

**NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
QUARTERLY MEETING
DECEMBER 22, 2014**

The quarterly meeting of the New Hanover Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, December 22, 2014 at the New Hanover Township Municipal Building, 2943 N. Charlotte Street, Gilbertsville, PA 19525. Present were Supervisors Douglas Muller, Ralph Fluharty, Andrew Kelly and Philip Agliano. David Brown was absent. Also present were Township Manager Michael McGann, Kevin Tobias and Eileen Pogany. Chairman Douglas Muller called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and led in a Salute to the Flag.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Township Manager Appointment – Douglas Muller moved to appoint Kevin R. Tobias as Township Manager at a salary of \$70,000. per year. Andrew Kelly seconded the motion and it carried 4-0. Mr. Charles Garner, 2449 Wagner Road, inquired as to how the manager search had been conducted and was told that the position was posted on PSATS website and also on internet Monster listings. Three candidates had been interviewed with Mr. Tobias being scheduled for a second interview to provide Supervisor Brown an opportunity to be present for an interview. Mr. Garner also asked about the terms of the appointment and was told that it is a six month probation with a re-evaluation after the six months. Mr. Tobias complimented Mr. McGann saying he had been a good teacher during the past four days, that he expects there will be a learning process and is confident of his abilities. Douglas Muller thanked Mr. McGann for his service to the Township, said that he will be a huge loss and looks forward to working with him during the transition at the sewage treatment facility.

DCED Grant for Reimbursement of Fire Company merger – Deputy Chief William Moyer stated that the fire company merger is now official. He and Mr. Pascal have worked out a lease agreement to house the fire company equipment at the Sassamansville facility and are committed to making the social club successful. He stated that New Hanover Fire Co. has first rights of refusal for the building property. He advised that the revised gaming regulations require that 30% of all profits from gaming must be allocated to a non-profit organization and that these profits will be forwarded to the fire and rescue unit. Costs associated with the merger exceeded expectations and the Board of Supervisors is being asked to authorize submission of a 50/50 grant application to the DCED in the amount of \$6,700. Funds to match the grant amount of \$6,700 would come from the last quarter 2014 fire tax monies. A resolution will need to accompany the grant application. Grant awards are expected to be announced June 30, 2015. He stated that the fire companies are integrating well, that the roster contains approximately sixty persons and that the fire company goal is to decrease the number of vehicles to save operational expenses and to function with a total of six vehicles. Orphans Court issues are in order. Since the PEMA state grants were filed individually by each fire company, the fire company will receive double grant money for the next five years. A lease agreement will be entered into to ensure the 5 ½ acre property is maintained. The New Hanover engine room three year lease is coming into its second year. Bob Ward will become the new President as Brian Lee steps down. Ralph Fluharty **moved** to authorize Bill Moyer to submit the application to the DCED for reimbursement for reorganization expenses. Philip Agliano **seconded** the motion and it **carried 4-0**. A resolution will be prepared for adoption at the January 5, 2015 organization meeting.

Recreation Center Status Update – The Board reviewed proposals for security systems for the recreation center with Douglas Muller stating that the center needs to be safe and secure, that persons at the door need to be seen prior to being admitted into the building, and that cameras and wireless panic buttons are most important. Philip Agliano **moved** to approve the Kriebel Security proposal for an 8 Channel IP Based Camera System with 7Ip Cameras at a cost of \$4,600 plus the Base Building Security System with 2 panic buttons at a cost of \$375 totaling \$4,975 and added that the installation is to be as soon as possible. Ralph Fluharty **seconded** the motion and it **carried 4-0**.

Mr. Charles Garner commented that preparation of a Master Recreation Plan has been approved at a cost of \$70,000 and asked why the money is being spent prior to completion of the Master Plan. Douglas Muller responded by saying that the Township wants as much security as possible. Mr. Garner also asked if a decision had been made as to how the facility would be staffed and was told that Shelly Sallade of the Sewer Authority had been considered and that Thomas Mickiewicz would definitely be working from that facility as some point.

Master Recreation Plan Steering Committee Appointments – this committee is an ad-hoc committee. Douglas Muller announced that committee members are Ralph Fluharty, Andrew Kelly, Kenneth Martin, Scott Fluharty, and Joy Caprio.

IT Status Update – Manager Kevin Tobias asked for authorization to seek proposals to move the computer servers and equipment into the room currently be used for file storage and to move the file storage cabinets to another location; he also stated a need for e-mail storage, right-to-know backup and ongoing computer support for the Township staff.

January Meeting Schedule – Board of Supervisors organization meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2015 beginning at 6:30pm and will include approval of bills and adoption of a resolution for the fire company's grant application. The Board of Supervisors will conduct their regular monthly meeting on January 12, 2015 beginning at 6:30pm which will include reports by department heads.

Executive Session – Meeting adjourned to executive/personnel session at 7:40 PM. Regular Meeting was reconvened at 8:00 PM, no action was taken.

Adjournment

Andrew Kelly **moved** to adjourn at 8:05 PM and the meeting was adjourned.