

The Hanover Township Board of Supervisors held their Regular Meeting on August 19, 2010 at 7:30pm at the Municipal Building. Those present were Donald Winkler-Chairman, David Duerr-Vice Chairman, Herbert Grubbs-Supervisor, Nancy Voelker-Supervisor, Alfred Contumelio-Supervisor, Wendy Turrentine-Secretary/Treasurer and Lane Turturice-Solicitor

Mr. Winkler called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes:

Motion: To Approve the minutes for the July 15, 2010 meeting

Motioned: David Duerr, 2nd: Alfred Contumelio

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

Questions on Agenda Items:

No Questions

Mr. Winkler stated he would add Mr. Furelli and the car show under the Park Report

Chairman's Report:

There will be a DEP meeting on September 8th at 10am with the Deputy Secretary of the DEP and stated that this will not be a public meeting.

Tickets for Stone Temple Pilots are available for residents

1st Niagara Pavilion does not seem to be doing well based on Mr. Winkler's observations. We need to consider that we may lose them.

Public Safety Reports:

Animal Control: 18 calls, 1 citation, 12 warnings, 1 dog bite, 6 animals picked up, 4 dogs placed in kennel, 3 animals taken to the Humane Society, 2 returned to owners.

Police: 53 citations, 2 reportable accidents, 40 underage consumptions, 1 disorderly conduct, 125 incidents. 6,054 police miles logged.

Magistrate fines \$12,753.89, Court of Common Pleas \$239.82

Fire: Medical calls and reportable trees down. 1 tractor trailer fire on Route 22

Park Report:

Betty Lemmi: The Covered Bridge Festival is September 18, 19, and 20

Mr. Furelli: 11th Annual Car Show was a huge success and thanked everyone for their support. There were 160 cars parked and 195 present on the field. Local organizations helped with food vending. We sold 11 rolls of 2,000 tickets for the 50/50. Mr. Furelli presented Betty Lemmi with a check for \$1,545.

Approve Expenses:

Motion: To approve expenses with the amendment of billing the Sewer Authority for Mr. Turturice's time involving the sewer issues.

Motioned: David Duerr, 2nd: Nancy Voelker

Vote:

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

New Business:

Resolution to Oppose Forced Local Government Mergers and Consolidations

PSATS sent the information to the Township, Mr. Winkler explained the resolution

Mr. Singer asked how much our opinion counted and it was explained that it is the collection opinion from all townships that will make the difference.

Motion: To Approve the Resolution to Oppose Forced Local Government Mergers and Consolidations to keep local government.

Motioned: Donald Winkler 2nd: Alfred Contumelio

Vote:

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

& 3. Surge Protector for traffic signal and the Traffic Signal LED Grant

It will cost the township \$160 per head (\$3,400 total) to replace the lights with LED and Washington County will cover the remaining cost. We will need to budget this next year.

Mr. Duerr explained the signal in Florence fails frequently and is in need of a surge protector.

Motion: To approve the application for Traffic Signal LED Grant and to install a surge protector at the signal in Florence when the lights are changed.

Motioned: David Duerr 2nd: Alfred Contumelio

Vote:

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

Covering expenses for Charleen Grey to attend the 2010 PA State Tax Collector's Association Annual Convention

Mr. Winkler read Mrs. Grey's request letter.

Mr. Duerr said in the past the Township only paid for registration and mileage and said he would like to keep it that way.

Charleen said she usually pays for her other expenses personally

Mrs. Voelker said she felt it was fair for the Township to pay for one night's lodging

Motion: To reimburse Charleen for her mileage, registration and one night's lodging to attend the 2010 PA State Tax Collector's Association Annual Convention in Gettysburg.

Motioned: Alfred Contumelio 2nd: Nancy Voelker

Vote:

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

Sewer Project Resolution

Mr. Winkler read the resolution which states the Township supports the installation of the sewer project but opposes its current design.

Motion: To pass the Sewer Project Resolution

Motioned: Donald Winkler 2nd: Nancy Voelker

Vote:

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

Signing over the title for 2004 Dodge to Green's Road & Towing in exchange for work they did for the Township

We have an invoice for \$247 from Green's that could be exchanged for the old cruiser. Mr. Winkler explained the car is shot because the motor is blown. Mr. Turturtice pointed out the Kelly Blue Book values on the car and that anything of value in excess of \$1,000 goes to the highest bidder.

Mr. Grubbs questioned if we owed Myers for the one that has been stored there for several years and asked if Green's would tow the vehicle to the Township for free.

Mr. Winkler said we would not owe Myers and that Green's would tow the vehicle at no cost.

Mr. Grubbs stated he believes that the Township could get \$600-700 for the vehicles.

Motion: To advertise the sale of both used patrol cars and sell them to the highest bidder

Motioned: Herbert Grubbs 2nd: Donald Winkler

Vote:

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

Officer Johnathan Bawkey's Resignation

Mr. Winkler read the resignation letter

Motion: To accept Officer Bawkey's resignation

Motioned: Donald Winkler 2nd: Nancy Voelker

Vote:

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

An Executive Session was called for personnel reasons by Donald Winkler at 8:20, returned at 8:33

Motion: Take Action with respect to the personnel matter discussed in the executive session

Motioned: Donald Winkler 2nd: Alfred Contumelio

Vote:

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

Grant for Aunt Clara Road

Mr. Duerr explained that the grant is through the Washington County Conservation District and explained the 3 phases of the project. He explained what the Township would be required to pay for, the amount the grant would cover and the estimated total cost for the project.

Mr. Furelli stated that he used to be an officer for the fish & boat commission for 15 years and patrolled the streams and there used to be 30 different species of fish but that the upper part of the stream has a thick layer of mud which could prevent species from reproducing. He also mentioned that it would be beneficial to try to have the stream stocked with more fish.

Motion: To approve the application for the dirt and gravel roads grant with Washington County Conservation District

Motioned: David Duerr 2nd: Herbert Grubbs

Vote:

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

Sign the grant contract and requisition for a new cinder spreader

Mr. Grubbs explained that the Township will receive \$5,000 from the Department of Economic Development towards the purchase of a new cinder spreader. The only requirement is that the Township opens a separate account for the money to be deposited in.

Motion: To sign the grant contract and requisition for a new cinder spreader and opening a separate account with PNC for this grant money

Motioned: Herbert Grubbs 2nd: Alfred Contumelio

Vote:

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

Correspondence:

Letter from Hanover Volunteer Fire Department, Inc in regards to scheduling a meeting about a Knox Box Ordinance

Mr. Duerr, Mr. Grubbs and Mr. Morra met on August 18th for several hours to discuss this issue

Knox Boxes would be required on commercial buildings with alarm systems connected to 911 for fire only and gated communities

Mr. Morra explained that the keys allow the fire department to respond in a faster way during emergencies and that 911 is alerted when they enter a building.

Who would have access to these keys was questioned by several board members and residents.

It was answered that the Captain on duty would access these keys

Mr. Morra explained that cost per Knox Box is \$400 plus installation

Mr. Winkler stated that a Knox Box Ordinance should be tied in with an ordinance regarding vegetation control around hydrants

Mr. Duerr said these need to be separate ordinances

Mr. Duerr stated that he had spoken with several other larger communities and they do utilize Knox Boxes, none of them have made them mandatory (75% of these businesses do have them) and stated that this is something he feels should not be forced on business owners)

Mr. Donohue expressed his opinion that it is very important to be able to get into any business in a timely manner and that it is a big advantage for the business owner as they may experience less damage

Mr. Turturice explained that the current ordinance needs work and should be tied into zoning and that they need to define the alarm

Mr. Dennis Singer said that this should be up to the business owner

Motion: To authorize the Solicitor rework the Knox Box Ordinance based on discussed framework

Motioned: Donald Winkler 2nd: Herbert Grubbs

Vote:

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

Motion: To instruct the solicitor to compile a vegetation ordinance that land owners must maintain areas around fire hydrants

Motioned: Donald Winkler 2nd David Duerr

Vote:

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

Letter from Mr. Donohue in regards to drilling sites and sewage transfer locations

The fire department needs to identify what chemicals are being used and the amount of hazardous waste they may encounter in case of an emergency situation. They also need emergency contact numbers

Dennis Neidenmeir- Bi-Oxide is the chemical used

Mrs. Voelker will locate the 9-1-1 numbers

Mr. Duerr is inquiring about the chemicals

Public Comments:

Mr. Winkler: A discussion ensued regarding a photograph of a pump station located on a Township right of way on Phillips Lane and expressed that the sewer company intended to put a fence around it, only leaving clearance of less than 2 feet for our road crew. He will be very vigorous to not support a fence on right of way without permission.

Mr. Singer questioned how we lost our appeal with the DEP.

It was explained that there has not yet been a decision made

Mr. Contumelio stated that when Mrs. Voelker was sick, Mr. Winkler was here and feels that he needs to be compensated as well.

Mr. Winkler stated he does not want paid but did state that he was going to limit his time working on the Township

Mr. Singer questioned if there were any plans in the works for the Old Township building
The answer was not as of yet

Adjourn Meeting