

**NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION  
APRIL 25, 2011**

A work session of the New Hanover Township Board of Supervisors took place at the New Hanover Township Municipal Building, 2943 N. Charlotte Street, Gilbertsville, PA 19525 at 6:30 pm on Monday, April 25, 2011. Present were Supervisors Martin Dyas, Ralph Fluharty and Andrew Kelly. Douglas Muller and David Brown were absent. Also present were Township Manager Edward C. Wagner, Solicitor Paul Bauer and Administrative Assistant Eileen Pogany.

**REVIEW AGENDA** – The Board of Supervisors reviewed the agenda and had neither comments nor changes.

**REVIEW BILL LIST** – There were no questions regarding the bill list.

Boyertown YMCA – Code Enforcement Officer James Wozniak and Corporal William Moyer, representing the New Hanover Fire Company, met to inspect and discuss safety concerns associated with the proposed expansion project and use of the YMCA second floor. The YMCA building was constructed prior to the state requirement for an activated sprinkler system. A suppression system was installed at the time the building was constructed with the anticipation that the public water system would be extended to the area in the near future. The existing well is equipped with a 5 HP pump which would provide some fire suppression but may not be sufficient depending on the situation. Solicitor Bauer stated that, from a legal standpoint, he believes that providing programs on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor would be a change of use of the area, requiring a plan to be submitted to the Township. He added that he believes there is a safety risk to the participants since there would be only one way out of the building in the event of a fire and that if the use were approved, he suggested that releases and indemnification of the Township be required of all persons participating in programs on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Solicitor Bauer suggested that the YMCA should be setting aside funds to facilitate their hooking into the public water and public sewer systems and that an estimate of \$100,000 has been given recently as the cost to extend the public water lines. Jim Wozniak stated that he will check the building code to determine if the suppression system is required for the square footage of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. YMCA representatives will be attending the May 9 meeting for further discussion.

BAWA lease agreement - lease agreement is being drafted.

Section 21-602 Removal of Snow and Ice from Sidewalks – Code Enforcement Officer James Wozniak suggested that new regulations be put in place for snow removal from sidewalks. He advised that some homeowners are not conscientious about clearing sidewalks on their properties and he suggests that the Township have a contractor on call to clear sidewalks when necessary and that the homeowner subsequently be billed for the contractor service. He stated that if the homeowner refuses to pay for the service, they could be cited in district court. A draft ordinance was provided for review/consideration and the matter was taken under advisement.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07pm

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Edward Wagner, Township Manager/Secretary