

**NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
QUARTERLY MEETING
MARCH 24, 2014**

The meeting of the New Hanover Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, March 24, 2014 at the New Hanover Township Municipal Building, 2943 N. Charlotte Street, Gilbertsville, PA 19525. Present were Supervisors Douglas Muller, Ralph Fluharty, and Philip Agliano and Andrew Kelly. David Brown were absent. Also present were Township Solicitor Paul Bauer and Eileen Pogany. Chairman Douglas Muller called the meeting to order at 6:40pm and led in a Salute to the Flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –Chairman Muller announced that the following items are available on the counter in the rear of the meeting room: attendance sign-in forms for the official record of who is in attendance, agendas for the public, a notebook containing meeting procedures, a notebook containing approved minutes from prior meetings, and a notebook containing prior meeting bill lists. He added that the Board of Supervisors will give an opportunity for public comment prior to any official action, that non-agenda items from the floor will be addressed after all business items are completed, and that one person speaks at a time with a five minute time limit at the discretion of the Chairperson. No one stated that they were taping the meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Traffic Specifications and Warrant Evaluations –

Sandy Koza of McMahon Associates was present providing a copy of the updated technical specifications for traffic signalization. Andrew Kelly **moved** to enact **Resolution 15-14** accepting the specifications, motion was **seconded** by Philip Agliano and **carried 4-0**.

Rt. 663 and Rt. 73 – signal warrant analysis - Penn DOT edited the analysis prepared by McMahon and expressed concerns regarding drivers attempting to maneuver around waiting left-turn vehicles on Big Road Westbound. Penn DOT's opinion was that this situation would become more troublesome with the introduction of a signal and suggested the Township consider a left turn lane on Big Road westbound and a right turn lane on North Charlotte Street as a first step for improving the safety and mobility at this intersection. Act 209 funds could be used to install turn lanes but the Board preferred that the intersection be signaled and asked Ms. Koza to consult with Penn DOT advising them of the Township's preference and hopefully gain support/approval for installation of a signal at this location.

Swamp Pike and Middle Creek Road – Traffic signal warrant evaluation by McMahon concludes that warrants have been met for installation of traffic signalization; evaluation has been submitted to Penn DOT. Ms. Koza expects that Montgomery County will suggest a left turn lane into the Wynstone development for vehicles traveling west. Mr. Bauer stated that the developers of the Wynstone project will be responsible for signalization as needed between Middle Creek Road to Township Line Road and suggested she advise Penn DOT of what is being required by the Wynstone developer; roadway improvements are not required of the developer.

Swamp Pike and Sanatoga/Fagleysville Road - Traffic signal warrant evaluation by McMahon concludes that warrants have been met for installation of traffic signalization; the evaluation has been submitted to Penn DOT. Ms. Koza believes the analysis indicates that a signal is warranted and does not expect Penn DOT to require a turn lane.

Cost estimates were provided for the proposed intersection signalization with the upgrade to the signal at North Charlotte Street and Swamp Pike being close to being approved.

Township Line Road Paving Project

Long standing agreement between Upper Frederick and New Hanover Township provided that New Hanover Township would be responsible for maintenance of Township Line Road and Upper Frederick Township would be responsible for maintenance of Fisher Road. Due to the major upgrade needed for Township Line Road (not addressed in the maintenance agreement) and the requests of its residents to both Upper Frederick and New Hanover Townships, Upper Frederick is willing to contribute to the upgrade and budgeted \$55,000 for repairs. After reviewing costs and sharing of manpower and equipment, Douglas Muller suggested that Upper Frederick be asked to contribute the \$55,000 toward the cost of the project and provide labor by their roadcrew of four men and equipment and New Hanover would provide its crew of seven men and equipment and funds needed to complete the job which is estimated to cost approximately \$111,200; Jay Smith would be designated to be in charge of the entire crew.

Mr. Bauer mentioned that Douglass Township residents have lodged complaints to their Board of Supervisors about the maintenance of Township Line Road at the Douglass Township line. It was decided that new agreements should be prepared for any roadway with shared maintenance and should be specific as to the terms.

Philip Agliano suggested that the Township consider outsourcing to assist in paving jobs. Mr. Agliano stated that outsourcing of hauling blacktop could provide large loads to be delivered to the job and allow for paving to be continuous rather than road workers needing to wait for delivery of blacktop. He believes there would be savings in the efficiency and would likely decrease the amount of time needed from a 4-5 day job to a 2-3 day job. Mr. Muller asked Mr. McGann to determine the square yards of macadam needed, and to ask Jay Smith to look into outsourcing and also to contact Ms. Tallon at Upper Frederick and discuss the Township's proposal.

Hanover Greene Completion of Improvements and Dedication

The developer has not completed this development. One lot is being annexed to Rosenberry Properties and one lot is proposed to be offered for sale. Developer proposes to have the remaining financial security paid over to the Township in cash to complete the remaining public improvements as outlined in the Gilmore 2013 punch list. Mr. Bauer recommended that Hanover Green be required to have the punch list updated along with the revised costs and suggested that a staff meeting be scheduled.

Fire Department Update

William Moyer stated that negotiations for merging the Sassamansville and New Hanover Fire Companies is ongoing and that he expects that ultimately the merged company will be known as New Hanover Fire and Rescue, Station 37 and have two physical locations. He stated that

the fire company's steering committee is hoping to work out the merger without needing assistance from the Emergency Services Board but that in the event problems arise, the Emergency Services Board would be asked to assist. Mr. Muller thanked the fire companies for their efforts and stressed that the Board of Supervisors does not want to be involved in the negotiations but is available for support.

Toro Riding Mower

Is being purchased for the Recreation Department at a cost of \$12,718.26; purchase was budgeted at a cost of \$14,000.

Dump Truck Purchase

Philip Agliano **moved** to authorize the purchase of the F550 Dump Truck utilizing \$6,500 from the Township's reserves funds. Douglas Muller **seconded** the motion and it **carried 4-0**.

Finance Position

Andrew Kelly **moved** to offer Kaleena Agliano a full time position at an annual rate \$35,000 retroactive to February 1, 2014; benefits to become effective April 1, 2014. Douglas Muller **seconded** the motion and it carried 3-0 with Philip Agliano abstaining from the vote.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:45 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel

Executive Session adjourned at 8:03 pm

REGULAR MEETING reconvened at 8:04. No actions were taken and the meeting was declared adjourned.