

**NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION  
DECEMBER 28, 2015**

A work session of the New Hanover Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, December 28, 2015 at the New Hanover Township Municipal Building, 2943 North Charlotte Street, Gilbertsville, PA 19525. Present were Supervisors Douglas Muller, David Brown, Ralph Fluharty, Andrew Kelly, and Philip Agliano. Township Manager Kevin Tobias, Planner Adam Supplee and Eileen Pogany were also in attendance. Chairman Douglas Muller called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**Review of Agenda** – no comments

**Review of Bill List** – no comments

**Proclamation #6-15 Honoring Glenn Hull, Jr.** was presented to him by Chairman Douglas Muller celebrating 50 years in the firefighting service including titles as Fire Chief, Fire Marshall, and Chief Emeritus. He has also played a role on the Emergency Management Team as a RACES communication operator vital to the monitoring the EPZ zone for the Limerick Generating Station. Representative Marcy Toepel was also in attendance making a presentation and thanking Mr. Hull for his outstanding community service.

Work session meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:37 PM.

**NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 28, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the New Hanover Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, December 28, 2015 at the New Hanover Township Municipal Building, 2943 North Charlotte Street, Gilbertsville, PA 19525. Present were Supervisors Douglas Muller, Ralph Fluharty, Andrew Kelly, David Brown, and Philip Agliano. Also present were Township Engineer David Leh, Planner Adam Supplee and Eileen Pogany. Chairman Douglas Muller called the meeting to order at 7:17PM and led in a Salute to the Flag.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Chairman Douglas 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.

**SCHEDULED TOWNSHIP MEETINGS – announced by Eileen Pogany**

January 04, 2016	Board of Supervisors Reorganization	6:30 pm
January 11, 2016	Board of Supervisors	6:30 pm
January 13, 2016	Planning Commission	6:30 pm
January 20, 2016	Sewer Authority – 2990 Fagleysville Road	6:30 pm

**PRESENTATION OF CURRENT BILLS**

**Bill List #24–dated 12/23/15**

General Fund 01	\$	88,726.23
Fire Tax Fund 03	\$	0.00
Sewer Operating Fund 08	\$	132,761.25
Sewer Capital Fund 10	\$	0.00
Trans. Impact Fund 13	\$	0.00
Capital Fund 19	\$	0.00
State Liquid Fuels Fund 35	\$	336,259.25
Escrow Fund 41	\$	12,555.82
Recreation Fund 96	\$	<u>13,334.57</u>
Total	\$	583,637.12

Ralph Fluharty **moved** to approve payment of bill list #24 dated December 23, 2015 in the amount of \$ 583,637.12 and advance the treasurer the monies for utilities and payroll for the coming month. Motion was **seconded** by David Brown and **carried 5-0**.

**MINUTES - Motion** to approve the meeting minutes of the December 14, 2015 Work Session and Regular Meeting was made by David Brown, **seconded** by Douglas Muller and **carried 4-0** with Philip Agliano abstaining since he had not been in attendance.

**BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION OR ACTION:**

**2016 Township Budget** – includes one part-time police officer becoming full-time and 4.75% increase in insurance expenses and a commitment to accomplish a list of road improvements to include: paving of both East and West sides of Little, Cross and Mock Roads; oil and chip of Swamp Creek, New, Lee, Erb, and Evans Roads, fog seal of Reindeer Court, Rabbit Run Road and Mallard and Pheasant Lanes. Equipment includes a 5 year lease at \$22,600/year for a loader, purchase of a triaxle truck, deck over trailer, v-box, leaf box, and line painter as well as garage doors for cinderblock garage and garage lights. There will be no tax increase for the Township in 2016. Ralph Fluharty **moved** to approve the 2016 budget with the understanding that it is possible for adjustments to be made at a later time. The motion was **seconded** by Philip Agliano and **carried 5-0**.

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**Township Manager Employment Contract** – Andrew Kelly **moved** to approve the Township Manager Contract. Motion was **seconded** by Philip Agliano and **carried 3-2** noting that Ralph Fluharty and Douglas Muller submitted a “No” vote. Douglas Muller stated he is needing better performance from Mr. Tobias with better organization and improvement in providing information to the Board of Supervisors.

**Master Recreation Plan** – Douglas Muller asked Adam Supplee if he has provided all the required information to the Township. Mr. Supplee stated that the fee in lieu of recreation will be adjusted. Philip Agliano **moved** to approve the Master Recreation Plan adopting **Resolution 27-15**. Motion was **seconded** by David Brown and **carried 4-1** with Andrew Kelly voting “No”.

**Open Space Loan Refinancing** – National Penn Bank offered 3 options for repayment of loan for the Wassmer tract open space purchase. Ralph Fluharty performed an analysis and stated that there is an opportunity to take advantage of a savings of \$80,000. over the life of the loan at an interest rate of 2.98% if the option to convert is accepted costing a one-time fee of \$2,000. and the loan balance is paid back in the amount of \$314.263 each year for the next three years. It was noted that the Township expects \$490,000 income each year from the Township’s Open Space Tax. Douglas Muller **moved** to accept the offer for the 2.98% loan. David Brown **seconded** the motion and it **carried 5-0**.

John Auman of Church road asked what the loan was for and was told it was for the Wassmer tract which adjoins the municipal property and considered valuable since it could be annexed.

Charles Garner asked if the Township had received the loan from National Penn Bank; he was told yes.

**Officer Lawlor – Full Time Status** – Douglas Muller **moved** to approve full time employment status for Officer Lawlor effective January 1, 2016. Motion was **seconded** by David Brown and **carried 5-0**.

## **COMMENT**

Douglas Muller thanked David Brown for his service to the community as a Board of Supervisors member and also acknowledged his prior service as a member of the Sewer Authority.

David Brown stated that it has been a privilege and honor and thanked all those who supported him during his tenure including his colleges who welcomed and helped him to learn and also thanked his family, Township employees, police officers, firefighters, committees and board members, scouts, sports clubs and those in leadership positions, all contributing to a promising future for the community. He wished everyone his best.

## **ADJOURN**

Andrew Kelly **moved** to adjourn and the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:53 PM

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Kevin Tobias, Manager/Secretary