

**EAST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
8848 Jonestown Road, Grantville, PA 17028  
August 4, 2009**

The meeting of the East Hanover Township Board of Supervisors was called to order with the pledge to the Flag by Chairman Keith Espenshade at 7:03 P.M. Present were Supervisors, Marie Beudet, Dave Marshall, John Nelligan and Tom Shutt.

Scott Wyland, Solicitor; Norman Ulrich, Engineer; Norm Ulrich, Engineer; Curtis Cassel, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator; and Deborah Casey Secretary/Treasurer were also present.

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

**There was an Executive Session held at 6:00 PM to discuss legal issues.**

**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 21, 2009**

**Ms. Beudet noted she would abstain from voting since she was not present at the last meeting. Mr. Nelligan made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Mr. Shutt seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4 in favor, Chairman Espenshade, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Nelligan and Mr. Shutt; 0 opposed; 1 abstention, Ms. Beudet.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Expenditures:

General Fund	\$ 77,957.62
Operations and Maintenance	\$ 40,482.38
State Fund	\$ 15,434.56
Street Light	\$ 329.81
Park and Rec	<u>\$ 4,510.09</u>
Total	\$138,714.46

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

Mrs. Casey asked for approval to transfer \$10,000.00 from the State Fund PLGIT account to the State Fund Checking account.

**Mr. Marshall made a motion to approve the transfer of \$10,000 into the appropriate State Fund Account. Mr. Nelligan seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**

Receipts

General Fund	\$ 15,841.72
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 77,585.00
Park and Rec	\$ 637.00

Available Funds

General Fund	\$1,141,488.51
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 312,534.34
Street Light	\$ 6,063.11
State Fund	\$ 415,455.56
Public Sewer Fund	\$ 3,982.43
Park and Rec Fund	\$ 79,487.48
TOTAL	\$1,959,011.43

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence is available for review during normal office hours.

**REPORTS**

**PARK AND RECREATION – JANET ESPENSHADE**

- The 7 week Summer Rec program went well. There were 118 children registered.
- The Peach Festival will be held on August 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM.
- Park Day will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 until 5:00 PM.
- The Car Show date will be announced at a later date. There is Planning Meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – CHARLES LONGREEN**

No report.

**GRANTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY – WAYNE ISETT**

- The Carnival is over and the Fire Company came up short because of the weather. They are around \$9,000.00 behind last year. There was plenty of help to run the games.

**PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL – JOHN NELLIGAN**

- The Council will be meeting as scheduled in September.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – JOHN NELLIGAN**

No report.

**WWTP OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE – CURT CASSEL**

Mr. Cassel presented his report for the month of July. It is available at the municipal building for review.

- There was extra sludge hauled out during July since there is not as much clear supernatant off the digesters as normal, and more solids are being retained in the SBR's so there is a thicker sludge.
- A grinder pump was replaced at Funck's EXXON.

### **ENGINEERS REPORT – NORM ULRICH**

- The County is moving forward with the County wide Act 167 plan and is looking for adoption later this fall. The Township should get a copy of the plan for its review.
- The Youth Sports Complex is moving forward and the revisions to the plan have been completed. LTL will meet with the Park and Rec Board to discuss the plan and the scheduling so they can put the funding in place.
- The last changes to the SALDO ordinance have been made and Solicitor Wyland has reviewed them. It is now ready for a public hearing.

### **EFMR MONITORNG GROUP – ERIC EPSTEIN**

- Mr. Epstein met with Senator Piccola and thanked him for his help with the H2O grant. He also acknowledged the help of the Commonwealth Finance Agency, Erick Emerson who is the Township's contact person.
- Verizon will be coming to a Township meeting in September to discuss broadband/FIOS. They will bring a spokesperson and the area Vice President.
- Mr. Ulrich is looking at the HATS issue with S. Meadow Lane and Laudermilch Rd. (Rt. 743).
- Mr. Epstein has no idea if the State will get table games. As of August 3<sup>rd</sup> the legislators were \$800,000,000.00 apart on the budget. Mr. Epstein had a meeting with Commissioner Haste and Senator Piccola to raise a flag that if table games come into the State, it would increase the impact on East Hanover with traffic and other issues.
- The State Police issue, House Bill 1500 – Mr. Epstein met with Representative Benninghoff. A meeting is also scheduled with Representative Freeman. There have been 8 amendments to the bill; however, none of the amendments are what the Township is looking for. The amendments so far would exempt municipalities with populations of 2,500 or 5,000. East Hanover has a population of 5,400. Mr. Epstein is hoping to offer an amendment that would exempt East Hanover. The cost if the bill is passed as is would be at least \$800,000.00 per year for the Township. The legislation would be effective immediately. If anyone wants to view the bill, it is now under Printer Number 2277. Mr. Epstein is looking for a population cap of 10,000.
- The passage of table games and/or the State Police bill will have a significant impact on the Township.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **CHANGES TO SALDO**

Solicitor Wyland noted the ordinance is ready for advertisement of a public hearing.

- **Ms. Beudet made a motion to advertise for a public hearing on October 6<sup>th</sup> for Ordinance 2009-03. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**

**NEW BUSINESS****REQUEST FOR CLOSURE OF ROADS FOR ONCE AND DONE HOLLYWOOD CASINO 5K RUN**

Christian Masters was present to represent the run. He provided the Board with a copy of the course.

- Mr. Master noted he is looking to host a 5K run with the Casino as its sponsor. The money is to be raised for the Central Pennsylvania Boys and Girls Club. The event will start in the parking lot of the Casino, come down the main entrance, make a right on Bow Creek Rd., go up the right hand lane to Rt. 443, make a right, go all the way to the stable entrance, turnaround and come back to the north entrance. Half of Bow Creek Rd. will need to be closed from the main entrance of the Casino up to Rt. 443 and half of Rt. 443 to the north entrance; from the north entrance to the stables the entire road would be closed. There will be a detour around the back of the Casino so it wouldn't block traffic. The event will start at 9:00 AM and the total time is anticipated to be around 2 hours. There is also a 2 mile walk/run which will start after the 5K runners begin. This event was done 2 years ago in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Turnpike and \$100,000.00 was raised. The Boys and Girls Club will provide liability insurance for the event. A disclaimer/waiver will also be provided by each participant. The Township will be added to the liability insurance and to the disclaimer/waiver to take the liability away from the Township.
- Ms. Beaudet noted Rt. 443 belongs to the State. Mr. Masters noted he was aware of that and has the application for the State to submit for the closure.
- Mr. Masters noted he has been in touch with the Township's Fire Police for traffic control and will be making a donation to them for their services.
- Mr. Nelligan asked what the plans were for emergency medical services. Mr. Masters noted at the last event, there were 2 EMS groups there and they plan to do so with this event.
- Mr. Marshall asked if Solicitor Wyland had reviewed the insurance. Solicitor Wyland noted he briefly reviewed it and it appears to be sufficient with the condition of adding the Township on as an insured party.
- Mr. Masters noted the Casino has also reviewed the liability insurance and is fine with it.
- Mr. Nelligan noted Mr. Longreen has provided a letter with some concerns. Mr. Masters noted he has reviewed Mr. Longreen's concerns which were liability, traffic control, PennDOT's regulations and the PennDOT permit. Liability has been discussed. PennDOT's regulations will be followed as to how the road is coned, and signed. A sponsor will be providing the cones and signs. Some volunteers from the PA Turnpike will also be helping with the event. The PennDOT permit will be applied for.
- **Ms. Beaudet made a motion to close Rt. 443 and Bow Creek Road contingent upon the Township being added as an additional insured on the insurance policy and listed on the registration waiver. Mr. Shutt seconded the motion.** Mr. Marshall would like added to the motion that all of Mr. Longreen's concerns are satisfied with the closing of the roads. Ms. Beaudet felt

Mr. Longreen's concerns were addressed. A resident asked what the date of the event was. Mr. Masters noted it was Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and it begins at 9:00 AM. The Fire Company will be notified of the road closure. **The motion was approved 4 in favor, Chairman Espenshade, Ms. Beaudet, Mr. Nelligan, and Mr. Shutt; 1 opposed, Mr. Marshall.**

#### **PURCHASE OF LASERFICHE SYSTEM- STATE CONTRACT**

This is for the purchase of a LaserFiche system under the State Contract. It will be covered under the IT Grant from gaming funds.

- **Mr. Nelligan made a motion to authorize the Secretary/Treasure to arrange for the purchase of the LaserFiche system under State Contract at a cost of \$20,365.00. Ms. Beaudet seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**
- A resident asked what the program was for. Ms. Beaudet noted it was a program to scan documents into a system for easy retrieval. This would include permits, applications, etc. There will be a specific identifier such as tax parcel numbers for each document. This will save manpower hours on retrieval of documents. The grant was for \$80,000.00 which includes the previously approved computer system and the LaserFiche system. The proposal is available for review.

#### **FIRE POLICE – AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup> – WEST HANOVER CAR SHOW**

Ms. Beaudet noted Ken Parker provided the letter and they are available for the Car Show.

- **Mr. Nelligan made a motion to authorize the Grantville Volunteer Fire Company Fire Police to attend the West Hanover Township Car Show on August 8<sup>th</sup> if they are available. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**

#### **RESOLUTION 2009-17 – ADOPTING THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN OF DAUPHIN COUNTY**

Mr. Nelligan noted 2 years ago within Dauphin County; we resolved the problem of having individual operation plans for emergency management. It was agreed it would be better to adopt a county wide plan. It was approved by resolution and the plan is to be reviewed every 2 years and readopted.

- **Mr. Nelligan made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-17. Mr. Shutt seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**

#### **H2O GRANT AGREEMENT**

Solicitor Wyland noted he reviewed the grant agreement which is necessary for the \$1.7 million dollar H2O PA Grant for the Englewood and Partridge Hills sewer project. He recommended approval of the agreement. There is an outside completion date of August 2012 with respect to the project. This is the cutoff for reimbursement of the costs.

- **Ms. Beaudet made a motion to sign the agreement with the Commonwealth Financing Authority in reference to the H2O water and sewer grant in the amount of \$1,763,751.00 for the Englewood and Partridge Hills sewer**

**project. Mr. Shutt seconded the motion.** It was asked what the cost of the project is. Mr. Ulrich thought the estimated cost was \$2.6 million. **The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**

## **2009 GRANT PRESENTATION**

Andy Stein noted the presentation is for the grants the Board of Supervisors is going to take under consideration for submission by September 1<sup>st</sup>. There is \$5,433,000.00 being presented for various projects. The MOU is for around \$3,000,000.00. The requests for grants are either Township generated or submitted to the Township for sponsorship by the Township's deadline which was on the website.

- The first grant request is from South Central Medical Services to fund a complete replacement of its building which houses the Ambulances. The current building is 34 years old and was designed for when ambulances were designed as big Cadillac's and not the current vehicles used today. There is no decontamination equipment, bunk rooms or separate facilities for men and women. A needs assessment was received from South Central. The amount is for \$490,490.00 and is for the entire amount of the building. A proposal has been received from Weaver Industries. By sponsoring the grant it would save around \$400,000.00 in financing fees which South Central would have to pass on to its membership.
- The next 2 projects are for road and bridge infrastructure in the Township. These were identified last year in the grant process. The projects will have to be identified by the Board of Supervisors in consultation with the Township engineer and Director of Public Works. These projects would be around \$2,000,000.00 combined.
- Two other small grants are for feasibility studies under the planning and administrative category. One is for \$15,000.00 to be spent on an outside expert to review the updated zoning and SALDO regulations and help to come up with best management practices and standard operating procedures in order to efficiently move things from the Planning Commission to the Board of Supervisors to clearly identify roles. This study would be to optimize the time of both the volunteers and the Township officials now that we are getting into more complicated regulations. The other grant is in the amount of \$15,000.00 and is for a feasibility study to pay for a professional to come in to see if a program could be developed for Transferable Development Rights (TDRs). At this time, the State and County programs don't offer enough money to entice the active farmers and land holders to put some of their land in preservation. What this would do is leverage the State and County money and put it with Township money it would get through the Casino gaming funds to buy these development rights to allow the farmers to access some of the wealth in their land and still keep on farming. It would help the Township to control growth and keep the nature of the Township, which is a rural community. It would also help to control stormwater and slow the increase of the costs of the school system since every time you build a house, the property taxes do not cover putting extra students in the school system. The study would determine whether or not the Township would want to go through with the program.

- One other grant is under the water and sewer issues. Chris Hannum of LTL has identified an issue at the Township's wastewater plant. There is not an automated screening system for getting non-biodegradable materials in the pre-stream as it arrives at the sewage plant. Currently, the operator of the plant spends about a half hour per day with a pool skimmer trying to remove these types of items. It is unusual for a treatment plant in Pennsylvania not to have this type of screening system. The cost would be approximately \$640,000.00 to put in the system. The high cost is because the plant was not designed to add this. Most plants are designed to have it or it can be retrofitted to the plant. This will save on man hours, make the plant more efficient and will add to the safety of the plant by not having a staff member out there skimming the tanks.
- Mr. Stein noted he has been working with Wayne Isett over the last couple months on the grant for the Fire Company for the new fire house.
- Mr. Isett presented draft copies of the Fire Company grant to the Board. Mr. Isett noted the Fire Company is asking the Township to sponsor a \$300,000.00 grant per year for the next 3 years to help with the construction of the new fire station. The scope of the work and project needs is presented in the proposal. The building will also be an energy saving building. So far \$395,810.00 has already been spend on the engineering. The estimated completion cost is \$2,271,000.00. Over 400 residents have already signed the petition to support the grant. Mr. Isett continued to discuss the plans and the grant application.
- Mr. Stein noted he reviewed the financial statements prepared by the Fire Company and felt it was fairly accurate at the time the statement was produced. Mr. Isett noted the statement did not show the increase in taxes the Casino paid to the Fire Company.
- A resident asked what the Fire Company was going to do with the old fire house. Mr. Isett noted that was not determined at this time.
- Mr. Nelligan noted in the sources of funding, there was a statement that the Fire Company was in the process of making an application to the Federal Home Land Security Grant for \$2,212,000.00 which the Fire Company would look for \$1,962,000.00. He asked what the chances were for the grant. Mr. Isett felt the Fire Company has met all the requirements, but felt the unemployment rate of the area would hurt the Fire Company with the grant since it is a very measured factor. This is a nationwide program.
- Mr. Nelligan commented the Fire Company is submitting an application to PEMA and asked how the Fire Company would fall into the \$200,000.00 low interest loan. Mr. Isett noted Fire Companies are allowed 3 of those per company which can be used towards apparatus, buildings, etc. He felt they could get those loans.
- Mr. Isett commented the Fire Company is applying for a grant through Dauphin County in the amount of \$900,000.00 to help with the payment of the new Fire House. This would not come out of the East Hanover Township grant funds. A support letter will be needed from the Township.
- Mr. Stein commented the Susquehanna Fire Company submitted a request for funding for a tanker, but did not get it in on time to the Township. They have found another sponsor and are drafting a letter for support since they are on our

box for tanker support to the Township. He will confirm with the County that the support letter is acceptable and not construed by the County as a sponsorship. This can be considered at the next meeting.

- David Craig noted last year, the Planning Commission was asked to give its support to the grant applications. He asked if the Township was planning on doing the same thing this year. It was noted that after the 2009 grants were finalized, the Planning Commission would be asked to review the grants and provide its support.

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

There was no further business from the Board.

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

David Craig noted an e-mail was forwarded to him by Township staff from a concerned citizen regarding the brevity of the minutes of the joint workshop that was held in June. The reason why the minutes were brief is the members were reviewing the land use plan maps and on those maps, there are no addresses and only boundaries. The members were looking for inconsistencies between what the maps indicate what the use of the property is and what the members and residents of the Township believe the use of the land is. If it is listed as vacant property, it may be the land is being farmed. With this type of discussion, there is not really anything that can be said in the minutes. If there is a better way of conveying it, he is all for better verbiage. He will in the future make sure the minutes reflect the members of the meeting were looking at the land use map and commenting on the uses.

**Mr. Nelligan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Casey

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