

NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 8, 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 6:40pm on Monday, October 8, 2012. Present were Supervisors Martin Dyas, Douglas Muller, Ralph Fluharty, Andrew Kelly 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.

Fire Company Bylaws – Deputy Chief of New Hanover Fire Company, William Moyer, updated the Board on the progress being made by the New Hanover and Sassamansville Fire Companies in presenting a draft copy of the bylaws being proposed to be adopted by both companies. He stated that each fire company was represented by a committee of three persons to review the sample provided to them and to make the changes which they thought may be agreeable to both companies. New Hanover Fire Company was represented by himself, Thomas Harned and Brian Lee with the fire company giving them authorization to act on behalf of the company. Sassamansville Fire Company was represented by William Pasqual, William Agliano and Emanuel O'Toole. Mr. Moyer stated that he had reached out for comment to five other fire companies who had experience in forming joint companies and that the committee had worked very hard to have a draft document ready for review at this meeting. He stated that the draft includes requirements for eligibility for becoming a member and also requirements for anyone interested to serving as an officer in the company. Sassamansville Fire Company plans on reviewing and voting on the draft and also on the fire company merger at their meeting scheduled for October 23, 2012. Ralph Fluharty thanked William Moyer and the committee for their work. Andrew Kelly stated that he is getting the impression that Sassamansville Fire Company is not favorable to adopting the bylaws and merger of the companies. Chairman Dyas asked Mr. Baldwin, attorney representing Sassamansville Fire Company, to work through issues with the fire company and not to wait until the last minute to report that the company is not willing to merge.

Solicitor Bauer stated that the Board has not received what they had requested at their September 10, 2012 meeting despite efforts by the Township staff and the committees reviewing the bylaws. William Moyer stated that New Hanover Fire Company is ready to move forward. Solicitor Bauer questioned what direction the Sassamansville Fire Company will take at their October 23rd meeting. Bill Agliano represented Sassamansville Fire Company in review of the bylaws and stated that he had concerns with regard to Sassamansville retaining their personal assets; New Hanover Fire Company is willing to have their equipment in a single company.

Mr. Baldwin stated that Sassamansville is looking for a way to make the merger work but that their requests have been disallowed and that there is disagreement within the company. Douglas Muller asked about Ray Strickland's report on progress on the 21 recommendations of

the fire study and was told that the report was a synopsis of their activity. Bill Agliano stated that Sassamansville is agreeable to having one chief.

Chairman Dyas noted that this process has been going on for five years and that the Supervisors are waiting to hear if the two fire companies are willing to merge. Any further discussion was deferred to the regular meeting agenda.

Work session was declared adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Edward Wagner, Township Secretary/Manager