – all spoke out in opposition of the proposed Prologis warehouse on Linglestown Road

5. Presentations, Staff & Board Reports:

A. Fire Company Report

Matt Kuntz, Deputy Fire Chief, reported the fire department has responded to 402 calls so far this year, 26 of this occurred in October. There were 80 hours of training and the equipment have all been tested. The Halloween patrol was a success and they handed out over 800 glow necklaces. The Santa Run is coming up on December 12.

B. November 2021 Engineer's Report

C. October 2021 Zoning Report

D. November 2021 Environmental Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

E. Public Works Daily Report

F. Property Maintenance Report

6. Treasurer's Report:

A. October 2021 Deposits Totaled \$52,216.34

B. Expenditures:

(1) Payroll for October 22, 2021 - Net: \$35,058.24, Gross: \$46,745.56

Motion: Supervisor Megonnell moved, seconded by Supervisor Zimmerman to approve the gross payroll of October 22, 2021 in the amount of \$46,745.56. The motion was unanimous.

(2) Payroll for September 24, 2021 - Net \$41,067.68, Gross\$ 54,014.15

Motion: Supervisor Megonnell moved, seconded by Supervisor Zimmerman to approve the gross payroll of September 24, 2021 in the amount of \$54,014.15. The motion was unanimous.

(3) October Vouchers Pre-Paid Via Paper Check: \$164,574.48

Motion: Supervisor Zimmerman moved, seconded by Supervisor Megonnell to approve the vouchers pre-paid via paper check in the amount of \$164,574.48. The motion was unanimous.

(4) October Vouchers Pre-Paid Via ACH Transfer & Vendor Sites: \$118,480.76

Motion: Supervisor Megonnell moved, seconded by Supervisor Miller to approve the vouchers pre-paid via ACH transfer & vendor sites in the amount of \$384,803.14. The motion was unanimous.

7. Old Business:

A. Consideration to Form a Committee to Help Re-Write the Township's Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map

Township Supervisor Gossert said the Board had approved the rewriting of the Township's Zoning Ordinance and updating of the Zoning Map, he would like to form a committee consisting of Tim Mellott, Engineer; Alan Williamson, Planning Commission member; Jim Meely, EAC member; Stacey Connors; himself; Janet Hardman, Zoning & Planning Administrator; and Don Holmes, Parks & Recreation. At this time, Erick Bair, resident and Zoning Hearing Board member said he would also like to be on the committee.

Motion: Supervisor Megonnell moved, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Steinmeier to approve the formation of a committee to help re-write the Township's Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map. The motion was unanimous.

8. Other Business: None

9. New Business:

A. Consideration to Approve the 2022 Preliminary Budget

Motion: Supervisor Megonnell moved, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Steinmeier to approve the 2022 Preliminary Budget. The motion was unanimous.

B. Consideration to Advertise the 2022 Preliminary Budget for Public Comment

Motion: Supervisor Megonnell moved, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Steinmeier to approve advertising the 2022 Preliminary Budget for public comment. The motion was unanimous.

10. Public Comment

Richard Enck, Hillside Avenue – He spoke of a time 5 or 6 years ago that a Walmart was proposed at the intersection of Linglestown Road and Allentown Blvd. and how that never happened.

Larry Palvekosky, N. Fairville Avenue – Has a culvert near his property that was washed out during Hurricane Lee and he asked if there were any plans to repair it in the future.

11. Parks & Recreation Upcoming Events:

November 28 - NYC Bus Trip - Day on Your Own
December 1 - AMT Winter Wonderland Bus Trip
December 7 - Golden Oldies Holiday Dance 7 - 10 pm
December 9 - Blood Drive 1 - 6 pm
December 11 - Breakfast with Santa 8 - 11 am
December 12 - Tree Lighting/Santa Run/Yule Log 6 - 8 pm
December 16 - Senior Luncheon 12- 2 pm Roasted Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn and gravy.

12. Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Zimmerman: Thanked everyone for coming out tonight. She said her ears are open.

Supervisor Miller: Not present.

Supervisor Megonnell: Thanked Township Manager Gossert for speaking to the audience regarding the proposed warehouse on Linglestown Road.

He said he was at the Senior Lunch that afternoon and it was great. There were 160 lunches sold and there were also lots of prizes that were given out playing Bingo.

He congratulated Supervisor Miller and Secretary/Treasurer Steinmeier on being re-elected.

Secretary/Treasurer Steinmeier: Said he is a 50-year resident of the Township and he hopes that more young people get involved in the local government.

People are not aware that we get a lot of Federal and State Unfunded Mandates that we have to follow.

He is hopeful that the Stormwater fees can be cut by 25% for 2022.

Chairperson Connors: Thank you to everyone that came out and also to those that stayed until the end of the meeting. There are 17 residents watching the meeting via Zoom.

She urged the other Board Members to check their bios on the Township website, as she was just called out on an error on hers.

Reminded everyone that the community Facebook page is not the official page of the Township. The West Hanover Township Administration page is run by the Township. Please be mindful of what you post, there could be posts out there that are not factual.

12. Adjournment at 9:31 p.m.

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