

The Hanover Township Board of Supervisors held their Regular Meeting on June 17, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Those present were Chairman Donald Winkler, Vice Chairman David Duerr, Supervisor Herbert Grubbs, Supervisor Nancy Voelker, Supervisor Alfred Contumelio and Solicitor Lane Turturice. The Board of Supervisors held a Special Meeting on May 7, 2010 for the purpose of litigation. Present were: Chairman Donald Winkler, Vice Chairman David Duerr, Supervisor Herbert Grubbs, Supervisor Nancy Voelker, Supervisor Alfred Contumelio and Solicitor Lane Turturice.

Mr. Winkler called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of minutes:

May 20, 2010 Regular Meeting: Mr. Winkler corrected that it was Mr. Singer that made the comment on number 3. Mr. Contumelio motioned to approve the minutes with the correction. Mrs. Voelker seconded the motion.

Vote on motion: Mr. Winkler, yes; Mr. Duerr, yes; Mr. Contumelio, yes; Mrs. Voelker, yes; Mr. Grubbs, yes. Motion carried.

Question on Agenda Items: None

Supervisors Report:

Mr. Winkler thanked Solicitor Turturice for voluntarily attending the meeting of the concerned citizens on the previous Monday.

Public Safety Reports:

1. Animal Control Report for May, 2010: 22 calls answered, 17 warnings issued, 2 citation issued, 1 animal bite, 1 quarantine and ten hours patrolled. Five dogs/cats picked up; 1 was put in the kennel, 3 were taken to the humane society and 17 animal nuisance calls.

2. Fire Department/EMT Report: No report at this time.

3. Police Report: There were 36 traffic citations, 1 reportable and 1 non-reportable accidents, 16 underage drinking, 1 public drunkenness, 1 indecent exposure, 1 fleeing and eluding, and 55 incidents. Miles logged for May were 3,366 miles. The check from the magistrate was for \$6,368.53. A check in the amount of \$996.43 was received from the Clerk of Courts.

Mr. Duerr asked for a police report and a copy of the police schedule for the office each month.

Park Report: Mrs. Rhoades reported the park was opened on May 29. There was a new memorial flag in the center. The summer program for the children will kick off on June 22. We will have playground plans for children from 3-year olds through 6th grade. Children from the tri-state area can spend the day with us. We are staffed with responsible adults. The program continues for 6 weeks until the end of July. We have a new program for 2- and 3-year olds called the Tot Lot Play Day on Wednesdays from

park opening until 1 o'clock. Parents must remain in the park. We have discussed painting the fence and repairing the sidewalks. We will resurface all the play lots with chipping. The application we received for employment has been withdrawn. The Covered Bridge Festival will be September 18 and 19. Mr. Winkler asked if she has an idea how much the sidewalks will cost to repair. Mr. Grubbs suggested getting authorization for funds. Mr. Winkler asked if the \$1,000 in the budget will suffice. Mr. Grubbs motioned to authorize up to \$1,000 for sidewalk repairs in the park. Mr. Duerr seconded the motion. Vote on motion: Mr. Winkler, yes; Mr. Duerr, yes; Mr. Contumelio, yes; Mrs. Voelker, yes; Mr. Grubbs, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Duerr asked how the word on the park activities gets out. Mrs. Rhoades responded the newspapers have been wonderful printing them.

#### Approve Expenses:

Mr. Neiderrider questioned the fee for the animal control and why it's listed under police. Mr. Winkler motioned to approve the expenses. Mr. Contumelio seconded the motion. Vote on motion: Mr. Winkler, yes; Mr. Duerr, yes; Mr. Contumelio, yes; Mrs. Voelker, yes; Mr. Grubbs, yes. Motion carried.

#### New Business:

1. Employee Health Care: Mr. Duerr made a motion to renew the existing plan, which is the \$1,250 deductible sharing PPO plan and allow anyone who wants to pay the difference to be enrolled into the PPO \$250 sharing plan. Mr. Winkler seconded the motion. Mr. Duerr stated the people covered on the health insurance plan are the Chief of Police and road crew. The plan we that we are intending to keep came back at \$377.04. The present plan is \$339.00. If going to Health America, the compatible plan was \$1262.00, not even close. He considered the \$1,500 deductible but the negotiating union would have to approve dropping amount of coverage because it is a lesser plan. We'd only save \$8.00, which is \$96 over 12 months and it would cost \$250 more in deductible, which wasn't fair. This is an increase of 11% over last year. Mrs. Voelker questioned the amount the township pays. Mr. Duerr explained it was an increase of \$1,500 over last year.

Vote on motion: Mr. Winkler, yes; Mr. Duerr, yes; Mr. Contumelio, yes; Mrs. Voelker, yes; Mr. Grubbs, yes. Motion carried.

2. Payroll Company Change: Mrs. Voelker explained the previous payroll company closed two days before our payday, necessitating a quick search to locate a new company to handle our payroll. We decided to retain Paychex, a national company who came highly recommended. They were able to get all of our people paid by Friday afternoon. Mr. Grubbs motioned to approve Paychex for our permanent payroll company. Mr. Contumelio seconded the motion.

Vote on motion: Mr. Winkler, yes; Mr. Duerr, yes; Mr. Contumelio, yes; Mrs. Voelker, yes; Mr. Grubbs, yes. Motion carried.

3. Fire Department Ordinance: At the last meeting we tabled a fire department ordinance covering fire hydrant access and Knox Boxes for commercial buildings. Mr. Donohue explained the use of Knox Boxes to lessen the delay to enter to a building when an alarm

goes off. Mr. Duerr questioned the use in residential as well as commercial buildings and the cost to businesses. He also questioned the existence of a contact list. Concerns of businesses are cost and safety. He suggested charging a fee for false alarms instead of forcing businesses to install boxes. Mr. Winkler motioned to prepare a fire control ordinance. Mr. Grubbs seconded the motion. Mr. Grubbs suggested having the supervisors meet with representatives of the fire department to discuss exactly what is wanted in the ordinance. Mrs. Harper opined that the decision should be left up to the business owner. Mr. Paden stated she is opposed to the boxes and questioned how to handle a home business. Mr. Turturice clarified the discussion is regarding commercial businesses with alarm systems. Mr. Kranak explained this would also be for the safety of the firemen as well. They need to get into a building before it explodes, for example. Mr. Reitz explained most businesses at Starpointe have fire-suppression systems installed, but he doesn't have information on alarms.

Vote on motion: Mr. Winkler, yes; Mr. Duerr, yes; Mr. Contumelio, yes; Mrs. Voelker, yes; Mr. Grubbs, yes. Motion carried.

4. Replenish the Reserve Account: Mr. Winkler discussed the practice of putting monies into the Reserve Account so that we can borrow it each first quarter to meet insurance and other expenses until the tax income arrives. Mr. Winkler motioned to take the amount we borrow, minus the check we get from First Niagara for insurance and divide that figure by 3 (one-third of the balance we take out). Mr. Contumelio seconded the motion.

Vote on motion: Mr. Winkler, yes; Mr. Duerr, yes; Mr. Contumelio, yes; Mrs. Voelker, yes; Mr. Grubbs, yes. Motion carried.

5. Starpointe Street Light Agreement: Mr. Turturice explained we created a street light district in Starpointe to allow the township to recoup the cost of maintaining and supplying electricity to the street lights around Starpointe, collected by Charlene Grey, Tax Collector. Only one business had to be liened after a long time without payment. Starpointe, WCCED and Mr. Winkler put together an agreement for: 1. WCCED will pay to Allegheny Power \$82,459 for the purchase by the township of the depreciated assets of Allegheny Power, which includes the light system. 2. The township will maintain the lights, including the repair and replacement of the lights and light bulbs. 3. The Starpointe Property Owners Association will assume the full payment of \$300 a month to Allegheny Power for the street light service subject to any rate increases by the PUC. 4. The Starpointe Association will pay for any liability and casualty insurance with respect to those lights within the business park. As a result of this agreement we will no longer need to have a street light district. We will need to repeal that ordinance. Mr. Winkler questioned the township paying for the repair and replacement of the lights and bulbs. Discussion ensued on the unaffordable cost of maintaining the "fancy" lights and expensive bulbs. Decision was to take no action at this time on the agreement.

6. Resolution for Appointment to the Tax Collection Committee: Mr. Turturice explained the new Commonwealth of Pennsylvania legislation for a single earned income tax collector for each county. The county-wide committee comprised of representatives from each municipality has been convened and Mr. Contumelio has been named the delegate and Mrs. Voelker has been named the alternate. They have both been attending the meetings. Mr. Winkler motioned to approve the resolution to name Mr. Contumelio as

the delegate and Mrs. Voelker as the alternate to the Washington County Tax Collection Committee. Mr. Grubbs seconded the motion.

Vote on motion: Mr. Winkler, yes; Mr. Duerr, yes; Mr. Contumelio, yes; Mrs. Voelker, yes; Mr. Grubbs, yes. Motion carried.

7. State Representative Jesse White wanted to clear the air on a number of issues that are circulating around the community. Mrs. Cassidy asked when will something be done so we can quit listening to all the sewer talk. Mr. White explained the order from the DEP is on hold until everything gets figured out. It will take months before the hearing will settle it unless an agreement is reached before then. Mr. White said he is standing here because he cares about the township and is disturbed about what has been going on the past few weeks. He has tried to keep politics out of the dispute. When members of the authority try to operate as private citizens and stage political rallies to try to bring politics into it, it is offensive. Many misconceptions are being spread, but the sewer project needs to get done the right way. The supervisors have been fiscally responsible regarding the sewer project. They are being asked to guarantee millions of dollars of debt. We need to consider how this money is going to be repaid, even as Live Nation may pull out of town. When we don't have enough money to complete a half-finished project, they will be back asking for a few million more. He supports the supervisors' difficult decision and continues to "have their back" through this. There is no evidence we will raise taxes or lose grant money. My staff has been working on finding grants for this project. If we lost \$400,000 in grant money, but save the township 5 million dollars. That's a pretty good trade-off. The biggest lie I have ever heard in political office is that your grant money will be stolen and taken home to Cecil Township. Whoever put it out there should be ashamed of themselves. Cecil residents paid a \$6,200 tap fee for a sewer project and we were able to get \$3,100 average per family back, even though the project was finished. Instead of allowing a project with major questions that have never been answered except with delaying tactics, indifference and rudeness directed toward the residents and elected officials, it makes sense to fix it on the front end. We want a sewer project in Hanover Township. Starpointe needs to have sewers to develop and bring tax revenue in, which we'll need if First Niagara Pavilion leaves. He has five bills in the house to change the ways authorities are run because it is ridiculous that a group of people, not elected by anybody, that never have to face the voters and aren't accountable. We need maturity, we need leadership and we need some people to take some responsibility and realize this about winning or losing, or about getting somebody a job in a dream plant, this is about performing a public service which is what we're all supposed to do.

Mrs. Grey thanked Mr. White for all his help in this. Mr. ??? thanked the supervisors for their courage to file this appeal. Mr. Winkler said we must work together and Mr. White has done so much to help us. Let's move forward on this. Mr. Contumelio also thanked Mr. White, Kim and Jeanne for all their work.

Correspondence: None

Public Comments: None

Announcements:

Mr. Grubbs announced clean-up will be July 17.

Approximately 9:10, the Board of Supervisors went into executive session for litigation purposes.

The meeting reconvened at approximately 9:20. Mr. Winkler motioned to take action with regard to litigation as discussed in executive session. Mr. Duerr seconded the motion.

Vote on motion: Mr. Winkler, yes; Mr. Duerr, yes; Mr. Contumelio, yes; Mrs. Voelker, yes; Mr. Grubbs, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Winkler announced a sewer meeting tomorrow at 7:00. Mr. Grubbs said there is no business before the Planning Commission this month.

The next regular township meeting will be July 15.

Mr. Turturice stated the supervisors have asked him to get involved in the sewer litigation and he has been in contact with authority board members and supervisors. He expects that within the next week he and Mr. Winkler will get together to try to make the project work. Both sides need to put their heads together and solve this, which in the end makes us all winners. Representative White asked if Kim from his staff could be involved in those meetings to observe if there are any questions on the state funding. Mr. Turturice agreed.

Mrs. Voelker announced that approximately 20 resumes have been received and we plan to start interviewing next week to fill the secretary position

Mr. Winkler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Voelker seconded. Meeting adjourned.

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Donald Winkler, Chairman

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David Duerr, Vice Chairman

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Herbert Grubbs, Supervisor

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Nancy Voelker, Supervisor

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Alfred Contumelio, Supervisor

ATTEST:

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Nancy Voelker, Acting Secretary

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Date