

The Hanover Township Board of Supervisors held their **Regular Meeting** on **Thursday, November 17, 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 and Solicitor Lane Turturice.

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting October 20, 2011

Motion: To approve the minutes for the October 20, 2011 Regular Meeting.

Motion: Nancy Voelker 2nd: David Duerr

Vote:

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

Motion Passed

Questions on Agenda Items:

None

Chairman's Report:

-Mr. Winkler congratulated Supervisors Elects Kevin Lemmi and James Donohue.

-Mr. Winkler announced that they are still in need of applicants for the Sewer Authority Board to fill the seat of Dr. Pensis.

Public Safety Reports:

Fire Department: 115 EMS, 38 MBA, 35 False Alarms, 26 Service Calls, 14 Mutual Aides, 9 Search & Rescue, 4 House Fires, 3 Trash Fires, 2 Grass Fires, 2 Hazmat, 248 Total Calls

Animal Control: 17 calls answered/received at residence, 12 warnings, 10 hours patrolled, 5 dogs picked up/placed in kennel, 1 dog returned to owner and 12 nuisance calls.

Road Report:

Total wages: \$12,339.91; 165 hours shop/equipment, 395.5 hours road maintenance, 4 personal and 80 vacation hours.

-Mr. Duerr made a public service announcement that there is a gentleman going door to door selling dish detergent. He is driving in a red Blazer/Bronco. He asked that any resident who sees or is approached by this man to try to get his license plate number.

Approve Expenses:

-Mr. Grubbs asked for an explanation regarding the request for distribution from Elaine Nilon.

-Mr. Morra questioned why the Township purchased police tires. Mr. Winkler stated they were ordered prior to the lay off.

-Mr. Bouts questioned why the police department still had cell phone charges. Mr. Winkler stated it was easier to keep the lines until a final decision is made.

Motion: To Approve the Bills List

Motion: Donald Winkler 2nd: David Duerr

Vote:

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

Motion Passed

New Business

1. Eliminate Police Petty Cash

-Mr. Winkler explained that this fund is not used, is unnecessary and can be an accounting headache.

-Mr. Bouts questioned the amount of the police petty cash. Mr. Duerr explained it was \$50.

-Mr. Duerr questioned what an officer would do if they needed petty cash and the office was closed. Mr. Winkler stated that they could use their own money and get reimbursed.

-Mr. Duerr stated that the account can be used correctly.

Motion: To eliminate the police petty cash and move the remaining money in the account into the Township petty cash.

Motion: Herbert Grubbs 2nd: Alfred Contumelio

Vote:

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

Motion Passed

2. Purchase Replacement Truck from Potter Township, Centre County

-Mr. Winkler explained that the 1987 International truck will not pass inspection because the mounts are rusted. He stated that Dale Handick has found a used truck from Potter Township that is a 1990 International, 4wd which includes the bed and a blade.

-The Board from Potter Township accepted the Township’s offer of \$15,000.

-Mr. Duerr asked Mr. Handick if the truck looked to be in good shape. Mr. Handick said yes.

-Mr. Winkler stated that because the truck is being purchased from another Township, no bid is necessary.

Motion: To purchase the 1990 International Truck for \$15,000 from Potter Township, Centre County.

Motion: Donald Winkler 2nd: David Duerr

Vote:

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

Motion Passed

Motion: To use monies in the Capital Reserve account to purchase the \$15,000 truck from Potter Township, Centre County.

Motion: Donald Winkler 2nd: Herbert Grubbs

Vote:

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

Motion Passed

Mr. Turturice took this time to explain the new bidding threshold approved by the state.

3. Resolution Police Pension

Removed from Agenda prior to the start of the meeting

4. Sell Desk Purchased for Copier – never used

-Mr. Winkler announced that bids on the desk could be made and that fliers were available regarding the desk.

-Mr. Grubbs asked if there was a minimum bid and Mr. Winkler suggested \$50.

Motion: To accept bids on the desk purchased from Staples that has not been used with a minimum bid of \$50.00.

Motion: Donald Winkler 2nd: Herbert Grubbs

Vote:

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

Motion Passed

5. Key for holding tanks to RMC Sanitation

-Ms. Turrentine explained that they have a driver who does this route on Saturdays and that RMC Sanitation has requested a key for the holding tanks.

-Mr. Winkler asked why the Township would give a key to a 3rd party. Mr. Grubbs explained that it is to access sewage.

-Mr. Mills asked how anyone would know it was done if a slip was not signed. Mr. Grubbs stated that there is an overflow alarm.

Motion: To have RMC replace the Township locks to access the sewage holding tanks providing they give the Township a key.

Motion: Donald Winkler 2nd: David Duerr

Vote:

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

Motion Passed

Not on Agenda

1. Compressor for the Road Department

-Mr. Duerr explained that the air compressor currently in the shop does not have sufficient pressure. They would like to purchase a 7.5 hp air compressor.

Motion: To purchase an air compressor for the road garage up to \$2,400 out of the Capital Reserve.

Motion: David Duerr 2nd: Herbert Grubbs

Vote:

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

Motion Passed

Motion: To honor Elaine Nilon's request to have her payment for the 2010 audit paid in two installments due to personal financial reasons.

Motion: Donald Winkler 2nd: Alfred Contumelio

Vote:

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

Motion Passed

Correspondence:

1. Letter of Support for the Hanover Township Sewer Authority

-Mr. Winkler stated the grant would be to add Windy Hill to ongoing phase of the sewer project and went on to read the resolution.

-Mr. Duerr asked if the grant money was specifically for the extension. Mrs. Paden said yes.

-Mr. Duerr questioned whether the residents needed or wanted the system. Mrs. Paden stated that no one wants another bill but that the installation of the total system was decided 13 years ago.

Mr. Duerr stated that he would not force this upon anymore residents.

-Mr. Grubbs asked if this addition was in the current plans. Mrs. Paden stated no to which Mr. Duerr replied that a 537 Plan does not even exist for these people.

-Mr. Contumelio stated that the Sewer Authority Board was questioned about Windy Hill and Jack Rae stated he was unaware of the area. He went on to say that 2 of the Board members at the time knew.

-Mr. Winkler stated that he held a special meeting 2 years ago for a letter of support and was promised that this would not happen again. He went on to say that Deborah Jackson from the School District applied for the same grant and that their letter of support was approved at the September 21st meeting but that the Sewer Authority waited until one day before the application was due. Mrs. Paden stated they were not aware that they needed the letter and Mrs. Voelker stated that the letter was not required because a previous letter of support is already in existence.

- Mr. Winkler stated that this addition would not save residents money and Mrs. Paden replied by stating that it would add 31 customers to the billing cycle and that the Sewer Authority was trying to get all of the money for the project.
- Mr. Grubbs stated that the grant they were applying for was 50/50 matching grant and questioned where the other half was coming from. Mrs. Paden said that they would not be willing to increase the rate to cover the difference and that they were hoping the grant would cover the addition in full.
- Mr. Winkler read the letter of request from the Sewer Authority and questioned why the cost would be lower than projected. Mrs. Paden stated that in speaking with Jack Rae, he explained that if the addition was tied in to the current phase that it would lower the construction costs. She went on to say that the 31 additional customers would decrease the cost for everyone else per month.
- Mr. Winkler questioned why only \$504,500 was requested if the estimated cost of the project was \$1.9 million. Mr. Grubbs reiterated that the overall cost would be lower because it could be tied to the current project.
- Mr. Grubbs stated that the Sewer Authority needs a plan and summary to add that area to the current plan.
- Mr. Contumelio questioned why no members from the Hanover Township Sewer Authority were present at the meeting that Weirton, WV held regarding their rate increase when it affects residents of Paris. Mrs. Paden stated that the board called their board to insure that Township residents would still be considered a bulk customer and their rate would not increase the \$7.50 per month.

This issue was tabled until the Hanover Township Sewer Authority devises a 537 Plan for the addition of Windy Hill.

Public Comments:

- Mr. Bouts questioned what would be done with the truck from the road department that would not pass inspection. Mr. Winkler suggested taking it to auction and Mr. Duerr suggested the road department keep it for parts.
- Mrs. Bouts questioned what would be done with the fleet of police cars. Mr. Winkler stated that the police department is laid off and that no final decision has been made yet.
 - Mr. Grubbs asked what she suggested the Township do with the cars and Mrs. Bouts stated to sell them.
 - Mr. Duerr reiterated that police department is currently laid off, not disbanded and Mr. Turturice added that any such decision would be premature as the fate of the police department has not been concluded.
- Mr. Bouts questioned whether the state should maintain the roads surrounding Hillman Park because it is posted as a state park. Mr. Grubbs stated that area is leased to the state game lands and that the road in question, Haul Road, is a Township Road.
 - Mr. Winkler stated that there are 221 acres of game lands that the Township receives \$175 annually for in lieu of taxes. Mr. Handick and Mrs. Cassidy stated that there is approximately 3,600 acres. Mrs. Cassidy continued by saying that Mr. Hillman donated the land to the state for a park but it was never developed.

Motion to Adjourn

Donald Winkler/Alfred Contumelio
8:29PM

Donald Winkler, Chairman

Nancy Voelker, Vice Chairman

Herbert Grubbs, Supervisor

David Duerr, Supervisor

Alfred Contumelio, Supervisor

ATTEST: _____
Wendy M. Turrentine, Secretary/Treasurer

Date: _____