

**EAST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
8848 Jonestown Road, Grantville, PA 17028
March 2, 2010**

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 7:02 P.M. Present were Supervisors Dave Marshall, George Rish and Tom Shutt. John Nelligan was absent

Scott Wyland, Solicitor; Norman Ulrich, Engineer; David Smith, Codes and Zoning; Charles Longreen, Director of Public Works; 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.

An Executive Session was held at 6:00 PM to discuss personnel and legal issues.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 16, 2010

Mr. Shutt made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion. Chairman Espenshade noted he would abstain from voting since he was not present at the last meeting. **The motion was approved 3 in favor, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Rish and Mr. Shutt; 0 opposed; 1 abstention, Chairman Espenshade.**

TREASURER’S REPORT

Expenditures:

General Fund	\$ 60,348.20
Operations and Maintenance	\$ 37,556.59
State Fund	\$ 17,444.33
Sewer Project	\$ 500.00
Park and Rec	<u>\$ 663.86</u>
Total	\$116,512.98

Mr. Marshall made a motion to pay the bills as submitted. Mr. Shutt seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Receipts

General Fund	\$194,890.56	Cable Franchise Fee
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 19,696.00	
State Fund	\$179,239.29	Liquid Fuels released early
Street Light	\$ 211.45	
Park and Rec	\$ 765.00	

Available Funds

General Fund	\$ 660,115.30
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 250,156.75

Street Light	\$ 4,551.10
State Fund	\$ 467,897.23
Public Sewer Fund	\$ 3,485.47
Park and Rec Fund	<u>\$ 82,557.88</u>
TOTAL	\$1,468,763.73

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence is listed as a handout and is available for review during normal office hours.

REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – CHARLES LONGREEN

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

- Complaints and compliments were received from the last snow storm.
- Mr. Longreen asked who he should contact regarding water usage and wastewater from the Casino. Solicitor Wyland noted Steffan Helbig should have the water usage numbers. The Township has requested the Casino's wastewater flows and Chris Hannum would be the contact. Mr. Marshall noted they could also contact DEP on the wastewater.
- Mr. Longreen requested action from the Board on a letter to be sent to East Hanover Lebanon County relating to the Ono Pump Station. This letter is to stop providing services effective December 31st. This should give them time to find a replacement operator. The termination time period in the agreement is 90 days. The original agreement was to be for one year and it has been longer than that. It was noted the letter should be from the Board vs. Mr. Longreen.
- **Mr. Marshall made a motion to send a letter to East Hanover Township, Lebanon County, from the Board of Supervisors telling them the Township wants to terminate its service at the end of the year. Mr. Rish seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4 in favor, 0 opposed.**

GRANTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY – WAYNE ISETT

- The Annual Appreciation Banquet was successful. Mr. Isett thanked the three Supervisors who attended the banquet.
- March 12th from 4:30 PM until 7:00 PM will be the Spaghetti Dinner to be held at the Municipal Building.
- Work will begin on the 39er Newsletter. This will be the 25th year of the Fire Company Book.
- The Fire Co. did a great job on the fire at Cross Roads. In gratitude, for one month, on certain nights, the owner will donate 15% of the take to the Fire Co.
- Chief Schmolitz and Assistant Chief Ron Johnson will be attending an ISO Seminar.
- A report from the Fire Co. on the Casino expansion was provided to the Board and Planning Commission.

- Mr. Isett thanked Mr. Longreen for taking care of the snow removal at the Fire House.
- Saul Schmolitz apologized to the Board of Supervisors for the way they came at them last month. It was improper. A group of the fire fighters were extremely upset at the outcome of the grants and instead of approaching the Board properly, they came like a bunch of lions. Mr. Schmolitz noted Mr. Shutt had asked that the Fire Co. communicate better with the Board. Mr. Schmolitz would like to open up the floor for anything in the future communication wise. He would like to have better communications in the future to prevent any problems.
- Mr. Schmolitz commended Mr. Longreen and the Road Crew on the way they handled the last storm. The State had to close some of its roads in the Township because they could not do what the Township's Road Crew did.
- Chairman Espenshade commented as a Board, they discussed having an open meeting with the Supervisors and the Fire Co. members. This way, everyone would have the opportunity to speak and ask questions. Mr. Schmolitz felt that would be a good idea since there has been a lot of miscommunication. Chairman Espenshade noted a date will be set in the near future.
- Mr. Schmolitz noted Grantville and the other Fire Cos. that serve East Hanover are getting together to discuss how issues are to be handled so that everyone is on the same page.
- Mr. Marshall noted the meeting to be set up with the Fire Co. should be with all members and not just the officers.

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL – JOHN NELLIGAN

No report.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – JOHN NELLIGAN

No report.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT – CURTIS CASSEL

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

- There was an opened manhole on E. Caren Drive as a result of plowing. The lid was able to be set on the 2nd riser and this will be corrected when the weather warms.

ENGINEERS REPORT – NORMAN ULRICH

- A report was prepared and distributed to the Board. It is available at the municipal building for review.
- Penn National Table Games – The 1st review letter has been issued. At the February Planning Commission meeting, there were some waivers discussed. The applicant's engineer revised and re-submitted plans. There will be a formal review letter prepared and available for review at the March Planning Commission meeting.

- Ketterline Subdivision – This is a 2 lot subdivision on 32 acres. It was administratively complete and discussed at the February Planning Commission meeting. A 1st review letter will be available for the March meeting.
- Shirk Subdivision – This is an 8 lot subdivision on 65 acres. It is administratively complete and was discussed at the February Planning Commission meeting. A 1st review letter will be available for the March meeting.
- HATS Meetings – LTL attended the recent HATS meetings. LTL did get an opportunity to address the entire HATS Board and explain East Hanover's concerns and issues regarding the Rt. 743 corridor and the intersection at Rt. 22 and Rt. 743. It seemed to be well received. The Coordination meeting was also attended.

PRESERVE AT BOW CREEK PHASES 2 & 3 ESCROW RELEASE #6

- Mr. Ulrich noted an escrow release was requested by Rockview LLC in the amount of \$103,939.30. LTL is recommended a release of \$99,939.30.
- **Mr. Rish made a motion to allow the reduction of the escrow by \$99,939.30 for Rockview LLC. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4 in favor, 0 opposed.**

EFMR MONITORING GROUP – ERIC EPSTEIN

- Hollywood Casino has gone through the license renewal hearings and the Gaming Control Board has passed temporary regulations. The Casino is probably on time to have table games up and running sometime this summer. This might be a good time to approach the County regarding a new MOU or the extension of the current MOU since it runs out in 2 years.
- Mr. Epstein noted it is an election year and he expects the State's budget to be done on time. A number of issues relate to the Township, one is HB 1500 which has to do with State Police Fees. Mr. Epstein felt if there is going to be any movement on the legislation it would be for communities of 10,000 or more.
- Rate Caps - Met-Ed is part of First Energy and First Energy has agreed to acquire Allegheny Energy. They are predicting a \$350,000,000.00 dollar savings which may offset the rate increases. Mr. Epstein asked Solicitor Wyland to monitor the proceeding to see how it might affect the Township.
- Andy Stein asked the Boards permission to look into financing for the Sewer Project and the potential refinancing of the PENNVEST loan. He would like to speak to a bond council and a couple bankers to see what the market is. By consensus of the Board, Mr. Stein has permission to proceed with the investigation of financing.

DAUPHIN COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE – DEB CASEY

- The committee met on February 17th at 6:30 PM at DCCD. By-laws, Open Records Policy and a Records Destruction Resolution were discussed. The committee voted to use the PA Historical Museum Commission Records retention/destruction policy and adopted the Open Records Policy/RTK with the committee solicitor being the Open Records Officer. Considerable discussion was held on the by-laws as to voting. Currently the committee votes by weighted

vote. The school districts get a much higher percentage of the vote. It appears the municipalities prefer 1 vote per entity; the school districts seem to be leaning to a weighted vote. Revisions are being made to the by-laws and will be voted on at the next meeting on March 17th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OLD COMPUTER HARDWARE

- Mr. Fisher would like to have Mrs. Casey's old computer for use at the office since it is the more powerful one. He will remove the hard drive and it will be destroyed. He will then install a new hard drive and transfer his information over. Because of their age, the remainder of the computers will have the hard drives destroyed and the PC's and monitors will be recycled at the County. Mr. Longreen's wife, who is an aid at Londonderry Elementary School, would like to have the speakers for use at the school. The teachers have laptops they use for instruction but the speakers are not loud enough for the students to hear.
- By consensus of the Board the plan for the old hardware is approved.

CONDITIONAL USE HEARING – SVSC – BOW CREEK MALL

The Conditional Use Hearing is scheduled for March 16th.

GRANTVILLE FOOD PANTRY – CONVEYOR

- Mr. Marshall noted the Board authorized Light-Heigel to work with the Food Pantry to come up with a conveyor that would meet all building/UCC requirements.
- Mr. Smith noted he met with Larry Suhr and discussed the issue. 36 inches are needed between handrails for the existing steps. It was noted the Food Pantry was looking into a 14 inch conveyor. Mr. Smith reviewed the proposal for the 14 inch conveyor and it meets the UCC requirements. The proposed conveyor already has a guard in front of it so there will not be anything required to place along the hand rail section to prevent anyone getting caught in the conveyor. They will be required to get a building permit and this will be discussed along with the financing.
- Larry Suhr noted the Board has the new proposal that will meet the UCC requirements. Shipping was not included in the proposal but Mr. Suhr was informed yesterday the shipping would be around \$300.00. He would like that amount to be added into the proposal which would come out to \$6,223.20. The Food Pantry would be responsible for unloading the conveyor. He spoke with Herr Feed Mill and they volunteered to use their fork lift to unload and place it on their dock. The Food Pantry could then uncrate it and haul it over next door to the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is also responsible for the electric hookup and there are electricians available that will do any special wiring that might need done.
- **Mr. Marshall made a motion to pay the \$6,223.20 for the conveyor for the Food Pantry and the Township will take care of any fees associated with**

the permit. Mr. Shutt seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

SHELLS CHURCH – RELOCATION OF DRY RUN ROAD

- No action at this time. Mr. Longreen will be reviewing the issue in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS

RANDY ALLEN – DAUPHIN ENGINEERING – RECONFIGURATION OF LOT LINES IN WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP

Mr. Allen was not present.

- This is an existing parcel of ground in West Hanover Township. 2,241 square feet of the parcel is in East Hanover Township. 3 lots currently exist and the applicant wants to subdivide it into 4 lots. West Hanover would like the Township to sign off that it will not require a plan review.
- Mr. Ulrich noted he would not have an issue with the Township signing off on the plan.
- Mr. Smith noted the part that is in East Hanover Township is in the flood plain so nothing could be done with it.
- Chairman Espenshade's only concern is he doesn't want that parcel of ground in the Township becoming a stormwater conduit into the Manada Creek. He would like to see something noted on the plan that if any development does occur, then they would follow our stormwater ordinance.
- Discussion continued.
- Mr. Smith noted the plan creates a vacant lot that incorporates the portion that is in East Hanover Township. We could say upon development of that lot, the Township could provide a recommendation, but if the other lots are developed, we don't care. We can narrow it down to that specific lot.
- Mr. Ulrich commented a note could be added to the plan saying that no ground disturbance in East Hanover Township could occur without written approval from the Township.
- **Mr. Rish made a motion to send a letter stating that East Hanover does not have a desire to review the plan conditioned to having a note put on the plan that there would be no earth disturbance on the section in East Hanover Township without written approval from the East Hanover Township Board. Mr. Shutt seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4 in favor, 0 opposed.**

DEVONSHIRE HEIGHTS RD. – TRAFFIC SPEED STUDY

- Dave Bitner of Robert Gabriel Associates was before the Board last fall to discuss the issue his client is having regarding Devonshire Heights Rd. His client wants to create a 1 acre lot off the parcel for a home. The issue is there is no speed limit on Devonshire Heights Rd. in East Hanover Township. West Hanover has a speed posted as 35 MPH but since it is not posted in East Hanover, the speed limit is assumed at 55 MPH. With a 55 MPH speed limit,

there is not adequate site distance to put in a driveway. The issue was discussed with the Board last fall and it was OK with his client doing a speed study to determine what the safe running speeds would be on the road. The study has been done and submitted to the Township. The conclusion of the study was the safe speed limit would be 35 MPH. The study was done from The West/East Hanover Township line to Sand Beach Rd.

- Mr. Longreen noted he reviewed the speed study and it corresponds with the one the Township did about 12 years ago. It was noted an ordinance would need to be drafted in order to start the proceedings of changing the speed limit.
- Mr. Marshall asked how many signs would be needed. Mr. Longreen noted it would be around 8 signs and 8 posts. Discussion continued. It was noted that previous discussion included the developer paying for the signs or a portion of it.
- **Mr. Marshall made a motion to prepare an ordinance and the developer pay for the posts and signs.** Mr. Shutt asked if all developers would be required to pay for the signs if they wanted to change a speed limit. It was noted this was just for this request. **Chairman Espenshade seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3 in favor, Chairman Espenshade, Mr. Marshall and Mr. Shutt; 1 opposed, Mr. Rish.**
- It was noted that Mr. Longreen would prepare the ordinance.

ENDORSEMENT OF THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

Chairman Espenshade noted John Nelligan, Emergency Management Coordinator, declared a Disaster Emergency at 12:15 on February 10, 2010. The Board needs to accept the declaration.

- **Mr. Marshall made a motion to accept the Declaration of Disaster Emergency for February 10, 2010. Mr. Shutt seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4 in favor, 0 opposed.**

FIRE POLICE REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT

- Saul Schmolitz noted the request is for around \$1,400.00 for 2 new red LED mini light bars to go on top of their vehicles with new sirens and speakers. The installation will be done in house. It is under State Contract pricing and the light bars are for the Captain and Lieutenant vehicles. This equipment will stay in house and if the positions change, the equipment will be with the Fire Co.
- Solicitor Wyland asked if the Township is clear that the Fire Police are permitted to use this type of equipment. Mr. Schmolitz noted the Captain and Lieutenant are permitted this equipment.
- **Mr. Marshall made a motion to allow the Fire Police to purchase the light bars in the amount of \$1,419.88. Mr. Shutt seconded the motion.** Mr. Schmolitz asked if the Fire Co. should pay the bill and ask for reimbursement or should the Township be billed. Mrs. Casey noted the bill should be sent to the Township. **The motion was approved 4 in favor, 0 opposed.**

OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

There was not other business from the Board.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Saul Schmolitz noted the Bow Creek Mall is proposing a strip mall in on Bow Creek Rd. He would like to see blue prints of the construction and also any other commercial construction that is going so the Fire Co. can review the plan to possibly have input on a fire fighting standpoint. He is talking about construction plans so the Fire Co. can do pre-planning if there would be a fire.

- Discussion was held.
- Mr. Smith noted anything required at the Land Development stage would not help the Fire Co. with the exception of the Casino.
- Mr. Schmolitz noted the request is 2 phase, one for the filing of the plan and the other for the Fire Co. to make recommendations to prevent the Fire Co. from being hindered if there be a fire. Mr. Schmolitz discussed knock boxes for access during a fire.
- Mr. Ulrich noted from a land development standpoint, input from the Fire Co. is part of the process. This does not deal with the building since that would be Light-Heigel. The land development process would deal with driveways, etc. and can you get emergency access to the facility. The construction process would be with the UCC.
- Mr. Smith noted his office has all the codes and would be doing that review on the plan. He has no problem with providing the Fire Co. with plans. This would only relate to commercial and would just require another set of plans to be sent to the Fire Co.
- Mr. Marshall noted the Township could not require the applicant to do anything that is beyond what is required in the code.
- Mr. Schmolitz noted when the Casino was being planned; he and Mr. Nelligan were brought in to review the plans. The way the stand pipes were set up posed a problem for the Fire Co. They suggested a different way and the Casino agreed to do the minor changes. This will help the Fire Co. in case of an emergency. This review is what he would like to see if there is more commercial development.
- Mr. Smith noted properties outside of the Casino only have to meet the requirements of the code and ordinances.
- Andy Stein commented that pre-planning and the Fire Co. having blueprints is one of the things that go into a Fire Co. ISO rating and the higher the rating the lower the insurance.
- Chairman Espenshade does not have a problem with the request, but if the request is made of the developer and it does not want to comply, the Township cannot make them do it. Mr. Schmolitz agreed.
- Mr. Rish realized this is not required but the Township could ask the developer for the review and if they object, then it will be dealt with at that time.
- Chairman Espenshade noted he did not have a problem with it and if the Fire Co. can make some suggestions and prevent a future problem, the request is not an issue.
- By consensus of the Board, for any commercial development, additional prints will be asked for so the Fire Co. can review them

Chuck Mundy commented there is a public meeting scheduled for March 17th to receive public input on revisions of the Comprehensive Plan. Without any draft of the proposed changes, it does not give the public a fair opportunity to provide any input of the proposed changes. The Workshop meeting minutes for January and February were just posted in the past couple days. The minutes did not offer many specifics. He asked if the changes will be available to the public before the public meeting.

- Mrs. Casey noted she will make sure the information is on the website by the weekend.
- Mr. Ulrich noted these meetings have been going on for a year and have been advertised and open to the public.
- Mr. Mundy noted there is nothing available to the public for review at this time.

Bob Hummel of 116 Hummel Lane which is off of Sand Beach Rd. In front of his house he has blacktop. From Sand Beach Rd. to his land there is nothing but a dirt road. He asked if the Township could put stone on the lane from Sand Beach to his land. Years ago he put stone on the lane and also posted signs indicating that the speed limit was 15 MPH.

- It was noted that Hummel Lane was a private road and not the Township's responsibility.

Mr. Shutt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Casey
Secretary/Treasurer

cc: Keith Espenshade
John Nelligan
Dave Marshall
Thomas Shutt
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