

The Hanover Township Board of Supervisors held their **Regular Meeting**, on **November 19, 2009** at **7:30 p.m.** at the Municipal Building. Those present were Donald Winkler-Chairman, David Duerr-Vice Chairman, Herbert Grubbs-Supervisor, Nancy Voelker-Supervisor, Alfred Contumelio-Supervisor, Lane Turturice-Solicitor and Janis Krawchyk-Secretary/Treasurer.

Mr. Winkler called the meeting to order.

An Executive Session was held on November 18, 2009 for personnel.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Winkler motioned to approve minutes. 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 Agenda Item: None

Supervisors Report:

Mr. Winkler presented Mrs. Ruth Zirkle with a plaque or recognition from the Board of Supervisors for all the community service and volunteer work done for the community of Hanover Township.

Police Report:

Mr. Duerr reported there were 17 traffic citations, 2 reportable accidents, 0 non-reportable accidents, 4,726 miles logged on the police cars, Magistrate fines were \$19,356.29 and Clerk of Court fines were \$68.30.

Approve Expenses:

Mr. Grubbs motioned to approve the expenses. 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.

New Business:

1. Hanover Township Sewer Authority has requested a letter of support for the request for funding from the RACW Local Share Account (gaming revenue) for the renovation of the old township building. A resolution is also needed. Mr. Duerr motioned to approve Resolution 2009-9 and the letter of support for Hanover Township Sewer Authority. Mr. Grubbs seconded the motion.

Vote on motion.

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

Motion carried.

2. Mr. Grubbs motioned to set fees for the Code Appeal process. In December 2006 the supervisors adopted the BOCA Code and a Board of Appeals was formed. The standard fee in the area is \$400.00 for

residential and \$500.00 for non-residential or cost incurred. If money is owed to the township, the result from the Board of Appeals can be withheld until payment is received. Mr. Winkler seconded the motion. Vote on motion.

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

3. Mr. Winkler would like letters of interest for the Planning, Zoning Hearing Board, Sewer Authority and the Park Board. Planning Comm. has a vacancy and one appointment and Zoning Hearing Board has one appointment and also needs an alternate. Other boards have members up for reappointment. This does not mean anyone will be replaced; the board would just like to have letters of interest.

4. Morgan Road Associates/Flex II Building: Sally Flinn and Dan Reitz were both present for the meeting. They have a site plan review that was approved by KLH, township engineers and had a couple of questions regarding the plan review.

a. The Zoning Ordinance requires a 15% Landscaping Bond. This was never required because it was a County Industrial Park and they have their own bond presently. The bond will be provided to the County (WCCED) by the buyers of the property that is building the building. That bond is 10% of the purchase price of the land. Mr. Winkler said if we do it for one how do we not do it for another. Mr. Reitz said it would not be a problem to have the required 15% Landscaping Bond for the township.

b. Public Inspection Fees. Mr. Grubbs said there would not be any public inspections such as roads. This will all be private-on lot.

c. Sewage: Emily Shade from DEP is requesting, storage tank hauling and water meter readings. They are requiring one year of records. Dan Reitz has submitted a permit for the Package Plant. This would be an interim solution for marketing the park for larger businesses. Emily Shade will review this. If the Planning Modular was complete and be approved, she would consider adding another holding tank for the new building because there concern is this regional sewer issue. Mr. Reitz said he has some huge companies that want to build on large sites in the Industrial Park but he has not way of addressing the sewage. Mrs. Flinn would like a conditional approval until Emily Shade returns to work.

Mr. Grubbs motioned to approve with the condition the sewage problem is satisfied by Emily Shade. Mr. Winkler seconded the motion.

Vote on motion.

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

5. Mr. Duerr explained that Burgettstown Borough is requesting a letter of support from Hanover Township for they are submitting a request for the Local Share Review Panel for funds to build a new Kids Center. Mr. Duerr motioned to approve the letter of support. 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.

6. Gannett Flemming, engineers for the HTSA has applied for an Amendment No. 2 to the Hanover Act 537 Plan. Mr. Winkler read a list of Alternatives to be studied.

#1 Current Phase 2 project with Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) cost saving measures and/or changing from cast-in-place to a pre-cast or package plant.

#2 Delete proposed HTSA STP and add BSTJSA option.

#3 Relocate proposed HTSA STP westward, shorten the interceptor, and possibly delete Bavington Service Area.

#4 Change Florence and Bavington collection sewers from low pressure/grinder pumps to gravity.

#5. Add facilities for acceptance and treatment of oil/gas well brine water.

Mr. Duerr wanted to know how long it would take. Mr. Winkler said KLH Engineers for the township did a peer review in twenty-six days: that was just one alternative. Mr. Morra, from the Sewer Board, said at least six months if you are lucky. Mr. Grubbs said it would depend on how complicated it gets. Mr. Winkler commented that these options should have been looked at before now.

7. Mr. Winkler motioned to advertise for the 2010-purposed budget. Mr. Grubbs seconded the motion. Vote on motion. Mr. Duerr wanted to know if there was not going to be any discussion. Mr. Winkler said we are only advertising the budget.

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

8. Mr. Winkler has one item not on the agenda. Mr. Winkler motioned to have a dusk to dawn light put in the dark area behind the building. Mr. Contumelio seconded the motion.

Mr. Duerr wanted to know why after eight years there is a problem with this dark area. He also stated that in the proposed budget: you could not find money to support issues that I have but you can spend money on a light. Mr. Grubbs asked Chief Geho if he has not complained over the years about this dark area with working at night. Chief agreed he had said that in the past but told Mr. Duerr this was not his request.

Mrs. Sabatasse suggested putting a motion light up but Mr. Grubbs said there is not power in that area to connect the light.

Vote on motion.

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

Motion carried.

9. Mr. Grubbs has an item not on the agenda. He would like to replace the furnace at the Road Department. They cannot set the furnace so it runs off a thermostat. Mr. Grubbs will get quotes on a more efficient furnace. 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.

10. Mr. Contumelio motioned to buy Roy Edmonds a new cell phone because his is not working. Mr. Winkler seconded the motion.

Vote on motion.

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Turturice, Solicitor suggested the township pass an ordinance for interim tax. Charlene Grey said she did not think it would be feasible for only four mills. The supervisors agreed.

Public Comments:

Kyle wanted to know if there were any qualifications needed for being appointed to a board. There are no qualifications required but list them on you letter of interest if you have qualifications. Mr. Grubbs said some of the boards are volunteer boards.

Mrs. Dawn Paden has petitions for the supervisors concerning the sewer problems.

- (1) Gravity flow/no grinder pumps for Phase II and tying into BSTJSA instead of dealing with a treatment plant in Hanover Township and incurring those costs. (113 signatures)
- (2) Mr. Kladakis not working well with anyone. Due to the investigation pending by the Auditor General we the residents of Hanover Township are asking the Supervisors to demand Mr. Kladakis's resignation. We, the residents do not trust nor do we want to deal with the Sewer Authority because of the Chairman (145 signatures)

Mr. Progar informed the public that Mr. Rae said the design for the Paris portion of the sewer project was to take a flow of 200 gallons per day per household: but he told the DEP it was designed to take the flow of 275 gallons per day per household. He does not even know what he has designed.

A water flushing system was never looked into. They voted at the last meeting to use the chemical system; which will cost \$45,000.00 plus \$35,000.00 for the chemicals.

Residents from Devil's Den Road were very upset with the fact that DEP knew the gases coming out of the sewers were toxic but never notified the residents. They called the media, the observer reporter and DEP. DEP told them it was not high levels of gas, but dangerous levels of gas. They are sick, headaches and it only happens when they are home. Residents were told by DEP that water will not work nor with tablets. Chemical treatment is the only way to eliminate the gases and it was to be installed by Friday, November 20, 2009. DEP said they had never encountered a Municipal Authority that has been so uncooperative. Mr. Kladakis will not return their phone calls.

Mr. Mills said he heard the sewer authority made the comment if they cannot put the plant in Florence, they will run a line to Weirton. What would that cost?

Mrs. Harper wanted to know what all the state would investigate, just the money or the whole system. DEP has never mandated Hanover Township to put in sewerage. It takes at least 50% of defaulted systems for them to mandate public sewerage. Mrs. Shade of the DEP tried several times to get touch with Mr. Kladakis without success, but she found him at the pump station. He did not want to talk to her and she told him the residents said the same thing you will not talk to them. DEP said they would do a Civil Suite. DEP will not give them an extension.

Mr. Turturice said he would let the DEP handle the situation. They are a public entity and they hold a public trust.

Chief Geho explained why he, his children and the neighbors have been sick. No one has ever mention Hydrogen Sulfate is being released into the air because of this sewerage system. It can be fatal; DEP has said it is dangerously hazardous. The board was more worried about getting an extension rather than the health and safety of the residents.

Not all of the sewer authority board members are at fault. Some of them try to do the right thing but are out numbered by the other members.

Mr. Winkler thanked the residents for their input into the sewer problem and the Board of Supervisor does not take this situation lightly.

Mr. Duerr had a public comment that he wanted to make. The proposed budget has a 15% increase in wages for the supervisors, 30% increase for the police and department wages only 2.9% for the road and administrative. Last year they got no wage increase plus they were hit with paying a \$1200 deductible for an individual on their health care. These are the people you clap and appreciate but when it comes down to the budget we have pushed them off. He asked the residents to talk to the people on this board, back me on this. I am looking for more than a 3% raise for these workers. They do more than road work they help in the park, cutting grass, work on equipment and more.

Mrs. Voelker wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

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

Date