

The Hanover Township Board of Supervisors held their **Regular Meeting** on **Thursday, October 20, 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 and Wendy Turrentine-Secretary/Treasurer. Solicitor Lane Turturice was absent.

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting September 15, 2011

Motion: To approve the minutes for the September 15, 2011 meeting.

Motion: David Duerr 2nd: Nancy Voelker

Vote:

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

Motion Passed

2. Special Meeting September 29, 2011

Motion: To approve the minutes for the September 29, 2011 meeting.

Motion: David Duerr 2nd: Donald Winkler

Vote:

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

Motion Passed

3. Conditional Use Hearing October 19, 2011

Motion: To approve the minutes for the October 19, 2011 hearing with changes.

Motion: Alfred Contumelio 2nd: Nancy Voelker

Vote:

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

Motion Passed

Questions on Agenda Items:

None

Chairman's Report:

None

Public Safety:

Animal Control: 13 calls received/answered, 9 warnings, 10 hours patrolled, 3 dogs picked up and put in kennel, 1 nuisance call received.

Police Report: Department is currently laid off; no report

Fire Report: None

Road Report:

Total Wages: \$16,166.21, Total Hours: 859.75

Road Maintenance: 520 hours, Shop: 192 hours, Miscellaneous: 147.75 hours

Mr. Duerr gave an update on the new truck stating that it is due into Hunter Sales on November 18th and will then be available for the dump bed.

-The bed can be purchased from Robinson in Ohio or Walsh Equipment. If purchased from Robinson, the bed is \$200 cheaper but requires bidding. If purchased from Walsh Equipment, no bid is necessary as they participate in the Costars program.

-Both companies require 6-7 weeks to build and install the bed once they receive the truck. He stated that he planned on going with Walsh Equipment and the truck would be delivered mid January.

Park Report:

The park is now closed and this item can be removed from the agenda until the spring.

Approve Expenses:

Harry Sabatasse questioned the legal services provided by Mr. Makel.

-Mr. Winkler stated the Township needed a labor relations specialist and Mr. Duerr reiterated this statement.

-Mr. Sabatasse questioned who made Mr. Makel a specialist and Mr. Duerr stated that this is the kind of work that Mr. Makel does.

-Jack Wagner made comments regarding Mr. Makel's previous dealings with other townships.

Mr. Morra questioned whether the KLH Engineers bill regarding Devils Den Road was due to the proposed gas well. Mr. Duerr explained that it was.

-Mrs. Voelker stated the importance of impact fees to help cover costs such as these.

-Mr. Morra questioned whether these fees were in place now. Mrs. Voelker replied no.

-Mr. Markocic from Range Resources stated the agreement with the Township is that Range will have their engineers draw the plans and have KLH inspect them and Range Resources has agreed to pay half of the Township's engineering costs regarding their projects.

Carol Cassidy and Renee Harper questioned the amount of Mr. Makel's invoice and the services the Township received. Ms. Turrentine explained that the invoice on the Bills List was for 3 months of service.

Motion: To approve the Bills List

Motion: Donald Winkler 2nd: Alfred Contumelio

Vote:

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

Motion Passed

New Business:

1. Range Resources Request for Conditional Use on Paris Sportsman Club Property.

Mr. Grubbs read the recommendations from the Hanover Township Planning Commission as well as the recommendations from solicitor Lane Turturice.

Mr. Wagner questioned whether Range Resources would maintain the road. Mr. Markocic from Range Resources stated that they are required to do so and will complete separate road agreements as necessary.

Mr. Wagner questioned dust control. Mr. Markocic stated there will be minimal dust but they will sweep and clean the road as necessary.

A resident questioned pipeline issues. Mr. Markocic stated that Mark West is their contractor for pipeline. Mr. Duerr explained that several Board members visited a Mark West facility.

Mrs. Roman stated that she is still concerned for her safety in regards to the traffic of large trucks and machinery along Devils Den Road. Mr. Markocic stated that they plan to reassess that section of road and put in any necessary safety measures.

Motion: To approve Range Resources request for Conditional Use on Paris Sportsman Club property with the conditions set forth by the Township Planning Commission and Mr. Turturice.

Motion: Nancy Voelker 2nd: Alfred Contumelio

Vote:

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

Motion Passed

2. Opening of Salt Bids

The bids are as follows:

A&S Landscaping	\$72.00 per ton; \$3,600.00 total
Cargill Deicing Technology	\$73.00 per ton; \$3,650.00 total
Morton Salt	\$76.88 per ton; \$3,844.00 total
North American Salt	\$81.30 per ton; \$4,065.00 total

Motion: To approve the bid for 50 m/l tons of rock salt from A&S Landscaping for the price of \$72.00 per ton.

Motion: David Duerr 2nd: Alfred Contumelio

Vote:

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

Motion Passed

3. Amending Ordinance 64

Mr. Contumelio explained the need for a “No Parking” sign on Steubenville Pike and Circle Drive.

Mrs. Harper stated that cars are only parked there for a limited time while they are picking up their children from the school bus stop.

-Mr. Contumelio stated that no one should park there at any time.

-Mrs. Harper stated that she feels bad for the children and Mr. Contumelio replied that this is going to cause an accident.

Mr. Grubbs questioned who was going to enforce the sign should it be put in place. Mr. Contumelio stated that he would tell them to move.

Mr. Duerr questioned if people could park on the other side of the road. Mr. Contumelio stated yes.

Mrs. Voelker stated that even if there was a No Parking Designated Area sign, if someone is sitting in their vehicle, then they are not parked.

Mr. Contumelio stated that there is one stop sign across the street and specified that it is on Steubenville Pike.

Motion: To approve the proposed amendment of Ordinance 64 to provide an additional no parking zone along Circle Drive.

Motion: Alfred Contumelio 2nd: Nancy Voelker

Vote:

Mrs. Voelker-no, Mr. Duerr-no, Mr. Winkler-yes, Mr. Contumelio-yes, Mr. Grubbs-no

Motion Failed

4. Amending Ordinance 115

Mr. Duerr explained that this ordinance was put into effect to cover the electric costs of the streetlights at Starpointe. Repealing this ordinance would make the Owners Association liable for the street light billing and the Township would only be responsible for up to \$600 in maintenance annually.

It could not be determined if the agreement with Starpointe had been signed.

Item tabled until next meeting November 17, 2011.

Correspondence:

None

Public Comments:

Harry Sabatasse stated that he is a resident of Smith Township but that his son and family live in Hanover Township and it is his belief that it is the duty of the Board to provide protection for residents. He questioned whether the decision to lay off the police department was financial.

-Mr. Winkler stated yes.

-Mr. Duerr questioned Mr. Sabatasse, a member of the Burgettstown Area School District Board, about the safety of one of our resident's children having to cross a creek when they get off of the school bus. Mr. Sabatasse stated that the resident should come to a school board meeting and address the issue.

-Mrs. Voelker thanked Mr. Sabatasse for his comments but stated that the Township is not without protection as the Pennsylvania State Police are covering the Township.

A discussion was had regarding Roberts Rule of Order and voting order.

A discussion was had regarding insurance and the current budget.

-Mary Patterson questioned why the liability insurance was cancelled. Mr. Winkler stated it was due to lawsuits.

-The discussion carried further to explain the 2010 police department disbandment and current lay off. This discussion included Chief Geho's pay, pension and insurance.

It was asked whether First Niagara Pavilion could hire a police department of their own. Mr. Winkler stated no.

Mr. Donohue stated that the problem with the police department is the liability and that the Board needs to get rid of the liability. He made further comments regarding a lawsuit.

Mr. Sabatasse stated he thinks that police department consolidation is the solution and that there are too many chiefs and not enough indians.

Mrs. Zirkle stated that when there was a part time police department, there were no problems.

-Mr. Sabatasse stated that it should have been left alone.

-Mr. Winkler stated that this change occurred in 2005.

A discussion was started by Mr. Contumelio regarding comments made by Mr. Sabatasse in relation to donations distributed by Live Nation.

Mr. Winkler questioned if the following items were completed:

1. Whether the 2010 Audit was advertised. Ms. Turrentine stated that she was waiting for guidelines from Mr. Turturice as to avoid advertising incorrectly.
2. The Resolution regarding the police pension plan.
3. Whether the dormant savings account was closed and the money transferred to the general fund. Mrs. Voelker stated it was held up by PNC but the correct letter to be signed by Herb was drafted and this would be taken care of the next day.

Mrs. Cassidy stated she had asked for a PA system over a year ago and questioned the status of this.

Adjourn Meeting

Motion: Donald Winkler

2nd: Nancy Voelker

9:20pm