

The Hanover Township Board of Supervisors held **Regular Meeting** on **Thursday July 18, 2013** at 7:30 pm at the Municipal Building. Those present were Kevin Lemmi – Chairman, David Duerr – Supervisor, Herbert Grubbs-Supervisor, Donald Winkler-Supervisor, Wendy M. Turrentine-Secretary/Treasurer & Chris Furman-Solicitor. Vice-Chairman James Donohue was absent.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting June 20, 2013

Motion: To approve the minutes from the regular meeting June 20, 2013 with correction on page 4.

Motion: David Duerr 2nd: Donald Winkler

Vote: Mr. Lemmi-yes, Mr. Duerr-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes, Mr. Winkler-yes

Motion Passed

Questions on Agenda Items:

None

Chairman's Report:

There was a cleanup off of Turkey Hollow Road – 360 hours of service collecting 318 tires and 1,290 tons of trash.

Public Safety:

Fire Department: 3 structure fires, 1 brush fire, 2 vehicle accidents, 1 vehicle fire, 1 mutual aid, 2 false alarms, 2 trees down, 2 public service, 14 medical and 1 lift assist. 29 calls for June, 142 YTD.

Animal Control: 17 calls answered at residences, 2 citations, 12 warnings, 1 animal bite, 1 quarantine, 10 hours patrolled, 5 dogs picked up/placed in kennel, 2 dogs returned to owner and 12 nuisance calls.

Police Department: 329.5 Hours with wages totaling \$4,542.67

-They are working on the traffic issues at the pavilion to come up with a solution.

Road Report:

Tree cutting, blacktop on Kramer, Miller Airport, 5 Points, Bucey and Kings Creek Roads, berm mowing, road drag Aunt Clara, County Line, Purdy Road Extension and Rock School Roads as well as general and park maintenance.

-684 hours with wages totaling \$13,368.19.

Park Report:

-Waiting on estimates for the roof and concrete on the basketball courts.

-A new swing was installed and new benches, swing mats and mulch are ordered.

-Mrs. Rhoades asked the supervisors for assistance with the covered bridge repair.

-There is a Dog Trot schedule to benefit the animal shelter as well as the Covered Bridge Car Show on August 10th and the Covered Bridge Festival is the 3rd weekend in September,

-Mrs. Rhoades asked if the repair of the sidewalks was in the Township budget.

-Mr. Grubbs said to get bids and they will work with the Park Board.

Approve Expenses:

Motion: To approve the Bills List

Motion: Donald Winkler 2nd: Kevin Lemmi

Vote: Mr. Lemmi-yes, Mr. Duerr-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes, Mr. Winkler-yes

Motion Passed

New Business:

1. Authorize a Public Hearing for New Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance
2. Authorize the Advertisement of the Public Hearing

-Mr. Grubbs explained that this ordinance will amend and replace Ordinance 82.

-Areas of focus/change are fire protection, private streets and the inclusion of minor developments and subdivisions.

-The ordinance will be on review at the Municipal Office and the County.

Motion: To authorize a public hearing and the advertisement for the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

Motion: Herbert Grubbs 2nd: David Duerr

Vote: Mr. Lemmi-yes, Mr. Duerr-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes, Mr. Winkler-yes

Motion Passed

3. Consider Appointing Bill Schramm and Mary Lemmi to the Zoning Hearing Board

-Mr. Lemmi said that they received a resignation from Alfred Contumelio effective August 1, 2013.

Motion: To accept the resignation from Alfred Contumelio from the Zoning Hearing Board.

Motion: Kevin Lemmi 2nd: Herbert Grubbs

Vote: Mr. Lemmi-yes, Mr. Duerr-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes, Mr. Winkler-yes

Motion Passed

Motion: To appoint William Schramm to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term to expire 12/31/16.

Motion: Herbert Grubbs 2nd: David Duerr

Vote: Mr. Lemmi-yes, Mr. Duerr-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes, Mr. Winkler-yes

Motion Passed

Motion: To appoint Mary Lemmi to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term to expire 12/31/15.

Motion: Herbert Grubbs 2nd: David Duerr

Vote: Mr. Lemmi-yes, Mr. Duerr-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes, Mr. Winkler-yes

Motion Passed

4. Grubbs Subdivision

-Mr. Grubbs read the comments from the Washington County Planning Commission and the minutes from the Hanover Township Planning Commission.

-There is a modification to the driveway but the fire department does not have any issue with it.

Motion: To approve the Grubbs Subdivision and allow the modification of the 12 foot wide roadway.

Motion: Kevin Lemmi 2nd: David Duerr

Vote: Mr. Lemmi-yes, Mr. Duerr-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes, Mr. Winkler-yes

Motion Passed

5. Conditionally Hire James Monaca as a Part Time Road Department Employee

-Mr. Grubbs interviewed Mr. Monaca with Mr. Handick as additional help is needed in the road department.

Motion: To conditionally hire James Monaca as a part time road department employee to work as needed pending a background check.

Motion: Herbert Grubbs 2nd: David Duerr

Vote: Mr. Lemmi-yes, Mr. Duerr-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes, Mr. Winkler-yes

Motion Passed

6. Purchase UPS for Police Computers

-Mr. Lemmi said this is an uninterrupted power supply that will allow time for information to be saved in the police department should there be a power outage.

Motion: To purchase a UPS for the police department up to \$300.

Motion: Herbert Grubbs 2nd: David Duerr

Not on Agenda:

1. Sewer Bills

-The roadway to the Sewer Authority office was damaged and therefore, residents were permitted to drop off payments at the Township Building.

-As the roadway is not yet repaired, the Sewer Authority would like permission to use the drop slot at the old township building and will include such notification in their next billing.

-Mr. Duerr asked that it be made clear that payments are not accepted at the Township Office.

Correspondence:

The Board of Supervisors received two complaints regarding the Sewer Authority setting a flat rate of \$24.00 a month for residents with well water.

-Bonnie Osbourne said that she felt the Supervisors should know what the Sewer Authority is doing. When Steve Kladakis was on the Board for the Sewer Authority, they authorized residents with well water to install meters and submit the readings. She installed the meters as she is a senior citizen on a fixed income and cannot afford the flat rate.

-Mrs. Voelker said that in the 2003 Rules and Regulations it states that well water users will pay a flat rate.

-Mrs. Osbourne asked why, after those rules and regulations were adopted, they were permitted to install meters at their own expense.

-Mr. Lemmi asked what the policy was on having meters for well water.

-Mrs. Voelker said there is not a policy but the regulations say there is a flat rate for well water users. There are only 4 customers that have well meters. She explained that the sewer rate is based on water usage and the cost is \$6.40 for each 1,000 gallons. As there is no minimum charge, the rate is prorated based on usage. Well water users are to pay the average bill of all customers which is \$24.00 per month.

-Mrs. Voelker stated that some of the meter reads are 40, 50 or 60 gallons per month so they have had bills that are \$0.47 a month and a stamp costs \$0.46.

- Mr. Lemmi stated he was told 6 months ago it would be beneficial for him to install a meter and he would make that money back in the long run.
- Mrs. Voelker said that is possible.
- Mr. Lemmi asked why then, these 4 customers can't call their meter reads in and asked what the issue was.
- Mrs. Voelker said because their board has decided to forego the meter reads because it costs them money.
- Mr. Duerr asked in what manner it cost the Sewer Authority money.
- Mrs. Voelker said because sometimes the bill is less than postage.
- Mr. Duerr asked what his rate would be if he didn't use any water. For example, if he turned it off for the winter.
- Mrs. Voelker stated that the vacancy rate is \$4.00 per month.
- Mr. Duerr asked what the minimum water usage was for public water users.
- Mrs. Voelker stated that there isn't a minimum usage requirement for those customers.
- Mrs. Osbourne stated she does not think it's fair for her to have to pay the same amount as someone with a family of 4 who uses more water.
- Mr. Duerr clarified that customers with a meter who have well water have to pay a flat rate regardless of usage while someone with city water gets billed on their usage regardless of the amount. Mr. Grubbs stated that that is discrimination and Mr. Lemmi agreed.
- Mr. Grubbs asked if anyone with city water who uses 100 or 200 gallons a month.
- Mrs. Voelker said she can't answer that and she isn't going to guess.
- Mr. Grubbs said that he reviewed the minutes from the Sewer Authority meetings and he wanted clarification on how the change was made as it seems the policy keeps going back and forth.
- Mrs. Voelker said that it was voted on.
- Mr. Neiderriter asked the Board of Supervisors to assist these residents with this issue.
- Mrs. Tender stated it was not fair that the fee is \$6.40 per thousand gallons and they are paying \$24.00 for just a few hundred gallons of water.
- Mrs. Voelker stated the Sewer Authority would entertain the idea of reimbursing the meters.
- Mr. Duerr asked if anyone had deduct meters for pools. Mrs. Voelker said no.
- Mr. Duerr asked if there were any deduct meters, such as for agriculture.
- Mrs. Voelker said that she is aware of for agriculture but Iannetti's does not have to pay sewage on water that goes into the ground.
- Mr. Grubbs asked how they get out of paying sewage on that water.
- Mrs. Voelker said that they are assessed for the bathrooms in the garden center based on their water bills in the winter.
- Mr. Grubbs asked for clarification that they have a set rate.
- Mrs. Voelker said she didn't want to answer that incorrectly.

Mr. Sarrasino asked about traffic and tailgaters at the pavilion and if a plan had been devised.

- Mr. Duerr stated that they are supposed to have a different procedure for sell out shows to help reduce traffic on 18 including parking people in the 18 lot.

- They have some other issues including employee parking.
- They are always working on improving it but it is a hard thing to deal with it.
- The problem with Buffett is this show is paid parking, there are so many people and people show up so early.

Mr. Grubbs said that he is still trying to figure out how the Sewer Authority keeps changing their policies as he sat through meetings where the policy was changed allowing people to install meters, which they did, and now they're going back to the original policy

- Mr. Contumelio said that he agrees with Mr. Grubbs regarding how they often change their policies.

Adjourn:

8:37

Kevin Lemmi, Chairman

James Donohue, Vice Chairman

Herbert Grubbs, Supervisor

David Duerr, Supervisor

Donald Winkler, Supervisor

ATTEST: _____
Wendy M. Turrentine, Secretary/Treasurer

Date