

**NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2011**

The regular monthly meeting of the New Hanover Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, April 11, 2011 at the New Hanover Municipal Building, 2943 N. Charlotte Street, Gilbertsville, PA 19525. Present were Supervisors Martin Dyas, Douglas Muller, Ralph Fluharty, and Andrew Kelly. David Brown was absent. Also present were Township Manager Edward Wagner, Solicitor Paul Bauer and Administrative Assistant Eileen Pogany. Martin Dyas called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and led in a Salute to the Flag.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – Martin Dyas**

Martin Dyas requested that everyone present sign the sign-in form for the official record of attendance and stated that copies of the agenda are available on the counter in the rear of the room as well as are notebooks containing the meeting procedures, prior month's bill lists, and approved minutes from prior meetings. He stated that the Board of Supervisors will give an opportunity for public comment prior to any official action, advised that non-agenda items from the floor will be addressed after all business items are completed and that one person may speak at a time with a five minute time limit at the discretion of the Chair. No one from the floor responded when asked if anyone was taping the meeting.

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY by District Justice Saylor**

District Justice Maurice Saylor administered the Oath of Office for newly hired Chief of Police Kevin R. McKeon. Chief McKeon was welcomed and was honored by the presence of many associates, friends, and family.

**UPCOMING TOWNSHIP MEETING – Announced by Eileen Pogany**

April 13	Planning Commission	6:30pm
April 19	Environmental Advisory Board	6:30pm
April 20	Sewer Authority @ municipal building	6:30 pm
April 25	Next Regular Meeting of the BOS	6:30pm/7:00pm

**PRESENTATION OF CURRENT BILLS**

<b>Bill List #7</b>	<b>Dated 04/11/11</b>	
	General Fund 01	\$ 29,721.31
	Fire Tax Fund 03	\$ 0.00
	Sewer Operating Fund 08	\$ 14,824.13
	Sewer Capital Fund 10	\$ 193.75
	Trans. Impact Fund 13	\$ 0.00
	Capital Fund 19	\$ 25,000.00
	State Liquid Fuels Fund 35	\$ 3,336.95
	Escrow Fund 41	\$ 3,470.00
	Recreation Fund 96	\$ 30,820.40
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$107,366.54</b>

Ralph Fluharty **moved** to approve the bills and advance the treasurer the monies for utilities and payroll for coming month. Douglas Muller **seconded** the motion and it **carried 4-0**.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Garner and Bauer**

Solicitor Paul Bauer reported that three legal actions were filed by Gibraltar Rock; one case has been won by the Township, one case has been withdrawn, and the third is currently before Judge Corso and is likely to be heard within three to four months. Solicitor Bauer stated that he believes Gibraltar Rock is trying to keep the GR III application alive for leverage.

**MANAGER’S REPORT – Edward Wagner**

*2010 Census Workshop* – Mr. Wagner stated that he attended a 2010 census seminar hosted by Congresswoman Schwartz and learned that New Hanover is the largest Township in the Boyertown Area School District, that the Township has experienced a 48% increase in population in the past ten years, that it is the 38<sup>th</sup> fastest growing township out of 2,500 townships in the Commonwealth, and that the population at the time of the census was 10,939.

*PA Fish & Boat Commission Grant* – application for grant funding is being submitted for construction of a boat ramp at the Swamp Creek at Hickory Park; funding is known to be very tight.

Route 663, North Charlotte Street, speed reduction request letter has been sent to Lou Belmonte at Penn DOT. Lower Pottsgrove Township recently lowered the speed limit to 40 MPH on their portion of the highway and it was suggested that New Hanover request the 40 MPH be maintained on the section between Big Road and the Lower Pottsgrove Township boundary.

**BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION OR ACTION: NONE**

**BUSINESS FOR ACTION ON 90 DAY TIME LIMITATION WAIVERS - Ralph Fluharty moved** grant extensions of the 90-day time limitations to the following:

N.H.T.P.C. #754	Breinig Subdivision	2 Lots	4/23/11
N.H.T.P.C. #767	Murianka	2 Lots	5/6/11
N.H.T.P.C. #771	Gibraltar Rock	Commercial	4/30/11

Martin Dyas **seconded** the motion and it **carried 4-0**.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution 14-11 – Martin Dyas **moved** to adopt Resolution 14-11 in celebration of Local Government Week April 11-15, 2011 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Ralph Fluharty **seconded** the motion and it **carried 4-0**.

Ordinance 11-01 – Township proposes to borrow 3 million dollars for the purchase of the Wassmer tract as recommended by the Open Space Board. Supervisors have authorized Solicitor Bauer to execute an agreement of sale which has been advertised and will be advertised following the adoption of this ordinance; it must also receive approval from the Department of Economic Development. Martin Dyas **moved** to adopt Ordinance 11-01 in accordance with the Local Government Unit Debt Act for the borrowing of 3 million dollars for 66 acres of open space. Douglas Muller **seconded** the motion and a roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Dyas-aye, Douglas Muller-aye, Ralph Fluharty-aye and Andrew Kelly-aye. David Brown was absent from the meeting. The motion was **approved 4-0**.

Township Manager – Ralph Fluharty **moved** to approve an employment agreement with Edward Wagner. Motion was **seconded** by Andrew Kelly and **carried 4-0**. Martin Dyas stated he was in full support of the agreement and stated that Mr. Wagner has had exemplary performance.

Chief of Police – Douglas Muller **moved** to approve the contract with Police Chief Kevin McKeon, **seconded** by Andrew Kelly and **carried 3-0** with Martin Dyas abstaining from the vote since his son is a police officer in the department.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**FROM THE FLOOR**

Public comment on non-agenda items – None

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:42 PM.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel/Litigation**

Meeting reconvened at 7:45 PM and no action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was declared adjourned at 7:46 PM.

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Edward Wagner, Township Manager/Secretary