

**EAST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**  
**8848 Jonestown Road, Grantville, PA 17028**  
**February 19, 2008**

The meeting of the East Hanover Township Board of Supervisors was called to order with the pledge to the Flag by Chairman Marie Beudet at 7:00 P.M. Present were Supervisors Keith Espenshade, Dave Marshall, Tom Shutt, and Larry Spitler.

Scott Wyland, Solicitor; Norman Ulrich, Engineer; David Smith, Codes and Zoning; Charles Longreen, Director of Public Works; and Deborah Casey, Secretary-Treasurer were also present.

This meeting was audio taped. The tapes are strictly for the use of the Secretary for clarification during preparation of the minutes.

**There was an Executive Session held on February 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss personnel issues and February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM to discuss legal issues.**

**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 5, 2008**

**Mr. Marshall made a motion to approve the February 5, 2008, meeting minutes as written. Mr. Spitler seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**

Expenditures:

General Fund	\$ 61,632.29
Operations and Maintenance	\$ 7,829.68
Park and Rec	\$ <u>47.26</u>
Total	\$ 69,509.23

**Mr. Shutt made a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**

Receipts

General Fund	\$163,798.22
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 5,234.20
Park and Rec	\$ 486.00

Available Funds

General Fund	\$ 529,294.05
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 190,969.72
Street Light	\$ 5,327.94
State Fund	\$ 268,990.18
Public Sewer Fund	\$ 3,932.24
Park and Rec Fund	\$ <u>185,080.56</u>
TOTAL	\$1,183,594.69

## **SIGNIFICANT CORRESPONDENCE**

The Correspondence is available for review during normal office hours.

## **REPORTS**

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – CHARLES LONGREEN**

Mr. Longreen presented the Board a proposal for a laptop computer for Curt Cassel to use at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

- The Board will review the proposal and discuss it at the next meeting.
- Mr. Espenshade asked if Mr. Longreen spoke with Lou Robinson regarding the survey of the Park grounds. Mr. Longreen noted he did and Mr. Robinson asked if the Township could replace the wood stakes with metal stakes. That has been done. The bill has been given to the Treasurer for payment.
- Chairman Beaudet thanked the Road Crew for its diligent maintenance of the roads during the recent winter storms.

### **PARK AND REC BOARD – JANET ESPENSHADE**

- Representatives from the Baseball and Football Associations were present at the last 2 meetings with their wish lists.
- The Family Valentine Party was held on February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The Indoor Yard Sale will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **PART-TIME PARK AND REC DIRECTOR**

No report.

### **CODES AND ZONING – DAVID SMITH**

Mr. Smith noted that the Board received the UCC, SEO and Zoning reports on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **ENGINEERS REPORT – NORMAN ULRICH**

- A site visit was done at the Old Towne Hanover project in West Hanover Township. This project borders East Hanover. A draft letter has been prepared and will be finalized once verification is done on a few issues.
- The Thompson subdivision has been reviewed and a site visit completed. Verification of some issues needs to be done and a letter will be sent out.
- There are some concerns regarding E&S at The Preserve at Bow Creek which need to be addressed. Verification of some issues will be done and then a letter will be issued and an update will be provided to the Board.

### **ERIC EPSTEIN - EFMR**

Mr. Epstein noted that hopefully there will be a Memorandum of Understanding agreement by the end of next week. Once the agreement is received, it should be released to the public for its review. Regardless of when the document is signed, it will not affect the amount of money the Township receives.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT - THOMPSON**

A report was made by the Engineer earlier in the meeting.

### **VILLA ROSA/ NO LEFT TURN**

No report.

### **GRANTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The Fire Company is still waiting for one more document before the plan is considered for approval.

### **UPDATE OF PENDING STORMWATER ORDINANCE**

The sub-committee will meet this week and once revisions are made, the ordinance will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for its February meeting.

### **VERIZON – CONSTRUCTION ISSUES**

Mr. Ulrich noted the Township's road opening ordinance was reviewed. He felt that most of the areas are covered in the ordinance but there are some areas that could be tightened up. If the Board chooses, Mr. Ulrich will work on revising the ordinance.

- By consensus of the Board, Mr. Ulrich will revise the ordinance.

### **E. CAREN DRIVE - PAVING**

The road will be reviewed by the Board in the Spring.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **MILTON HERSHEY SCHOOL**

Ken Gall of Hershey Trust was present to provide the Board with an informal presentation regarding its use of land it owns in East Hanover Township. When Hershey Trust looked to adjust zoning in South Hanover it started with the solicitors and engineers to develop an ordinance and maps, etc. At the end, other representatives were brought in to talk about why and what Milton Hershey School was doing and what the impacts of the community would be. The present goal is to have student housing in East Hanover Township.

- Bob Fehrs, Head of the Middle Division of Milton Hershey noted the homes the School would like to eventually put in East Hanover will be for housing for Middle Division Students (5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students). The projected homes will be 2 story part stone and part siding. Drawings of the proposed homes were presented. Mr. Fehrs noted the homes would house students and House Parents. They will be state of the art homes with 12 to 14 students. One full-time couple will live with the students at all times. Camera systems are on site, but not in the homes, to provide security. The homes have alarm systems and all security goes back to a central monitoring system. There are security officers that patrol all Milton Hershey facilities to help maintain security. The residents of East Hanover can be assured the homes will be of first-class construction and

there will be less traffic considering what other type of development that could be placed on the land. He felt Milton Hershey would be good neighbors and partners for the Township.

- Mr. Marshall noted he has done work for Milton Hershey through general contractors. He commented that as a Supervisor, he will not take part in any votes or discussion on the proposed project.
- Mr. Espenshade asked if there was a time line for the process. Mr. Gall noted it was preliminary but would be looking at discussion regarding zoning over the next few months, and the filing of a land development plan possibly by the end of the year.

#### **PAYMENT OF BILLS BETWEEN MEETINGS – UTILITIES, ETC.**

Mrs. Casey commented that there are times when bills are received between Board meetings and are due before the next meeting. These bills are for electric, telephone, etc. A sample resolution has been received from another Township which would allow the Treasurer to pay these types of bills in between meetings so there are no late fees.

- By consensus of the Board, the resolution will be typed up and discussed at the next meeting.

#### **INCREASE CREDIT CARD LIMIT – C. LONGREEN, D. CASEY**

Mrs. Casey reported that before the last snow event, one of the trucks needed repaired. Due to the fact that the truck is old, the part was difficult to find. Once it was located, the cost was around \$1,400.00. It was not through one of the Township's vendors and all of the Township's credit cards have a limit of \$1,000.00. Mr. Longreen purchased the part using his personal credit card so the vehicle could be repaired. Mrs. Casey noted there are times she needs to wait but felt Mr. Longreen needed to have an increase in his limit for emergency situations.

- Mr. Longreen felt that if his card was at a \$2,000.00 limit, he could cover any emergencies. It is rare when these situations arise.
- Mr. Spitler asked if \$2,000.00 would be enough and did not feel it should be raised to that amount if Mr. Longreen felt it was marginal.
- Mr. Longreen noted that normally the Township would purchase from someone that there is an account with. None of the vendors had the part since the equipment is 29 years old. He was lucky to find a part that would work, but it was not one of the Township's vendors.
- **Mr. Spitler made a motion to increase Mr. Longreen's credit card limit to \$3,000.00 and Mrs. Casey's to \$2,000.00. Mr. Shutt seconded the motion. The Chairman asked for public comment, there was none. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**

#### **APPOINTMENT TO COUNTY COMMITTEE FOR FLOOD MITIGATION**

Chairman Beudet noted the County has asked for someone to be appointed to a committee to develop a flood mitigation ordinance for the County. Someone should be appointed so East Hanover Township is represented. Typically 2 people are appointed, but if one can be found, that could be sufficient. The next County meeting is March 12<sup>th</sup>.

- Mr. Marshall asked what type of individuals serve on the committee. Chairman Beaudet felt they were professionals.
- By consensus of the Board, it will review the appointment and address it at the next meeting.
- Mr. Marshall asked if there was a way to get a list of people on the committee. Chairman Beaudet noted she will contact Bob Christoff to obtain a list.

#### **HORSESHOE TRAIL BOARD – INGRID CANTARELLA**

Ms. Cantarella thanked the Board for allowing the Horseshoe Trail Board to speak at the meeting. Ms. Cantarella is a member of its Board.

- The Horseshoe Trail goes through East Hanover Township and a large part of it is on the roads. The trail goes from Valley Forge Park to Stony Mountain where it meets up with the Appalachian Trail and goes through some historical areas. Ms. Cantarella would like to see if the Horseshoe Trail Board could work with the East Hanover Board as it does any park space, land development, etc. to see if the trail could play a part in any plans for the future and possibly move it off the roads. The Horseshoe Trail Club is not a hiking club but a preservation and maintenance club. She presented a copy of the trail map to each of the Board members and a large one for the Township Building. The Horseshoe Trail has to allow horses and hikers and can only allow bikes at the discretion of the property owner. The trail has been in existence for 75 years.
- Chairman Beaudet asked if Ms. Cantarella would be available as the Township goes through its rezoning process for input. Ms. Cantarella noted she would. Mr. Spitler asked if Ms. Cantarella has done work with any other Townships. Ms. Cantarella noted she has.
- A member of the audience noted that about 4 miles of the Horseshoe Trail are on the rail bed above Stony Creek.

#### **APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE TO SPEAK AT HOUSE COMMITTEE HEARINGS FOR REGIONAL POLICE FORCE**

- **Mr. Spitler made a motion to appoint Eric Epstein as the representative for the Township. Mr. Shutt seconded the motion. The Chairman asked for public comment.** Chuck Mundy asked if the purpose of the representative was for fact finding or to support a regional police force. Mr. Epstein commented that money was cut from the State Police Force budget. There was supposed to be a 24 hour State Police presence at the slots and the cut has reduced that coverage. The testimony at the hearing is to try to get the money reinstated so the coverage will be for 24 hours instead of having an 8 hour gap. **The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**

#### **OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD**

Mr. Espenshade noted the sports complex for the Township Park was discussed at the last meeting. There is a problem with the proposed storage shed the Park and Rec Board would like to construct. The land is 2 parcels of ground and there is a problem with a setback issue. Mr. Espenshade proposed getting a legal description and combining the 2 lots.

- It was suggested that all 3 lots be combined.
- **Mr. Marshall made a motion to combine all the deeds at the municipal building address, the park grounds and the municipal building, into one deed. Mr. Espenshade seconded the motion. The Chairman asked for public comment, there was none. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**
- It was noted that the solicitor will take care of combining the deeds.

Mrs. Casey noted the Township's municipal waste contract with Waste Management will expire June 20, 2008. The Township's current contract is an inter-municipal contract with Lower Paxton, South Hanover, and West Hanover Townships. She received a call from Lower Paxton Township regarding a meeting to be held at Lower Paxton on February 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM to discuss any future inter-municipal contract. Mrs. Casey has agreed to attend the meeting and noted any Board members that would want to attend would be welcomed.

#### **BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There was no business from the public.

**Mr. Espenshade made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Casey

cc:	Marie Beaudet	Charles Longreen
	David Marshall	Planning Commission
	Keith Espenshade	Light-Heigel & Associates
	Larry Spittler	Posted
	Thomas Shutt	Zoning Hearing Board
	Hawke, McKeon & Sniscak	LTL Consultants
	Curt Cassel	