

The Hanover Township Board of Supervisors held their **Regular Meeting** on **August 20, 2009 at 7:30 pm.** at the Municipal Building. Those present were Donald Winkler-Chairman, David Duerr-Vice Chairman, Herbert Grubbs-Supervisor, Nancy Voelker-Supervisor, Alfred Contumelio-Supervisor, Janis Krawchyk-Secretary/Treasurer, Lane Turturice-Solicitor and John Mowry-Engineer.

Mr. Winkler called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Contumelio motioned to approve the minutes for July 15, 2009 meeting. 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.

Questions on the agenda items: None

Supervisors Report:

Mr. Winkler did not give any report due to the fact there are many items on the agenda.

Police Report: Mr. Duerr reported fourteen traffic citation, eighty-one incidences, miles logged on police vehicles-5,145, Magistrate Check-\$21,400.80 and Clerk of Court Check-\$715.25. Animal Control Officer-Seventeen calls answered, logged ten hours, picked up six dogs-three to kennel, two to the Humane Society and one was returned to the owner.

Approve Expenses:

Picadio, Sneath, Miller & Norton: Pay if the deductible is not meet.

Mr. Duerr wanted to know why Tri State Fire Extinguisher's bill is \$1,086.39 and last year Abco's bill was only \$387.00. Mr. Duerr wanted to know the justification for spending the additional \$700.00 for the same service. He acknowledged that they had purchased some new fire extinguishers but stated the other services cost more. Mr. Contumelio said they took metal extinguishers and replaced them with plastic. The understanding is Abco took metal fire extinguishers and left metal ones. Mr. Winkler said at the Safety Meeting it was discussed and the consensus was they were not pleased with the job Abco did. Mr. Winkler motioned to approve the expenses with the addition on the bills for Lane Construction and Russell Standard and the verification of the bills for Picadio, Sneath, Miller and Norton. Mr. Contumelio seconded the vote.

Vote on motion.

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

Motion carried.

Park Board Report:

Mrs. Rhoades reported the Covered Bridge Festival would be held on September 19th and 20th. Mr. Chris Hamel, Dale Property Services Penn, has contacted the Park Board. A flea market is being held the last Saturday of each month.

New Business:

1. RMC Sanitation has sent a bid for the year 2009 for septage pumping at a cost of \$195.00 per pump out. Allen Waste is hauling it now at a cost of \$225.00 per pump out. It is pump usually once a month. Mr. Grubbs motioned to give Allen Waste a chance to match the offer from RMC Sanitation and if not take the offer from RMC Sanitation. 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.

2. Ralph Farulli/Donation to park; Mr. Farulli reported the car show was a success and he would like to thank the supervisors, park board and everyone that help in making it a success. The amount raised for the park was \$1,740.00.

3. Patty Parrish/Burgettstown Community Library: She asked to board to consider the library in their budget to receive a donation.

4. Wash. Co. Planning Comm. Census is conducting training for the Complete Count Committee. Last month the county requested the township forming a committee to double check the census count to make sure all residents were counted. Isadore volunteer last month for the committee, but they are having training classes for the whole committee, therefore more members are needed. Joe Fisher along with Charlene Grey agreed to be part of the committee. The class will be held on Wed. September 9 at 10:00 am located in Room 104 at the Courthouse Square Building in Washington. Mr. Duerr motioned to pay mileage for the committee to attend the training in Washington. Mr. Contumelio seconded the motion.

Vote on motion.

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

5. Dale Properties: Interested in mineral rights in the area. Mrs. Rhoades said Chris Hamel had contacted her and they will have a booth set up at the Covered Bridge Festival. They will also help with the cost of the entertainment at the festival. She believes anyone with questions should meet Chris Hamel at the festival.

6. Charlene Grey: She is asking the board to help with the expenses for her to attend the PA State Tax Collector's Assoc. Annual Convention. The cost would be \$150.00 registration fee and for mileage back and forth to Pittsburgh. The conventions are being held on October 9th and 10th. Mr. Contumelio motioned to pay these expenses for Charlene Grey. 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.

7. Traffic Systems & Services: Mr. Winkler explained that on July 27, the red light at Steubenville Pike and Route 18 went out. There was a spare unit put in by Traffic Systems until the other one could be fixed. They are now saying it cannot be fixed. The supervisors have the options of buying the spare unit that is already installed at a cost of \$1,475.00 or a new replacement for \$2,196.50. Mr. Duerr motioned to purchase the spare unit that is already installed. 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.

8. Washington Co. Redevelopment: Mr. Grubbs received a letter stating there is going to be informational public hearings held for the 2010 Local Share Account {LSA} Program. If townships have, a project(s) they need funded for they can apply. These monies are from the slots money. There is eleven million dollars available. The meeting will be held at the Slovan VFW on August 26 at 2:00 pm. The funding request has to be in by November 2, 2009. Mr. Grubbs is going to attend the meeting and any of the other supervisors are welcome to attend.

9. Gannett Fleming: The Hanover Township Sewer Authority is requesting an extension on the Road Occupancy Permit for the construction of the Florence area sanitary sewers until December 31, 2010. This permit has not been used because the project has not been started. The permit is for 2,153 feet along N.Kings Creek Road. Mr. Grubbs motioned to extend the permit until December 31, 2010. 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.

10. Comcast Franchise Agreement: Mr. Duerr has read the agreement and all of the issues have been settled. Mr. Duerr motioned to accept and sign the franchise agreement. 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.

Board went into Executive Session at 8:25 pm. Meeting resumed at 8:40 pm.

11. Old Township Building lease agreement: Mr. Duerr explained the lease is for ten years with the monthly rent of \$600.00 going toward the repairs of the building. After ten years, they will have the right to renew without more than a maximum of a 40% increase in the rent. Mr. Duerr motioned to approve the lease with the modification of the right to extend the lease after ten years. Mr. Winkler seconded the motion.

Comment: Rent will go towards repairs up to \$72,000.00 only, if they put more than that amount into the building it is an asset to the township. Capital improvements only are permitted. The only soft cost are engineering and architect design fees.

Vote on motion.

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

Motion carried.

12. Hire two part time police officers: Mr. Contumelio explained that in June it was voted upon to hire two more part time police officers. Mr. Contumelio motioned to hire two part time officers: Andrew Kaupinis-from Cuddy, PA and Jason Tomei from New Castle, PA. They were taken from the pool that was hired for PGP. This would bring the Police Force to seven. Mr. Contumelio said these officers were hired to make the pool larger to help fill the schedule. The other part time officers cannot work enough hours because they are working at other jobs. Mr. Winkler said one hundred officers could be hired because we do not pay benefits for part time officers, just uniform allowance. Mr. Winkler seconded the motion. Mr. Duerr called for a discussion. Mr. Duerr said it is not that we do not have enough officers, the one's we have are just not working out. Mr. Contumelio was asked if this was not the case. Mr. Contumelio agreed. Mr. Duerr said it is not working out because the officers that were hired told the supervisors they would be available for more hours than they are now working. Instead of hiring more officer's Mr. Duerr believes they should lay off one officer that is not working out and hire one that can work the hours needed. Mr. Duerr asked Mr. Winkler if this motion was to increase the size of the department from five to seven officer's.? Mr. Winkler said yes, we needed to increase the size of the pool. The Chief thinks we need it lets see what the supervisors think.

Vote on motion.

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Winkler/Hanover Township Sewer Project:

Mr. Winkler introduced the township engineer, Mr. John Mowry. The residents of Hanover Township have many questions on the new sewage plant. The supervisors cannot answer these questions. There is no one in Hanover Township experienced in a sewage treatment plant. Mr. Winkler also invited Burg.-Smith Authority

members to come to the meeting and answer questions about running a plant. Mr. Cassidy, from Burgettstown Smith Sewer Authority will answer question for the residents.

Mr. Cassidy started by dispelling rumors again the Burg. Smith Sewer Authority wanted nothing to do with Hanover. They are there with open arms to accept the sewage from Hanover if that would be the option. The board is willing to help in anyway possible. They do not want to take Hanover Sewer Authority: they only want to help with getting this project completed.

Question: Hanover Sewer Authority said they could not afford to go to Burgettstown.

Mr. Cassidy informed everyone the charges have not change since two years ago. They are \$5.16 per thousand gallons for sewage, \$1,350.00 tap in fee and \$10.43 dept service charge. There would be a six-inch line from the Spruce Lane Pump Station to the Plant in Joffre. The pump station would be set up so a second pump could be added if needed for growth.

Question: There is trouble with a smell at a pump station in Paris, would this be a problem at the pump station in Bavington.

Mr. Cassidy said his understanding is as long a there is sufficient flow there will not be an odor.

Question: PGP is seasonal and without the use in the off-season would this create a continual flow problem?

Mr. Cassidy is not sure about the flow problem but they are aware this facility could create a spike in ammonia. Therefore, it may have to be pretreated.

Question: If you were to take over our system, would Phase II be grinder pumps or would it be gravity flow.

Mr. Cassidy: We would not take over the system because Hanover has a Sewer Authority: but we prefer the gravity flow system over grinder pumps because they break down. Burgettstown has forty-three or so grinder pumps and some of them have been repaired six times. The average cost to fix them is \$1,600.00 to \$1,800.00.

Mr. Cassidy said the cost to run Burgettstown on a yearly basis, and it is larger than the plant being considered in Hanover, is as follows:

Electric-\$102,000.00

Wages (five employees) \$331,900.00 plus benefits: Certified operators are hard to come by and their wages are thirty five to fifty thousand dollars a year plus benefits. . It takes two men to pull a grinder pump and have it repaired. The cost would be determined by how many employees you have.

Mr. Mowry, being a previous Burgettstown Sewer Authority member, said you have to allow for delinquent when setting up the cost for a new plant. You rely on this revenue when you do the up-front calculations but then you have these delinquencies Mr. Cassidy said the delinquencies for the month of May was \$159,000.00. This is a running balance.

Mr. Grubbs said when you are figuring the cost to run to Burgettstown seems low until you add all the fees that have to be charged by Hanover Sewer Authority. These cost would added to Burgettstown fees.

The cost of sludge removal is 3 to 11 cent without the cost of trucking.

Burgettstown has one employee for forty-three grinder pumps, how many is Hanover going to need for all the grinder pumps they have.

Mr. Cassidy said two years ago when Burgettstown talked to Hanover the cost was the same for building a pump station and running a line to Burgettstown or building a plant. That would be the initial cost but than there would be no cost to operate the plant.

It would cost the residents Hanover's tap in fee plus Burgettstown's tap in fee, the debt service for both entities and the cost per gallon plus what ever Hanover adds to that to cover their cost.

Mr. Winkler read the letter from Mr. Balta, Burgettstown Smith Joint Sewage Authority, stating they would be willing to consider treating sewage from Hanover. They would be agreeable to meet to discuss this matter. Mr. Winkler said this would be the largest undertaking this township will see: with the Paris sewer and the proposed Phase II for Bavington and Florence area. Mr. Winkler does not want to vote on hope. Could we be creating a monster that you have to keep feeding because of the operational cost? Do we want are people to have sewerage

or do we want to be in the sewer business? Have we looked at all the options? Have we reviewed going to Burgettstown in the last two years? Have we looked at a modular plant, do we have a price on a modular plant? He has received four budgets from the Sewer Authority this year and they are all different. They are in a penalty phase at Starpointe: which is costing them \$41,000.00. If we can build a plant, can we afford it? I am not comfortable signing for this loan until we get other opinions. Mr. Winkler stated that the Sewer Board spends a lot of time and effort and they should be commended. He believes a peer review should be done with all options. Mr. Winkler wants the sewer board to put all the options together and have Mr. Mowry, Township Engineer, to review on behalf of the Hanover Township Board of Supervisors. The Sewer Authority has all this information, they just need to gather it together and give it to Mr. Mowry and within the month he could tell us the best option. On the advice of council, there would be a special meeting between the Hanover Township Sewer Authority and the Hanover Township Board of Supervisors. If building a plant would be the best option than the board could go along with this decision. Mr. Winkler asked the Sewer Authority if they would be willing to put the information together and give it to Mr. Mowry. The Sewer Authority agreed to do this. Mr. Winkler wants any information the Supervisors, Burgettstown Smith Sewer Authority, WCCED engineers have included. At the special meeting the findings from Mr. Mowry would be looked at. The Sewer Authority would have the opportunity to dispute or talk about any of the findings. The cost would of this review would fall on the entities involved. Mr. Winkler motioned to approve Mr. Mowry to conduct a peer review with Jack Rae on the Phase II design and make recommendations to the board. Mr. Contumelio seconded the motion. Mr. Duerr is concerned about making ends meet as to which design is deemed best for Hanover Township. He wants to see that the Authority can operate without any added cost to the residents of Hanover Township. Mr. Duerr is concerned about the cost of disposing of the sludge.

Vote on motion.

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Rea wanted to make sure all the information involved would be updated information. Mr. Mowry will use all undated information. Mr. Rea is concerned with the schedule: the authority has until November 4, 2009 to close the Pennvest loan. They also need six days to go through the municipal guarantee and the loan guarantee is 5.8 million dollars not 8.2 million dollars. Mr. Rea believes the study is a good idea but he is concerned about the schedule impact.

Mr. Winkler said the sooner the information is given to Mr. Mowry the sooner he can begin on the revue. Mr. Mowry knows what they are up against and he will do his best to expedite the process.

There being no further business. Mr. Winkler motioned to adjourn. 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.

Donald Winkler, Chairman

David Duerr, Vice Chairman

Herbert Grubbs, Supervisor

Nancy Voelker, Supervisor

Alfred, Contumelio, Supervisor

ATTEST: Janis Krawchyk, Secretary/Treasurer

