

**NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION
JULY 11, 2016**

A work session of the New Hanover Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, July 11, 2016 at the New Hanover Township Municipal Building, 2943 North Charlotte Street, Gilbertsville, PA 19525. Present were Supervisors Philip Agliano, Ralph Fluharty, Andrew Kelly, Marie Livelsberger and Charles Garner Jr. Township Solicitor Andrew Bellwoar, Engineer Dennis Leh, and Eileen Pogany were also in attendance. Chairman Philip Agliano called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Review of Bill List – Mr. Charles Garner noted that advertising in *The Town and Country* newspaper was significantly less expensive than advertising in *The Mercury*. It was noted that the township began advertising in *The Mercury* following two instances of errors made at *The Town and Country*.

Review of Agenda – No agenda items were added.

**NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JULY 11, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the New Hanover Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, July 11, 2016 at the New Hanover Township Municipal Building, 2943 North Charlotte Street, Gilbertsville, PA 19525. Present were Supervisors Chairman Philip Agliano, Ralph Fluharty, Andrew Kelly, Charles Garner Jr., and Marie Livelsberger. Solicitor Andrew Bellwoar, Engineer Dennis Leh, and Eileen Pogany were also in attendance. Chairman Philip Agliano called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM and led in a Salute to the Flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Chairman Philip Agliano 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.

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS SCHEDULED – Eileen Pogany

July 13	Planning Commission	6:30 pm
July 20	Sewer Authority - 2990 Fagleysville Road	6:30 pm

July 25 Board of Supervisors - Historic School House 6:30 pm
July 28 Zoning Hearing - FDEV Subdivision 6:30 pm
August 3 Recreation Committee - 2373 Hoffmansville Road 6:30 pm

PRESENTATION OF CURRENT BILLS

Bill List #13 – dated

General Fund 01	\$	184,560.47
Fire Tax Fund 03	\$	0.00
Sewer Operating Fund 08	\$	51,914.93
Sewer Capital Fund 10	\$	0.00
Trans. Impact Fund 13	\$	450.41
Capital Fund 19	\$	0.00
State Liquid Fuels Fund 35	\$	16,035.29
Escrow Fund 41	\$	7,310.00
Recreation Fund 96	\$	16,045.88
Total	\$	276,316.98

Motion to approve payment of bill list #13 dated 07/06/2016 in the amount of \$276,316.98, less the payment of \$587.44 reimbursement to Connie Garner and advance the treasurer the monies for utilities and payroll for the coming month was made by Marie Livelsberger, **seconded** by Andrew Kelly and **carried 5-0**.

Motion to approve the payment of \$587.44 to Connie Garner was made by Marie Livelsberger, **seconded** by Andrew Kelly and **carried 4-0** with Charles Garner Jr. abstaining from the vote.

MINUTES - Action to approve the meeting minutes of the July 6, 2016 Special Meeting was tabled to allow for additional time for review.

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION OR ACTION:

Township Manager position (Interim) - Mr. Gregory Prowant is being considered for the position of interim manager to enable the Board of Supervisors opportunity to do a thorough search for the Township Manager position. Offer of employment was considered for a position as an at-will employee with no benefits at a rate of \$60.00 per hour and a 20 hour work week. Mr. Charles Garner Jr. stated that Mr. Prowant has experience as a township manager and is not interested in a permanent position, making him good choice to fill in as interim until a manager is hired and **moved** to appoint Gregory Prowant at a rate not to exceed \$60.00 per hour and 20 hours per week. Ralph Fluharty **seconded** the motion and it carried 4-1 with Andrew Kelly voting "no".

Celeste Bish of 2504 Finn Road asked if there had only been one candidate for the interim manager. She was advised that Mr. Prowant was highly recommended and that he will be an at-will employee.

Mr. Edward Swagzdis of 425 Buchert Road stated that he considers \$60.00 per hour to be a bargain rate for an experienced professional.

Greg Maskrey of 2522 Jane Lane stated that Mr. Prowant has an excellent reputation and believes he would be an excellent choice.

Charles Garner Jr. asked about the progress on the manager search by the Meyner Center for Local Government at Lafayette College. He stated that their process typically includes a scheduled visit to acquaint themselves a township and provide a presentation of their service. Solicitor Bellwoar will extend an invitation to Mr. David Woglom at the Meyner Center to attend the July 25 meeting of the Board of Supervisors. In the meantime Andrew Kelly and Charles Garner, Jr. will schedule a conference call to Mr. Woglom at the center prior to the meeting to provide information about the township and its needs in preparation for the July 25 meeting.

Public Works - Dennis Flynn – Reported that, Derek Dry newly hired employee, has resigned after five days on the job and asked for permission to hire an employee to fill the vacancy. He stated that CDL drivers are hard to find. Andrew Kelly asked if it is possible for the Township crew to train an employee to become a CDL driver and Mr. Flynn stated that it could be done but that he believes it takes too much time away from the department to be beneficial. Mr. Flynn stated that the joint paving project with Douglass Township for the west side of Little Road will begin next week along with replacement of pipes along New Hanover Square Road.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Courtside Avenue – mention was made that residents are anxious to have the road improvements completed.

Susan Kreiner of 2478 Swamp Pike asked why her sewer rates are going up. Mr. Thomas Miskiewicz, Chairman of the Sewer Authority, stated that the infrastructure is old and that pipes are needing to be replaced at a significant cost which is passed along to residents benefiting by the public sewer service. She commented about areas along Swamp Pike where she believes storm water is entering the Township's sewer system. Dennis Flynn was asked to contact Montgomery County Roads and Bridges asking for repairs to be made in the storm water system in order to avoid excess flows entering into the sewer system.

Celeste Bish commented that meeting dates had not been posted on the website and was told that the website is new and employees are going through a learning process.

John Auman of 3624 Church Road inquired as to why Kevin Tobias had been given a \$11,000 raise in December and subsequently dismissed in June after seventeen months of employment. He was advised that the Board member had changed and that the Board did not feel Mr. Tobias as making progress with the items he was asked to improve upon.

Charles Garner, Jr. excused himself from the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Road Paving – A discussion about roadway paving took place with Ralph Fluharty stating that he believes Township roadways are in poor condition and that since the cost of blacktop is very low at this time, and the township's reserve funds are healthy and are earning a very low interest rate, he believes the public works department should schedule additional roadway paving. Mr. Flynn said that his department is ahead of schedule with projects, partially due to work being done by outside contractors, and that he *could* schedule two additional paving projects without interfering with other scheduled projects. Philip Agliano stated that he does not

want to approve pulling funds out of reserves for additional projects mid-budget year and wants to stick to the 2016 budget which was approved by the Board. Ralph Fluharty **moved** to withdraw \$218,000 from Township reserves earmarked for road projects. The motion **died**.

The regular meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:20 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation and personnel items were discussed with no action taken.

REGULAR MEETING resumed –

Microphone purchase at a cost not to exceed \$300. was authorized by **motion** of Marie Livelsberger, **seconded** by Ralph Fluharty and **carried 4-0**.

ADJOURNMENT- **motion** to adjourn was made by Andrew Kelly, **seconded** by Philip Agliano and **carried 4-0**.

Andrew Kelly, Township Secretary