

EAST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
8848 Jonestown Road, Grantville, PA 17028
April 4, 2017

The regular meeting of the East Hanover Township Board of Supervisors was called to order with the pledge to the Flag by Chairman Mike Yingling at 7:00 P.M. Present were Supervisors George Rish, Glenn Moyer, Rob Hess, and Rick Smith.

Lee Stinnett, Solicitor; Paul Cornell, Manager; Charles Longreen, Director of Public Works; 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. The Public Guidelines of Decorum require all individuals wishing to make public comment do so at the microphone and state their name and address.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF MARCH 21, 2017

- **Mr. Hess made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2017, Board of Supervisors Meeting. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4 in favor, Chairman Yingling, Mr. Moyer, Mr. Hess and Mr. Smith; 0 opposed; 1 abstention. Mr. Rish abstained from the vote since he was not present at the meeting.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Revenue - \$41,494.97

General	\$	24,963.98
Street Light	\$	1,866.04
Fire Co.	\$	11,817.95
Park & Rec	\$	2,847.00

Expenditures - \$ 129,112.68

General Fund	\$	90,355.68
Park & Rec	\$	5,200.42
Street Light Fund	\$	532.97
Sate Fund	\$	5,275.70
Gaming Fund	\$	27,747.91

- **Mr. Rish made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**

Available Funds - \$6,462,339.27

APPROVAL TO OPEN CHECKING ACOCUNT AT CENTRIC BANK FOR DCNR GRANT

- **Mr. Smith made a motion to authorize the establishment of a new checking account at Centric Bank with the initial deposit of \$28,750.00 for the DCNR Grant. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**

REQUEST TO TRANSFER \$10,000.00 FROM STATE FUND PLGIT ACCOUNT TO STATE FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT

- **Mr. Rish made a motion to authorize the transfer of \$10,000.00 from the State Fund PLGIT account to the State Fund Checking account. Mr. Hess seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**

REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF 2016 TOWNSHIP AUDIT

- **Mr. Rish made a motion to authorize the advertisement of the 2016 Township audit at a cost of around \$250.00. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence is listed as a handout and may be reviewed during regular office hours.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE COMMUNITY OUTREACH

A State Trooper was present. He reported for the month of March; there were 17 crashes, 3 of which were on the interstate; 30 citations were issued; 2 thefts were investigated; 4 assaults; 1 trespassing complaint; one criminal mischief; and a drug possession. These statistics do not include the Casino. Mr. Smith asked about trends in the Township vs. the surrounding areas. The Trooper noted things are going well, a couple of the crash locations are consistently the same. Chairman Yingling asked where the highest crash areas are. The Trooper noted they are Jonestown Rd. and Laudermilch Rd. area. Mr. Cornell asked if it is possible to report on how many traffic details there may have been in the Township since we have had some complaints about speeding. The Trooper did not have that information with him but felt it could be put together.

GRANTVILLE FIRE COMPANY – CHIEF THEAL

No report.

FORT INDIANTOWN GAP – DAVID B. WEISNIGHT

No report. Chairman Yingling noted they have a website and we have information on our website regarding the activities at The Gap.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR FOWLER PLAN WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP

Chairman Yingling noted the property is in West Hanover Township and also part of it is in East Hanover. This is only a preliminary plan. Mr. Fowler noted there was a public hearing in West Hanover for a text amendment on some zoning issues and it was approved. The plan is for apartments and Townhomes. All of the development will be in the R3 district in West Hanover. Part of the development is a 31 acre park and 9 acres of that is in East Hanover Township and will be included in the park. It will be run by the West Hanover Park and Recreation Department. On the 9 acres in East

Hanover, the only discussion has been having a walking trail since the topography doesn't lend itself to ball fields; and in order to get vehicles to that section, it would require a full blown land development plan. They will be coming back to the Township for a subdivision plan since they own another 10 acres in East Hanover on the other side of a couple neighbors. There are no plans for any buildings and it is currently hayed by a local farmer. We did approach the land owner regarding getting access from Carlson Rd. to the property since there is no access in East Hanover. He is no longer interested in providing access from Carlson Rd. East Hanover residents will be able to use the park, but they will have to come in off Rt. 39. Mr. Smith asked if it will be a municipal park and not just for the residents of the community. Mr. Fowler noted it will be a municipal park and will be dedicated to West Hanover Township. We are requiring a deed restriction so it will always remain a municipal Park. He continued his discussion on the property and development. He noted there will be a signal on Rt. 39 to the property at Manor Drive. Chairman Yingling noted we are being asked to direct staff to pen a letter to send to West Hanover Township that we support the plan. Mr. Rish noted they are asking for another letter of support since it's been changed significantly and asked how it has been changed. Mr. Fowler noted he had the discussion with West Hanover and they are the ones that said it changed significantly. The original plan included a 31 acre park with 9 acres being in East Hanover with no development which is the same. The road system has changed slightly since the number of units has changed. West Hanover felt it would still be helpful to have an updated letter when the land development process starts since there has been a change in East Hanover with the Board and the Manager. There will not be any development in the part that is in East Hanover. Chairman Yingling asked if it would be ok if the Township looked into a possible entrance from East Hanover. Mr. Fowler commented he would have no problem with that. Discussion continued. Mr. Hess asked if it is Mr. Fowler requesting the letter vs. West Hanover. Mr. Fowler commented as the property owner, he is requesting the letter. The entire 31 acres for the park will be deeded over to West Hanover at the beginning of the development. Mr. Hess asked Mr. Cornell if this is normal to get requests from developers to comment or send a letter of support for a project. Mr. Cornell noted it was and the MPC requires that it come before the Township even if there is no development. What is being asked for is a letter of support for what is going to be done with the part of the property in East Hanover. Mr. Hess noted his only other reservation is the Township seeking access from East Hanover for the developer. He doesn't know if he wants to be a part of that and would need to think about it since the residents on Carlson Rd. may not want that. Discussion continued.

- **Mr. Smith made a motion to direct the Township staff to draft a letter of support for the proposed Fowler/DeSouza Brown land development plan, with a park in East Hanover Township. Mr. Rish seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST TO APPOINT PAUL GASPICH TO PSAC

Chairman Yingling noted there is a request to appoint Paul Gaspich to the Public Safety

Advisory Council. He is currently serving on the Long Term Planning Committee.

- **Mr. Rish made a motion to appoint Corporal Paul Gaspich to the Public Safety Advisory Council. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**

REQUEST TO HIRE COUNSELORS FOR SUMMER PARK PROGRAM

Ms. Stebbins is requesting approval to hire 8 counselors for the Summer Playground Program. All of the applicants are in the Lower Dauphin School District. She provided the Board with the names and recommended pay rates. Yvonne Sharrow and Jennifer Taleff did the interviews. The recommendation would be to hire the staff effective June 1st conditional on satisfactory completion of the required clearances. It was noted about 5 of them are East Hanover residents. Discussion continued.

- **Mr. Smith made a motion to authorize the hiring of the counselors at the salary listed for the Summer Playground Program. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Smith amended his motion to effective June 1st conditioned on the background clearances. Mr. Moyer seconded the amended motion. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**

REQUEST FOR FIRE POLICE, LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP

Mr. Cornell commented we received a letter from Londonderry Township regarding their upcoming annual Stars and Stripes Salute to be held Saturday July 1st at Sunset Park. They are asking for authorization for the use of the East Hanover Fire Police.

- **Mr. Rish made a motion to authorize the East Hanover Township Fire Police to assist Londonderry Township at the Fireworks at Sunset Park July 1, 2017, if they are able and willing to work. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE HIRING OF ONE OR TWO PART-TIME SEASONAL WORKERS FOR PARK & TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Mr. Cornell noted this was brought up last month at the Park and Rec Board meeting and they would like to see some consideration of this. He followed up with the Maintenance person who is currently out on leave and the concern is him having to be responsible for 2 employees who may often be out of sight working in the park. The other consideration is rather than having 2 younger school aged individuals, is to get a more mature individual such as a school teacher and make the pay a little bit more attractive. You know that you are going to get someone who is more responsible and may not need the attention as a younger individual. Discussion continued. Mr. Smith noted this was brought up by Park and Rec and he is aware of the budget, but also recognizes the interest of the residents in developing the trail system. We want to try to show some progress in the Park and felt this is a good way to get it started. Mr. Rish felt it would be preferable to have a more mature individual for the job. Mr. Cornell noted he would go directly to the school district and talk to the principals to see if there are some people around that might be available. We might also want to look at some retired individuals. Mr. Hess asked at what point in the season are we looking at. Mr. Cornell noted he would like to be in the position to get them on board in May. Discussion continued. Mr. Hess asked where in the budget the wage would be paid

from. Mr. Cornell noted he would report that at the next meeting. By consensus of the Board, Mr. Cornell may look into the part-time seasonal workers.

REQUEST TO WAIVE SECURITY DEPOSIT FOR THE VFW USE OF CRAWFORD RD.

Mr. Cornell commented the VFW has been accommodated to use the Crawford Rd. Building. Through discussions they have asked that the security deposit be waived.

- **Mr. Hess made a motion to waive the security deposit of \$40.00 to the VFW for use of the Old Township Building on Crawford Rd. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.**

Mr. Longreen commented with more people using the Crawford Rd. building, he felt it would be wise for the Township to purchase or rent a water cooler again to put drinking water back into the building since you cannot drink the water. There are signs to not drink the water. We did have a cooler before but it was removed. It was noted that Mr. Cornell will look into getting a cooler for the building.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Paul McNamee, project manager for the Public Works Building provided an update on the building. Mr. Longreen and his crew are basically moved in. We are addressing minor operational issues when they come up with the contractors to fine tune everything. They plan on paving the first week of May, doing site work between now and then, planting the final seeding, and stabilizing the site. That should pretty much finish up the project. We will probably have some retainer in eci's contract through the fall to make sure the seeding takes and we get a good stand of grass. Chairman Yingling asked if the lights are on in the building at night. Mr. Longreen noted they are not since they are all supposed to turn themselves off at night except for the emergency lights.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Cornell commented there are two memos from Stein Consulting. The solicitor has provided and asked him to provide the Board with a draft Ordinance for Sidewalks. Chairman Yingling noted he would like to see the ordinance acted on sometime in May. He asked if the new draft addresses an older development vs. a newer one. Solicitor Stinnett indicated the ordinance is more so aimed at making sure snow is removed and dangerous conditions are taken care of. Mr. Hess commented when we previously discussed this, there were concerns with older sidewalks in the villages of Shellsville and Grantville, and asked how this was addressed. Solicitor Stinnett noted you always have the ability to require someone to put a sidewalk in under the 2nd Class Township Code. Regardless of what the ordinance says you still have that ability. This is more geared toward making sure the existing sidewalks are maintained properly. We removed the language requiring people to install sidewalks. Mr. Hess noted he was just imaging in a couple years if none of us is here, a Board utilizing this to harm people who don't financially have the means to install or repair a sidewalk that maybe was already existing. He asked how Solicitor Stinnett felt about that. Solicitor Stinnett commented you don't want hazards on public sidewalks so you want to maintain that ability if there

is a dangerous condition to have it corrected. Legally you don't want something so strict that it binds the Board from prohibiting that.

Chairman Yingling thanked the staff for what it does. They are always going the extra mile and looking for new ways to improve our services we are providing to the Township.

Mr. Rish made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah A. Casey
Secretary/Treasurer