

**EAST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
8848 Jonestown Road, Grantville, PA 17028
December 16, 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.

Norman Ulrich, Engineer; David Smith, Codes and Zoning; and Deborah Casey Secretary/Treasurer were also present.

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

**The 2009 Budget will be considered for adoption at 7:15 PM.
The Public Hearing for the Land Use Assumptions Report will be held at 7:30 PM.**

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 2, 2008

Mr. Marshall made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Mr. Spitler seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Expenditures:

General Fund	\$ 71,923.56
Operations and Maintenance	\$ 2,081.87
Park and Rec	<u>\$ 279.57</u>
Total	\$ 74,285.00

Mr. Marshall made a motion to pay the bills as submitted. Mr. Shutt seconded the motion. The Chairman asked for public comment, there was none. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Receipts

General Fund	\$ 124,166.71
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 1,382.05
Street Light	\$ 51.41
Park and Rec	\$ 215.00

Available Funds

General Fund	\$ 576,024.29
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 161,226.51
Street Light	\$ 5,618.02
State Fund	\$ 340,956.19
Public Sewer Fund	\$ 3,972.13
Park and Rec Fund	<u>\$ 128,898.04</u>
TOTAL	\$1,216,695.18

Chairman Beaudet noted in the Receipts for the General Fund was the check from the County in the amount of \$83,000.00 for the remaining amount owed as a result of the Memorandum of Understanding. This amount is the difference of the amount received by the Township based on its 2003 budget and not its 2004 budget.

The Grant presentation for \$3.1 million dollars was done on December 8th. Solicitor Wyland, Andy Stein, Eric Epstein, Norm Ulrich, Mr. Espenshade and Chairman Beaudet were present at the presentation. The presentation went very well.

SIGNIFICANT CORRESPONDENCE

The Correspondence is available for review during normal office hours.

REPORTS

PARK AND RECREATION – JANET ESPENSHADE

- Breakfast with Santa was held on December 13th. 90 people were present.
- The bid awarded to Swida was found to be incomplete. Swida did not follow the specifications. The bids were reviewed and the second lowest bid, which followed the spec was Marion Fence Co. in the amount of \$12,989.00.
- **Mr. Espenshade made a motion to reject the original lowest bid which was Swida Fence Co. due to lack of proper specs and award the bid to Marion Fence Co. for \$12,989.00. Mr. Shutt seconded the motion. The Chairman asked for public comment, there was none. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**
- Mrs. Espenshade noted the Park and Rec Board would like to put a sign at the entrance of the new Youth Sports Complex. A quote was received from Stoner Graphix in the amount of \$1,194.78.
- **Mr. Espenshade made a motion to allow Park and Rec to purchase a sign from Stoner Graphix in the amount of \$1,194.78. Mr. Shutt seconded the motion. The Chairman asked for public comment, there was none. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – CHARLES LONGREEN

- No report.

CODES AND ZONING – DAVID SMITH

- The UCC, Zoning, SEO and Penn National reports were provided to the Board.
- Chairman Beaudet asked if Penn National was complete. Mr. Smith did not feel it was complete yet.

ENGINEERS REPORT – NORMAN ULRICH

- There is some activity with Mama's Pizza. The owner is interested in completing the outstanding items.
- An estimated cost has been sent to the Board for the work at S. Meadow Lane and Rt. 743 intersection.

**7:15 PM – 2009 OPERATING AND GRANT BUDGET
RESOLUTION 2008-13, OPERATING AND GRANT BUDGETS AND 2008-14, TAX
RATE**

- The Budgets have been properly advertised and posted.
- Mrs. Casey noted there was an adjustment to the General Fund. The original estimated Capital Improvements budget was around \$47,000.00; however due to a receipt of \$22,000.00 for real estate transfer fees and the \$83,000.00 received from the County, there will now be \$195,428 in the Capital Improvement account. The amount being carried over will now be \$500,000.00 instead of \$350,000.00
- **Mr. Espenshade made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-13. Mr. Shutt seconded the motion.** George Rish asked how much was spent on the solicitor's fees for 2008. Chairman Beaudet noted the Board would provide the information. Mr. Rish noted \$560,000.00 was budgeted for 2009. Chairman Beaudet felt it would be less but the amount was over estimated to cover any unexpected issues that might arise. Mr. Rish noted there was \$100,000.00 budgeted for Professional Services. It was noted this includes Mr. Epstein, Mr. Stein and anyone else the Township needs from the outside. Mr. Rish was concerned that the Capital Improvement budget is less than half what it was in 2008. Chairman Beaudet noted in areas where the costs were overestimated, those amounts would eventually be put into Capital Improvements. Discussion was held on the casino money and it being budgeted into other accounts. **The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**
- The tax rate will remain at 0.18 mills for real estate and 0.18 mills for Fire Protection. Mr. Marshall noted he would to eliminate the taxes. Chairman Beaudet commented she would also like to eliminate them but felt the Township needs to wait.
- **Mr. Espenshade made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-14. Mr. Shutt seconded the motion. The Chairman asked for public comment.** George Rish noted there had been talk about eliminating the taxes and asked why the Township needed to wait. Chairman Beaudet noted there are delicate issues with the County, the slots legislation and also a legal issue. The Casino has also not been reassessed at this time. Tax reduction is still being considered for the future. **The motion was approved 4 in favor, Chairman Beaudet, Mr. Espenshade, Mr. Shutt, and Mr. Spitler; 1 opposed, Mr. Marshall.**

EFMR MONITORING GROUP – ERIC EPSTEIN/ANDY STEIN

- No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT - THOMPSON

This is with the Solicitor

CLEAN STREET ORDINANCE

This is still being worked on.

WINFINDALE PROPERTY

This is with the Solicitor.

CHANGES TO SALDO – LTL CONSULTANTS

The Board has the changes for its review.

JUNK YARD ORDINANCE

Mrs. Casey has checked into the fees and the ones in the proposed ordinance are consistent with other municipalities' fees. She will be providing the information to Solicitor Wyland.

PROPERTY ON EARLYS MILL ROAD AND RT. 743

- No report.

HALBLEIB SUBDIVISION PLAN – APPROVAL

- Mr. Ulrich noted the Planning Commission has recommended approval for 2 waivers, Section 403.3 and 402.3.4 which deal with the existing topography beyond the property lines; and Section 614.1 which regards monuments to be placed. The monuments have been placed with the exceptions of the ones that would need to be put into the stream. Verification of the placement of the monuments has been received. The Planning Commission has recommended approval of the plan.
- The outstanding contingencies are the final payment of the Reviewing Engineering Fees. It was noted the Park and Rec Subdivision fee would not come into play until the Halbleib's submit a land development plan.
- **Mr. Espenshade made a motion to grant the waivers for Sections 402.3.4, 403.3, and 614.1. Mr. Spitler seconded the motion. The Chairman asked for public comment, there was none. The motion was approved 4 in favor, Chairman Beaudet, Mr. Espenshade, Mr. Shutt and Mr. Spitler; 0 opposed; 1 abstention. Mr. Marshall abstained from voting.**
- **Mr. Espenshade made a motion to approve the subdivision plan contingent upon the payment of the final reviewing engineering fees. Mr. Spitler seconded the motion. The Chairman asked for public comment, there was none. The motion was approved 4 in favor, Chairman Beaudet, Mr. Espenshade, Mr. Shutt and Mr. Spitler; 0 opposed; 1 abstention. Mr. Marshall abstained from voting.**

7:30 PM PUBLIC HEARING - LAND USE ASSUMPTIONS REPORT

- It was noted the public hearing was duly advertised.
- Mr. Nelligan commented the report is a combination of the work that has been done by the Act 209 Committee which was appointed by the Board of Supervisors and the engineers. The Committee has been meeting since April of 2008. The Board has a copy of the 48 page Land Use Assumptions Report which has been prepared by LTL Consultants. Part of the responsibility of preparing for the public hearing is the review and comments which have to be received by the Act 209 Committee. The Committee met at 6:30 PM before the

meeting. A quorum was present at the meeting and is also present here at the meeting. The Committee unanimously agreed the report reflects the views the Committee would like to transmit to the Board. The report was forwarded to the Tri-County Planning Commission and it did respond with comments. There was nothing that required any changes to the report. There were also comments received from West Hanover Township and it felt the report was fine and melds into the overall plans of the area. A similar letter was also received from East Hanover Township, Lebanon County. The Act 209 Committee is present this evening to present the Land Use Assumptions Report to the Board of Supervisors and to the public for its review and approval.

- Chairman Beaudet noted the Act 209 Committee was formed to make sure development impacts do not impact the residents financially. Lights, turning lanes, etc. that are required by development are paid for by the developer and not the taxpayers. This is being done since the Township is not highly developed at this time. The creation of the report was done by volunteers, LTL Consultants and McMahon traffic engineers. The traffic engineering costs were around \$40,000.00. Once a 209 Committee is established, any development that comes in is automatically assessed \$1,000.00 per trip until the Committee comes up with a number. One of the first developments coming in will bring in \$93,000.00. If RVG develops, it could be \$1.5 million. This saves the taxpayers money for impacts they did not ask for.
- Mr. Nelligan noted the report will also meld with the work that is going to be done with the Comprehensive Plan. This does not drive the Comprehensive Plan but is an essential piece of it and this is in agreement with the Planning Commission.
- Keith Oellig asked under the 209 is the Township responsible for all the road improvements. At the last Planning Commission, the Hilton Garden Inn was talking about a red light. Will this be the Township's responsibility or Hilton Garden Inn's. Mr. Ulrich noted Hilton Garden Inn is planning on improvements to Bow Creek Rd., but will still be paying the impact fees. Mr. Oellig asked if the Township will be forced to do the improvements since Hilton Garden Inn will be paying the 209 fees. Mr. Ulrich noted the Hilton Garden Inn plan will probably be approved before the Act 209 is approved. The LUAR is part of the Act 209 study but it won't be adopted until next June. Mr. Oellig asked if the Township will be responsible for the improvements for all future development. He questioned as how the Township can expect the developer to pay for the improvements and also pay the impact fee. Mr. Ulrich noted part of the Act 209 is a Capital Improvement Plan which specifically designates areas to be improved and projects to be considered by the Township. You could have work that needs to be done outside the designated areas which would still be the responsibility of the developer. Mr. Oellig did not feel that was fair for the developer to pay for the improvements and still have to pay the fee. Mr. Ulrich noted some of the development associated with a project is a direct result of that development. If a developer was to build on a particular corner, a street light may be needed because of all the additional traffic that would be coming to the area. A project such as the Casino may have impacts outside of its immediate area.

- Chairman Beaudet noted the developers are not going to be double charged. Mr. Oellig felt it appeared they were. Chairman Beaudet noted there are some things that are a catalyst by their own traffic impact study. Some things would be a minimum of \$93,000.00 because when they came in, the Township had a 209 in place. Before the 209, the Township had no recourse, but unfortunately had to negotiate with the developer. If a 209 was in place in when the Casino came through, the Township would have been in very good shape. Mr. Oellig noted they did the improvements to I81.
- Mr. Espenshade noted, if he understands the 209 correctly, some of the money that is being paid per trip is also going to be tied to the improvements that will be required. Mr. Oellig asked if a developer has to pay for a new red light, will it also have to pay the 209 fees. He thought the idea of the 209 was the responsibility would fall on the Township since it would collect the fees.
- Chairman Beaudet noted if Mr. Oellig put something commercial on his property that did not meet the criteria for a light or turning lane, then someone down the street also puts something in that does not meet the criteria, but the impact fees have been paid. Now say a little corner store comes in that does not generate a lot of trips per day but they have now tipped the scale for trips in the area, should they be burdened with the cost of putting in a light. They should not be burdened with the cost and the money that is collected for the 209 fees for the other developments is used to put in the light.
- Mr. Spitler asked how the 209 monies dovetail into State Roads where improvements might have to be made because of the development. Would those monies cover the State roads or would the Township assume responsibility for those improvements. Mr. Ulrich noted the 209 monies are strictly for Township roads. Mr. Marshall noted there is one instance where it would tie into the Township and that is with red lights. Normally PennDOT does not install red lights. The local governments own the red lights. The intersection at Rt. 743 and Rt. 22 is State, but the red light is owned and maintained by the Township. Mr. Spitler asked if the Township knows, if it gets into that type of situation, where the line is drawn between State and Township. Mr. Ulrich indicated it is pretty clear as to whether it is a State or Township road. Another thing to point out is with the cost of construction, the 209 fees will help with the costs the Township might incur, but will not cover all the cost. The fees are to try, based on the traffic that is to be generated, to have the developer pay its fair share for the improvements.
- Chuck Mundy noted he reviewed the report and has some questions. The introduction says the purpose of the report is to describe existing land uses within the Township and project future growth rates within the Township. The rates are based on projected population growth rates. He did not believe the report indicates an accurate picture of the Township because it doesn't use recent data. The assumptions made on the old data draw exaggerated conclusions. If you would look at table 1 on page 8 of the report it shows East Hanover and the surrounding townships and the population from 1980, 1990 and 2000 and percentage change from 1990 to 2000, and then shows the growth rate for East Hanover is 16.5%, that may be an accurate from 1990 to 2000 but the data is 8 to 18 years old. For Middle Paxton Township it shows a growth rate of -6%,

West Hanover only a 6% growth rate, South Hanover 3%, East Hanover, Lebanon -6.5%, Derry Township 15.6% and Dauphin County 5.9%. If more recent data that is available from 2007 is used, you would find that the numbers are completely reversed. Sperlings data is more accurate and has been doing demographic statistical studies since 1985.

- Chairman Beaudet asked if Mr. Mundy's data indicated that East Hanover would not grow as much as the LUAR reports. Mr. Mundy indicated if the Sperlings growth rate is used from 2000 to 2007 the growth rate is only 1.5% for the Township. Middle Paxton would be 3.3%, West Hanover is 29%, South Hanover is 27% which would appear to be true if you drive down Rt. 39 and see how much growth is in West and South Hanover Townships. Its' not small numbers, but large numbers. All the numbers would show an entirely different picture of growth if you use recent data. The last sentence on page 8 says there are no adjoining municipalities that grew faster than East Hanover from 1990 to 2000 which is true for that period, 18 years ago, but for the current statistical data, every adjoining municipality grew faster than East Hanover. He felt there are distorted projections in the report. Chairman Beaudet asked if Mr. Mundy is arguing statistics from one company to another. Mr. Mundy noted he was not arguing different statistics; Sperlings used the same baseline which was the 2000 Census. He is saying the Township is not using recent data and is stopping at the year 2000. The growth rate from 2000 to 2007 was significantly less than what is shown in the report. He did not feel the data from the report has any use or benefit for projecting future growth rates. He felt it was overestimating the growth rates.
- Mr. Ulrich noted he did not know who Mr. Sperling was but the information for the report was received from the County. The way the census data is typically done is by the decade. The LUAR can be updated. Three boxes of building permits were gone through to verify the data as close as it could be done, but it is important to understand the title of the report is a Land Use Assumptions Report and it is intended to look back and try to clarify as the Township moves forward. With other LUAR's LTL has done, it found using the County and Census data provided pretty accurate data. Mr. Mundy noted his point is the report is using old data. Mr. Ulrich noted his point is who's Mr. Sperling? The report is using data from the County and what Mr. Mundy is saying is the report used data from 2000 and not 2007. The data is typically obtained from when the Census data is taken which is back in 2000. Once the 209 is in place, it very easy to update and revise the report with current data. Mr. Ulrich noted the report was sent to several municipalities and they concurred with the data that was in the report.
- Mr. Mundy noted the data up to 2000 is correct, but what he is saying is the projected growth was based on the population from 1990 to 2000. Mr. Ulrich asked if Mr. Mundy got his 2007 data from the County. He is not putting a lot of faith in the Sperling data. Mr. Mundy noted Sperling has been providing demographic statistical studies since 1985. Many municipalities use Sperlings demographics. Mr. Mundy noted his firm typically uses the County's data. Mr. Mundy noted Sperlings says the population in 2007 for East Hanover was 5,402.

- Chairman Beaudet noted Mr. Mundy is going from 2000 to 2007. The LUAR is by decade, the information is from the County, has been substantiated by the municipalities around East Hanover, and the Fire Department and everyone will get increased benefit if the information is done by the decade. If the economy was doing better, there would be more people applying for building permits. She noted that since Mr. Mundy is very good with numbers, there is an opening on the Act 209 Committee and it could use his help. The report was done by the Act 209 rules with the numbers that are supposed to be used. These numbers will help the Fire Department when it applies for grants. There are people who are sitting on land right now that would have been developed if they could get money. She noted the Township does not know who Sperlings is but the Township has to go with the rules of Act 209. Chairman Beaudet noted if Mr. Mundy had any questions for the Act 209 Committee, he should ask them.
- Mr. Mundy noted the report did not take into account the demographics of the aging population. In the assessment for future developmental potential, it listed a number of things that all are factors, but it did not take into account for the demographics of the aging population. The 2000 Census did indicate that 67% of the population of the Township was between 25 and up. That population is now 8 years older and the study goes out 11 years so the population will be 11 years older. There is a significant percentage of the Township that is getting older. Chairman Beaudet asked how this will affect the impact fees.
- Mr. Ulrich noted if you have aging population, you will also have younger population that replaces the aging. LTL did not see any kind of outside driving force that might change the dynamic as opposed to something like a retirement area. Some of the assumptions in the report were based on the fact that there is a Casino in the Township. There was nothing seen that the Casino might effect an older age group.
- Mr. Mundy noted the report suggested development of capital improvements. He is suggesting that the Township may need capital improvements for an aging population. There are transportation issues. Mr. Ulrich felt Mr. Mundy was being more specific that what he is giving a LUAR credit for. A LUAR will say capital improvements which could be many things. Mr. Mundy noted the LUAR mentioned transportation. Mr. Ulrich asked if Mr. Mundy was indicating that the number of drivers would decrease. Mr. Mundy noted he was not saying the numbers would decrease but is saying the population in 12 years from now will be older.
- Mr. Espenshade felt the mean age today is probably lower than reported in the study.
- Mr. Marshall noted Mr. Mundy was talking about ages 25 and up. There are people in the Township that are still having children. Mr. Mundy noted on 27% of the population was under 18 in the 2000 Census. Only 6% were between the ages of 18 and 24; 30% were between 25 and 44; 27% were between 45 and 64; and 10% were over 65. The percentages will increase in the next 12 years.
- Chairman Beaudet noted it is now 2008 and soon to be 2009 and that is why the 209 Committee uses the decade statistics. Other areas of the Township will be looked at and she indicated the 209 Committee could use someone like Mr.

Mundy to serve on the committee. There are other roads in the Township that need to be looked at. She has not heard anything that would shift the pyridine on the trips per day in the Township.

- Mr. Mundy noted the growth rate would shift the pyridine. Chairman Beaudet noted that is why the LUAR is a living document. Mr. Mundy noted the growth rate is significantly less than what is shown in the report. Chairman Beaudet noted that the Township may find out in 3 years that the report was accurate. That is why the report is done in 10 year increments. She again commented she would like to see Mr. Mundy on the 209 Committee. Mr. Mundy noted he would pass on being on the committee at this time.
- John Nelligan noted the guidelines for preparing the LUAR are from the Municipal Planning Code. The committee was instructed to follow those guidelines and the law says those guidelines are to be followed. Those guidelines were followed and that is why the County reports were used. One of the important aspects that came out of the work that was done and is in the report, for the very first time in the Township, a traffic impact study was done and this covers the issues of the suggested diminishing traffic flows. The Township now knows on the targeted roads how many vehicles are traveling through the intersections. This is based on 2008 existing weekday afternoon peak traffic volume hours.
- Chairman Beaudet noted if anyone needed the numbers for grants, they should let the Township know.
- Mike Yingling, a member of the Act 209 Committee, noted a comment was made about developers sitting on land because they can't get the money. He noted there is plenty of money to loan developers, but there is business decision that is made by developers as to whether or not they want to borrow at this time. He noted if you have good credit and scores, the money is available. He did not want the community to have any fears about borrowing for development.
- Chairman Beaudet closed the public comment period.
- Mr. Ulrich noted there are extra copies of the LUAR if anyone would like one.
- **Mr. Espenshade made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-15. Mr. Shutt seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**
- Chairman Beaudet thanked all the volunteers and consultants for their work with the Act 209 Committee.

DEP COMPONENT 3M

- Chairman Beaudet noted there was a draft letter prepared to be sent out to the residents of Englewood and Partridge Hills. The Board has a copy.
- It was noted the Board has not had a chance to review the letter. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR INTER-MUNICIPAL TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE – CROSSROADS

- **Mr. Espenshade made a motion to advertise and hold a public hearing on January 20, 2009 at 7:30 PM for the transfer of a liquor license. Mr. Spitler seconded the motion. The Chairman asked for public comment, there was none. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**

Mr. Mundy noted he heard discussion about a letter on the agenda item DEP Component 3M. He did not hear what action was done.

- Mr. Marshall noted action was tabled until the next meeting since there was not enough time to review the letter.
- Mr. Espenshade noted the letter addresses the issues with Partridge Hills and Englewood and would be mailed to each resident of those developments so that everyone is aware of what is going on.
- Mr. Mundy asked if the letter is going out without input from the public. Mr. Espenshade noted the letter will be from the Board to the residents explaining exactly what the situation is at this point in time. After the letter is received, residents will have the opportunity to come to a Board meeting to discuss it thoroughly before there is any action taken.

GREG GRUDOVICH – WASTE MANAGEMENT RECYCLE AMERICA

Greg Grudovich came before the Board to talk about the situation in the recycling industry and to discuss some relief from the Township regarding Recycle America's contractual obligation to the Township. Penn Waste is the Township's hauler for waste and recyclables. Earlier in the year, the Township awarded the processing and marketing of the recyclables to Recycle America. In the contract Recycle America pays the Township a certain amount each month depending on how the market is doing. The recycling industry has crashed. Material is worth barely anything right now.

- Chairman Beaudet asked if there was a minimum built into the contract. Mr. Grudovich noted there is an \$18.50 per ton minimum in the contract. After the fuel and environmental surcharge is deducted, it is about \$16 per ton. Chairman Beaudet asked if Mr. Grudovich was asking the Township to get rid of the minimum. Mr. Grudovich noted he is asking for relief from the contract for about 3 months to help Recycle America along until the market changes. All customers are being approached to help sustain Recycle America as a resource in the community. As generation falls off, the value of the material will start to increase and materials will start moving again instead of being stockpiled.
- Chairman Beaudet noted she did not want to address the issue without the Solicitors opinion.
- Mr. Marshall noted he needed to think about the issue. He is a business man and when he agrees to a contract, he fulfills it and does not go and ask for relief because of economic issues.

- Mr. Grudovich noted he did not need an answer at this meeting. He provided Mrs. Casey with a report of what has been paid to the Township to date and noted he appreciated the time from the Board.
- Mr. Spitler asked what dates Mr. Grudovich was looking for on his request. Mr. Grudovich noted ideally he would like to include December. He commented he would work with Mrs. Casey on other ideas.
- Chairman Beaudet asked why not stockpile the recycles until the prices go up. Mr. Grudovich noted you would be paying for warehousing costs and the material is worth less than what it costs to process it.
- Mr. Shutt noted he is a farmer and no one is helping him with the decrease in prices for his products. He felt there might have been some poor judgment made when the contract was set up.
- Mr. Grudovich noted the Township enjoyed revenues when recycles were at their peak. The contract was designed as a profit sharing program and is a 5 year contract. Recycle America is just asking for some relief until the market picks up. The contract started in July and the Township has received around \$10,000.00. The 3 months relief being asked for might equate to around \$1,300.00.
- Chairman Beaudet asked if the contract was bid on. Mr. Grudovich noted it was an unsolicited proposal. Later on a competitor submitted a proposal and Recycle America won the proposal.
- Mr. Espenshade noted he understood where the Board members were coming from but Mr. Grudovich came before the Board to ask a question. Chairman Beaudet agreed but was not prepared to answer the question at this time. Discussion continued. Mr. Espenshade was concerned that if the items don't remain as recyclables, they become trash and there is a major increase in tipping fees before the County.
- It was noted this would be discussed at a future meeting.

SEWER CAPACITY RESERVATION ORDINANCE

This will be discussed at the next meeting

WEST, EAST, SOUTH HANOVER BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Casey noted this is in regards to whether or not the Township would like to become a member of the association. The cost is \$45.00 per year.

- Mike Yingling, a member of the association, noted there are about 45 to 50 members and they are all business people within the Townships. The main goal is to help see the Township's prosper. There are numerous things the organization does. It also helps to dispel rumors throughout the Townships. The Crossroads Café will be the main meeting place for the meetings. There are representatives from West, East, and South Hanover Townships that belong to the association.
- It was noted that any representative of the Township could attend the meetings. It did not have to be the same representative at every meeting.
- **Mr. Shutt made a motion to join the West, East, South Hanover Township Business Association at a fee of \$45.00. Mr. Spitler seconded the motion.**

The Chairman asked for public comment, there was none. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

OPENS RECORD POLICY – RIGHT-TO-KNOW

Mrs. Casey reported the Township already has an Opens Records Policy but with the changes in the law, she took a sample from PSATS and forwarded it to the Solicitor. A revised policy, provided by the Solicitor's staff, has been presented to the Board for its review and possible adoption. The new policy is in conjunction with the existing policy, but provides the updates that are needed for the new law that will go into effect on January 1, 2009.

- **Mr. Spitler made a motion to adopt the new Open Records Policy. Mr. Shutt seconded the motion. The Chairman asked for public comment, there was none. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**

CLOSING OF OFFICES ON DECEMBER 26TH

Mrs. Casey noted that staff will be using vacation.

- **Mr. Espenshade made a motion to close the offices on December 26th. Mr. Shutt seconded the motion. The Chairman asked for public comment, there was none. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**

OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Spitler noted he would like to make the termination of Mirek Kovarik's services official.

- **Mr. Marshall made a motion to relieve KTHL of its duties for East Hanover Township. Mr. Spitler seconded the motion. The Chairman asked for public comment, there was none. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**

Mr. Shutt noted there are volunteers within the Township that do not draw a paycheck. He does not think the public realizes the amount of hours those volunteers put in. He feels other individuals need to get involved to help with the issues of the Township. Everything the Township does that involves the volunteers gets criticized, and he felt people make mistakes if they do something. If they don't do anything, they don't make mistakes.

Chairman Beaudet, on behalf of the Board, wished everyone a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Marshall noted Mr. Longreen was not present at the meeting because of his duties for the roads. Mr. Longreen had informed him that the bid proposals for the house are going very well.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

George Rish noted the Township and several residents appealed the rulings of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission. He asked what residents were involved.

- Chairman Beaudet noted it was the residents that signed the petition.

- Mr. Rish noted the agreement states that Dale Powell was one of the Plaintiffs. Chairman Beaudet noted that was correct. Mr. Rish asked if Mr. Powell was acting as an official or a private individual. Chairman Beaudet believed he was acting as a private individual.
- John Nelligan noted Mr. Powell signed it as a result of being a member of the Volunteer Fire Company.

Mr. Espenshade made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 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	