

**NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION  
MARCH 12, 2012**

A work session of the New Hanover Township Board of Supervisors took place at the New Hanover Township Municipal Building, 2943 N. Charlotte Street, Gilbertsville, PA 19525 at 6:35pm on Monday, March 12, 2012. Present were Supervisors Martin Dyas, Ralph Fluharty, Andrew Kelly, Douglas Muller and David Brown. Also present were Township Manager Edward C. Wagner, Solicitor Paul Bauer and Administrative Assistant Eileen Pogany.

REVIEW AGENDA – The Board of Supervisors reviewed the agenda and had neither comments nor changes.

REVIEW BILL LIST – There were no questions regarding the bill list.

Bill Cherkasky – Mr. Cherkasky stated that the Boyertown Area School District has been working on providing an education access channel for ten years and that he is aware that the Township's franchise agreement with Comcast will be coming up in December of this year. He asked that the Board of Supervisors consider requesting that Comcast provide an educational channel free of charge. He stated that currently the school has a two-hour time slot on PCTV but would very much like to provide additional programming and added that Washington and Colebrookdale Townships are currently finalizing agreements. He stated that the school district is meeting with Comcast and is hoping to have an indication as to whether the Township is willing to negotiate having an educational channel in their contract lineup. He added that programming will be available to all Comcast subscribers and that it will in no way replace PCTV programming.

Martin Dyas stated that Verizon is making progress in installing and making FIOS available to residents and asked if there will be an interconnection with Comcast so that residents subscribing with Verizon can access the programming. Mr. Cherkasky stated that they are looking into making the broadcasts available to both Comcast and FIOS customers. He explained that he has 185 students in this program and added that he is the only teacher and that high school and junior high school students will be doing the programming and will hopefully include elementary students at some time. Douglas Muller asked if programming would include advertising and was told that advertising is not permitted but that there could be sponsorships.

Mt. Harold Siver asked if the township uses the government channel and was told that it is included in the contract but that there is no programming is provided from the Township.

Martin Dyas stated that the Board would like to have time to research the matter further and asked when an answer is needed. He was told ASAP or hopefully by April 2012.

Fire Study – New Hanover Fire Company Chief Philip Agliano stated that the first rough draft of the Standard Operating Guidelines, SOG, has been completed and that representatives from each fire company will be reviewing the draft together and will prepare a revised draft for the Board of Supervisors by May.

Supervisor Ralph Fluharty requested feedback on the progress and asked that an update on the status be given next month. Supervisor David Brown offered his assistance in reviewing the document.

It was noted that the abandoned homestead of the Guerre-Chaley family has been destroyed by fire and is under investigation by the fire department, police, state police, Philadelphia fire department and Montgomery County detectives. It was noted that the barn and other outbuildings have been demolished also. Martin Dyas asked about other abandoned buildings in the Township being boarded up and mentioned that the Gaugler farmhouse needs to be reboarded up. Edward Wagner stated that in many cases abandoned buildings are owned by banks and that it is difficult to assure properties have been secured. Chief Kevin McKeon stated that he will include language on the Police Facebook internet page asking residents to report any and all suspicious activities.

The Work Session adjourned at 6:55 PM.

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Edward Wagner, Township Manager/Secretary