The Hanover Township Board of Supervisors held their **Special Meeting** on **Thursday, September 29, 2011** at 7:30 pm at the Municipal Building. Those present were Donald Winkler-Chairman, David Duerr-Supervisor, Alfred Contumelio-Supervisor, Nancy Voelker-Vice Chair, Herbert Grubbs-Supervisor, Solicitor Lane Turturice and Wendy Turrentine-Secretary/Treasurer.

Call to Order:
Pledge of Allegiance:

Questions on Agenda Items:
None

New Business

1. **Set Halloween Hours**

-Mr. Winkler spoke with Fire Chief Mike Morra and he recommended the hours of 5-7pm on Monday, October 31st.

Motion: To set the 2011 Halloween Hours for 5-7pm on Monday, October 31st.
Motion: Donald Winkler 2nd: Alfred Contumelio
Vote:
Mr. Contumelio-yes, Mr. Duerr-yes, Mr. Winkler-yes, Mrs. Voelker-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes
Motion Passed

2. **Transfer $15,824.50 for 6/27/11 Sale of Equipment from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve**

-Mr. Winkler explained that there was equipment sold at the Richie Bros Auction June 27th, 2011.

Motion: To transfer the $15,824.50 generated from the equipment auction 6/27/11 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve.
Motion: Herbert Grubbs 2nd: David Duerr
Vote:
Mr. Contumelio-yes, Mr. Duerr-yes, Mr. Winkler-yes, Mrs. Voelker-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes
Motion Passed

3. **Mike Heilman Subdivision Approval**

-Mr. Grubbs explained that Northstar Properties needs to combine lots in order to comply with building and plumbing codes regarding the construction of a storage unit. He went on to read the letter from the Washington County Planning Commission.

Motion: To approve the plans submitted by Northstar Properties to consolidate lots.
Motion: Herbert Grubbs 2nd: Nancy Voelker
Vote:
Mr. Contumelio-yes, Mr. Duerr-yes, Mr. Winkler-yes, Mrs. Voelker-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes
Motion Passed

4. **Vacant Seat on Sewer Board**

-Mrs. Voelker explained that Dr. Leonard Pensis resigned from the Sewer Board effective September 1, 2011. She stated that if anyone is interested in filling the seat, to please send letters or resumes to the Township office.

Motion: To accept the resignation letter of Dr. Leonard Pensis from the Hanover Township Sewer Authority Board.
Motion: Herbert Grubbs 2nd: Nancy Voelker
Vote:
Mr. Contumelio-yes, Mr. Duerr-yes, Mr. Winkler-yes, Mrs. Voelker-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes
Motion Passed

5. Review of the Current 2011 Budget

-Mr. Duerr stated that revenues are not covering expenses and that this deficit falls back on First Niagara Pavilion (FNP).

-Mr. Winkler explained that the budget has not changed and that the numbers are fairly close to last year and gave a comparison of YTD over last year. He went on to state that the General Fund currently has $71,000 and that the Township carried over $138,000 in 2010. It was also stated that the Township has yet to receive final payment for September 2011 from Live Nation for the Amusement Tax.

-Mr. Winkler listed the four major revenue sources as Real Estate Tax, EIT, Fines and the Amusement Tax. He went on to say that the Amusement Tax was enacted to stabilize, not fund the police department.

-Mr. Winkler stated that the Township needs to get back to simple economics and start putting money as savings into the Capital Reserve account.

-Mr. Winkler explained the donation from Live Nation versus the Amusement Tax.

-Mr. Luxon asked what the plan was. Mr. Winkler replied that there will be cuts but he is not cutting from the road department. Mr. Grubbs stated that the police department was laid off in 2008.

-Mrs. Paden asked whether the Township was generating fine money. Mr. Winkler stated yes. She then questioned whether the Township made more money with the Amusement Tax. Mr. Winkler stated yes.

-Mr. Duerr stated the Township spent more than $150,000 on insurance this year. Mr. Winkler said that as of 2010, they thought everything was in order and had received the lowest deductible in 5 years.

-Mr. Luxon asked what else could be cut.

-Charleen Grey made statements regarding the police department and stated that the Township needs to stay focused on the Marcellus Shale.

-Mr. Morra questioned what the difference was regarding laying off the police department and disbanding them. Mr. Winkler stated that with a lay off, the department can be brought back.

-Mr. Niederriter asked whether First Niagara Pavilion wanted to speak to the Board. Mr. Winkler stated yes but that he did not talk to them.

-Mrs. Paden questioned what the Township would save by laying off the police department. It was stated $17,000 in wages.

-Mr. Winkler stated that all areas need to watch their expenses.

Motion: To lay off the police department effective September 30th, 2011 at midnight.

Motion: David Duerr 2nd: Alfred Contumelio

Vote:

Mr. Contumelio-yes, Mr. Duerr-yes, Mr. Winkler-yes, Mrs. Voelker-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes

Public Comments:

-Mr. Beyerbach stated he approves of the lay off and that he feels the Township gets better protection from PSP.

-Mrs. Cassidy told Mr. Winkler he did a nice presentation and thanked Mrs. Grey for her statements. She went on to say that a part time police department was ok. She also thanked Ms. Turrentine for the job she has been doing.

-Mr. Mills thanked Ms. Turrentine for providing the information he requested while completing the 2010 audit. He also thanked Mr. Winkler for all of his help.

Public Announcements:

None

Adjourn Meeting

Motion: Donald Winkler 2nd: Alfred Contumelio

8:51pm