

The Hanover Township Board of Supervisors held the **Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2016** at the Municipal Building, the meeting commenced at 7:30pm. Those present were Dale Handick – Chairman, Herbert Grubbs-Vice Chair, Kevin Lemmi –Supervisor, Audrey Wingard-Secretary/Treasurer & Dennis Makel-Solicitor.

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call** Mr. Handick, here Mr. Grubbs, here Mr. Lemmi, here

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Handick introduces Trooper Abbondanza of the Pennsylvania State Police. Trooper Abbondanza reports the State Police have handled 132 incidents in Hanover Township including 14 crashes and 11 criminal incidents. Mr. Lemmi questions whether most of the crashes have been on US Route 22. Trooper Abbondanza states most, but not all. The crashes are Hanover Township because if they are on US Route 22 they have a different code number for the State Police. Mrs. Wingard asks if that is just for the month of October. Trooper Abbondanza states he believes it's for the entire year. Trooper Abbondanza's call for questions doesn't result in any and the Trooper is thanked for his time and wished a Happy Thanksgiving before departing.

**Approval of Minutes:**

1. Regular Meeting October 20, 2016 and November 3, 2016

**Motion: To approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting October 20, 2016 and November 3, 2016 as amended.**

**Motion:** Mr. Herbert Grubbs 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Handick

**Vote:** Mr. Handick=yes, Mr. Grubbs=yes, Mr. Lemmi=yes

**Motion Passed**

**Questions on Agenda Items:** None

**Animal Control Service Report:**

Answered Calls: 15, Citations Issued: 3, Warnings Issues: 10, Animal Bite Reports: 1, Quarantine Notice Served: 1, Cat-Dog Pick-ups: 3, Kennel Placement: 3, Animal Returned to Owner: 1, Deceased Animals Picked Up on Road: 1 dog, Animal Nuisance Calls Received: 10

**Fire Department:** Hazmat: 1, Vehicle Accidents: 5, Vehicle Fire: 1, Mutual Aid: 1, Fire Alarm: 2, Tree Down: 6, Medical: 10, Assist Police Department, 1  
Total Calls for October 2016: 28 Year-to-date: 285

**Police Department:** Magisterial Income: \$12,816.49  
Local Ordinance: \$338.96  
Title 18 (crime code) \$12,317.15  
Title 75 (motor vehicle) \$160.38

There were 562 hours patrolled

Please remember to lock your vehicles in the driveway, there has been some recent activity in the area.

**Road Report:** Finished mowing along roads, boom mowing, cutting up fallen trees, cleaning out ditches, grating roads, all winter equipment ready for winter use, repairing vehicles

**Park Report:** When Mrs. Wingard verified the funds received from the vendors for the Covered Bridge Festival she found she had provided Mrs. Rhoades an incorrect amount at the last meeting. There was actually \$1,040.00 collected from vendors for their participation and not \$760 as reported in the September meeting. The bathroom block is up and the roof is on. We have to put the metal on the roof. Provenzano Contracting finished the sidewalks. The Road Department will put soil along them to level the ground.

**Approve Expenses:** Mr. Grubbs explains the purchase of the steel doors for the restroom required an on-line credit card payment so he used his credit card and the amount shown due to him on the expenses is reimbursement for the purchase of the doors.

**Motion to Approve Expenses**

**Motion:** Mr. Grubbs 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Handick

**Vote:** Mr. Handick-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes, Mr. Lemmi-yes

**Motion Passed**

**New Business:**

1. Approve proposed budget for public consideration

**Motion: Advertise and tender the budget for 2017.**

The budget will be on display for 20 days for inspection by the public.

**Motion:** Mr. Grubbs 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Lemmi

**Vote:** Mr. Handick-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes, Mr. Lemmi-yes

**Motion Passed**

2. Discuss (Authorize) change of banks

Mr. Grubbs explain PNC is closing Burgettstown branch. First Commonwealth sent Ms. Suzanne Parks to explain the offer from First Commonwealth branch located in Imperial. Mrs. Zurkle asks about West Virginia banks and Mr. Lemmi explains Huntington Bank did not provide a quote to the Township even though they were asked. Mr. Grubbs states First Commonwealth offered twice the interest we are receiving from PNC. Mr. Lemmi explains First Commonwealth is offering scanning options so we will not need to travel to the bank.

**Motion: Make First Commonwealth Bank the depository effective immediately.**

**Motion:** Mr. Grubbs 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Handick

**Vote:** Mr. Handick-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes, Mr. Lemmi-yes

**Motion Passed**

3. Approve purchase of Mack Truck Co-Stars Contract# 025-033 at a cost of \$139,461 for delivery in 2017.

Mr. Lemmi asks if it is four-wheel or two-wheel drive and is informed it is two-wheel and also questions what a day cab is and is informed it is a cab without a sleeping area.

**Motion: Purchase truck from Transedge Truck Center for \$139,461.00 through Co-Stars out of Capital Reserve Fund for 2017 budget.**

**Motion:** Mr. Handick 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Lemmi

**Vote:** Mr. Handick-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes, Mr. Lemmi-yes

**Motion Passed**

4. Authorize Dale Handick to attend the annual meeting of departments (PSP, local municipalities, police departments and schools) on December 15, 2016 at 1:00p.m. at PennDOT Building at 170 State Route 519 in Eighty Four, PA for the Department of Transportation's goal of coordinating a safe winter season.  
**Motion: Authorize Mr. Handick to attend PennDot's Winter Meeting on the clock in a township vehicle on December 15, 2016.**  
**Motion:** Mr. Grubbs **2nd:** Mr. Lemmi  
**Vote:** Mr. Handick-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes, Mr. Lemmi-yes **Motion Passed**

5. Read update from Mark Gordon Constable for Paul Grainger nuisance issue. Mr. Grubbs reads report indicating Mr. Grainger has been cited 7 times and has not responded. Five citations have turned to warrant for failure to respond. Mr. Gordon stated that he will continue to cite Mr. Grainger. Mr. Grubbs questions whether someone has checked the health status of Mr. Grainger as no one has seen him. This is solely a report and there is no further action to be taken at this time.

Mr. Makel raises the issue of the Cemetery and questions whether the board authorizes the township solicitor to create a new Cemetery Board and perform the court work to transfer the property to the new corporation. Mr. Makel states he will need someone to be the president of the new corporation. Mrs. Rhoades states she will be involved initially. She asks the Township Supervisors if they will allow a public meeting to pull this group together. Mrs. Rhoades asks for a board of seven people. Mr. Grubbs says it may be hard to find seven people and indicates the previous board was five people. Mr. Rhoades states she is grateful that this issue is being addressed. It is determined the Township will hold the cemetery files for safety until this new entity is completely organized. Mrs. Rhoades states the cemetery is the resting place of many veterans of the Revolutionary War, Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Spanish American War and Desert Storm.

**Motion: Authorize the Township Solicitor to take the necessary steps to create a new cemetery entity and to take appropriate legal action to transfer the property to the new entity.**

**Motion:** Mr. Grubbs **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Mr. Lemmi  
**Vote:** Mr. Handick-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes, Mr. Lemmi-yes **Motion Passed**

Mr. Lemmi states he would like to introduce Officer Eric Cain. Mr. Cain introduces himself and states he has been an officer for the township for five years. Mrs. Zurkle states she has not seen him out her way. Mr. Cain states-it is a large township and he will make an effort to travel to her area. Mr. Lemmi states Eric has been working doubles twice a week for the township and he also works for Ohio Township. He was recently part of a group of officers involved in an altercation where they were shot at on St. Patrick's day. He also recently took a position at Children's Hospital. Fire Chief Morra states that Officer Cain is well respected in the Community and goes beyond the call of duty in assisting the Fire Department.

**Public Comments:** Mrs. Zurkle asks whether we received a thank you from the library. It was stated that the township received a letter of thanks from the library.

**Public Announcements:** A letter was received from Penn Dot in response to the Township Supervisors' request for additional signage at the Route 18 and US 22 intersection. After Penn Dot's review of this location it was determined additional signage will be added including a Keep Right Sign, Do Not Enter Sign and Divided Highway Crossing Signs. Penn Dot thanked the Supervisors for their interest in highway safety.

**Motion:** Continue the meeting to call the chair.

**Motion:** Mr. Handick 2nd: Mr. Lemmi

**Vote:** Mr. Handick-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes, Mr. Lemmi-yes


**Motion Passed**

**Meeting was declared continued at 9:02 p.m. until a later date to be posted on the Township website and Township office doors**

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Dale Handick, Chairman

  
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Herbert Grubbs, Vice Chair

  
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Kevin Lemmi, Supervisor

ATTEST:   
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Audrey Wingard, Secretary/Treasurer

Date   
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December 20, 2016