

The Hanover Township Board of Supervisors held **Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 21, 2012** at 7:30 pm at the Municipal Building. Those present were David Duerr-Chairman, James Donohue-Vice Chairman, Herbert Grubbs-Supervisor, Kevin Lemmi-Supervisor, Donald Winkler-Supervisor, Wendy M. Turrentine-Secretary/Treasurer & Lane Turturice-Solicitor

Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting May 17, 2012

Motion: To approve the minutes from the regular meeting held May 17, 2012

Motion: Kevin Lemmi 2nd: James Donohue

Vote:

Mr. Duerr-yes, Mr. Donohue-yes, Mr. Lemmi-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes, Mr. Winkler-yes

Motion Passed

2. Special Meeting June 6, 2012

Motion: To approve the minutes from the special meeting held June 6, 2012

Motion: Donald Winkler 2nd: Kevin Lemmi

Vote:

Mr. Duerr-yes, Mr. Donohue-yes, Mr. Lemmi-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes, Mr. Winkler-yes

Motion Passed

Questions on Agenda Items:

None

Chairman's Report:

An executive session was held on June 20, 2012 at 4:00pm for personnel reasons

Public Safety Reports:

Police Department: Mr. Winkler said that there is only one Township officer who works a limited schedule. He also stated that there have been two shows at the pavilion which overall went very smoothly.

Mr. Reed asked why officers could be provided for the pavilion but not for the Township.

-Mr. Winkler explained that there are issues within the Township but is hopeful it will get better.

Mr. Reed asked if the Township was providing insurance for the pavilion.

-Mr. Winkler stated yes.

Mrs. Reed stated that the Township's concern is money and hers is her safety. There are loose pit bulls and a window has been shot out of her house. She said that residents deserve protection.

-Mr. Winkler stated that he fought to keep the police department and that the Township will get more officers.

-Mrs. Reed asked if she should sit and wait if her life is threatened and also said that she has lived here for 33 years and the past 10 have been bad.

-Mr. Winkler suggested she sit down and talk with the Officer in Charge.

Animal Control: 20 calls answered/received at residence, 14 warnings issued, 10 hours patrolled, 6 dogs picked up/placed in kennel, 2 dogs returned to owner and 14 nuisance calls received.

Fire Department: Thank you to everyone who attended or helped with the Sportsman's Bash.

Road Report:

Total Wages \$15,187.84; Total hours 822 consisting of 202 shop hours, 552 road hours & 68 miscellaneous.

Mr. Duerr announced that there has been an issue with road signs being taken and the problem is getting worse so he is asking that if anyone sees anything, they report it.

Mr. Duerr announced that the road crew has been busy paving and patching roads.

Park Report:

Mrs. Lemmi said that the park is open and busy.

-Day Camp is being held on Tuesdays

Mrs. Harper stated that this is the nicest park in the area and that Dee Bailey does a great job.

Approve Expenses:

Mr. Duerr stated that the Walsh Equipment bill had already been paid the previous month.

Mr. Morra asked what the bill for KLH was for.

-Ms. Turrentine read the invoice and projects.

-Mr. Reitz stated that WCCED would pay the invoice.

Mr. Niederriter questioned the number of hours worked on Mr. Makel’s invoice.

-Mr. Duerr said approximately 23-25

-Mr. Niederriter asked if he was making any progress.

-Mr. Duerr stated they were plodding along.

-Mr. Lemmi explained the invoice for the IRS as the 2010 2nd quarter 941 for payroll was not paid in full due to the departure of the payroll company.

Motion: To approve the Bills List with the exception of the bill for Walsh Equipment.

Motion: Herbert Grubbs 2nd: Kevin Lemmi

Vote:

Mr. Duerr-yes, Mr. Donohue-yes, Mr. Lemmi-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes, Mr. Winkler-yes

Motion Passed

New Business:

1. Range Resources – McWreath South Pad

-Mr. Grubbs stated that the plans have been reviewed.

-Mrs. Harper asked who was responsible should something happen.

-Mr. Markocic explained that the state has established a site specific emergency plan. He went on to say that the access roads are all state roads and the site is located in a remote area.

Motion: To approve the request by Range Resources for Conditional Use to create the McWreath South well pad on Starvaggi Properties, Inc.

Motion: Herbert Grubbs 2nd: James Donohue

Vote:

Mr. Duerr-yes, Mr. Donohue-yes, Mr. Lemmi-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes, Mr. Winkler-yes

Motion Passed

2. LERTA Renewal

It was explained that a public hearing was held today at 7:15pm.

Motion: To approve the renewal of the LERTA Ordinance 127 with the change of a 5 year exemption, to expire after 4 years.

Motion: Herbert Grubbs 2nd: Kevin Lemmi

Vote:

Mr. Duerr-yes, Mr. Donohue-yes, Mr. Lemmi-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes, Mr. Winkler-yes

Motion Passed

Not on Agenda:

1. Road Crew Personnel

- Mr. Duerr explained that he and Mr. Handick had interviewed several candidates.
- The best candidate of those interviewed was Thomas Fehl of Bulger, PA.
- Mr. Duerr stated he hopes to readdress the status in 90 days.

Motion: To hire Thomas Fehl of Bulger, PA as a part time road department employee at the rate of \$17.34 per hour.

Motion: David Duerr 2nd: Kevin Lemmi

Vote:

Mr. Duerr-yes, Mr. Donohue-yes, Mr. Lemmi-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes, Mr. Winkler-yes

Motion Passed

New Business (cont).

3. Transfer \$65,000 from the General Fund to Capital Reserve

- Mr. Lemmi explained that in March, the Board transferred \$115,000 to cover insurance costs. If \$65,000 was transferred, that would leave a balance of \$50,000 to replenish the funds at a later date.
- Mr. Lemmi stated that this would leave a balance of roughly \$28,000 in the general fund with no outstanding invoices expected.

Motion: Move \$65,000 from the Capital Reserve to the General Fund to reimburse funds used prior in the year.

Motion: Kevin Lemmi 2nd: Donald Winkler

Vote: Mr. Duerr-yes, Mr. Donohue-yes, Mr. Lemmi-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes, Mr. Winkler-yes

Motion Passed

4. Authorize the Advertisement of the 2011 DCED Audit

- The 2011 DCED audit was completed and submitted to the state.

Motion: To authorize the advertisement of the completion of the 2011 DCED audit.

Motion: Kevin Lemmi 2nd: James Donohue

Vote:

Mr. Duerr-yes, Mr. Donohue-yes, Mr. Lemmi-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes, Mr. Winkler-yes

Motion Passed

5. Conditionally hire new officers for 2012 First Niagara Pavilion Season.

- Mr. Winkler explained that 5 of these officers are already recognized by MPOETC.
- Mrs. Cassidy asked why the Township had to hire more officers when there were 20 cars here for the last training session.
- Mr. Winkler stated that the training session was not for 6 people and that there were other officers who attended who were not able to make the first session. He also said that every year, the staff decreases throughout the season.
- Mr. Duerr said that the number of officers used is based on the show and it is easier to have a pool of employees to work with.

Motion: To conditionally hire the following new officers for the First Niagara Pavilion.

Kristie Salzman – Monongalia, PA	Roman Williams – Pittsburgh, PA
Michael Mace – Donora, PA	Jacob Reed – St. Mary’s, PA
James King – Pittsburgh, PA	Jeremiah Curtis – Ambridge, PA
Joseph Campbell – Carnegie, PA	Jennifer Dempsey – Pittsburgh, PA
Kevin Orndorff – Dubois, PA	Lindsey Bigger – Monroeville, PA
Gary Mazur – Pittsburgh, PA	

Motion: Donald Winkler 2nd: James Donohue

Vote:

Mr. Duerr-yes, Mr. Donohue-yes, Mr. Lemmi-yes, Mr. Grubbs-yes, Mr. Winkler-yes

Motion Passed

6. Solicitor

- Mr. Winkler stated that Mr. Turturice has graciously stayed on in this position but the time has come to choose one of the candidates.
- Mrs. Burress asked if this would be a conflict of interest for Mr. Makel
- Mr. Niederriter stated that Mr. Makel had intended to resign before and asked why he came back.
- Mrs. Burress asked how many people applied. Mr. Duerr stated 4.
 - Mrs. Burress questioned how many candidates were interviewed and by who.
- Mr. Niederriter suggested the Board let Mr. Makel finish what he's working on now before he takes on the position of solicitor.
- Mr. Duerr questioned the integrity involved and asked where Mr. Makel's loyalties were. He also said that his style of billing is atrocious as it is in a solid paragraph with a total and is not itemized.
- Mrs. Cassidy stated that Mr. Makel should complete his investigation before he becomes solicitor and asked how long the investigation would take.
 - Mr. Duerr explained that things such as this take time.
- Mrs. Cassidy stated she feels other candidates should be considered and questioned the thousands of dollars already paid to Mr. Makel.
- Mr. Winkler stated there were 6 hearings Mr. Makel was involved in and he won them all.
- Mr. Duerr stated he would like a solicitor to be able to keep the Township out of court. He also stated that Mr. Makel is good as a hit man but that the Township needs a bodyguard.
- Mrs. Cassidy urged the Board to take other candidates into consideration as 2 people have already warned the Township about costs incurred by Mr. Makel.
- Mr. Winkler stated that Mr. Makel represents more townships than anyone else. He went on to say that two of the candidates were from Pittsburgh and he did not want someone from Allegheny County.
- Mr. Niederriter asked if the Board was making a decision today. Mr. Donohue said they resumes have been sitting out there and this is not a decision that was made overnight.
- Mr. Niederriter asked if everyone had sat down with the candidates.
- Mrs. Burress stated again that Mr. Makel needs to finish the job at hand.
- Mr. Duerr stated that Mr. Makel is the solicitor for other townships with meetings on the same night and questioned if that had been addressed.
- Mr. Duerr suggested re-advertising the position.
- Mr. Turturice stated that he would be happy to stay on as solicitor as long as necessary.

Motion: To appoint Dennis M. Makel as solicitor for Hanover Township.

Motion: Donald Winkler 2nd: James Donohue

Vote:

Mr. Duerr-no, Mr. Donohue-yes, Mr. Lemmi-no, Mr. Grubbs-yes, Mr. Winkler-yes

Motion Passed

Mr. Noble stated that two residents complained about safety issues and were blown off. He said that the Township officer should stay in the Township.

Mr. Turturice stated that the pavilion officers were not protected by the police bargaining agreement so this should not have an effect on the decision to have a pavilion officer in the Township.

-Mr. Duerr stated that the bargaining agreement, although expired, is still in effect.

Mrs. Harper stated that businesses are left to protect themselves.

Correspondence:

Mr. Duerr read a letter from State Representative Jesse White regarding the Act 13 funds the Township will be receiving and how he feels the Township should use these funds for the sewer project.

-Mr. Duerr stated that residents have not yet received a bill so this is an unknown premise.

-Mr. Duerr also stated that Representative White is currently fighting Act 13.

-Mr. Grubbs commented that Representative White is trying to tell the Township how to spend the funds.

-Mr. Winkler stated that Act 13 took rights away from Townships. He also said that the sewer bill has not yet exceeded \$80.

Public Comments:

Mrs. Noble requested a tour of the Police Department

Mr. Noble questioned the permits of temporary trailers approved at the last meeting.

-Mr. Duerr explained they are only rig trailers and rig hand trailers.

-Mr. Grubbs stated that these trailers require a building permit.

Mr. Sarrassino asked the Board if they would be interested in purchasing road salt from Burgettstown Borough as the Township only gets a minimal amount each year.

-He said he would get numbers and tonage with pricing.

Mrs. Harper congratulated the Fire Department for 50 years of service and asked if the Township planned to celebrate this.

-Mr. Riter stated that the Fire Department is planning a celebration for the fall.

Adjourn:

8:40pm