

NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION
JUNE 13, 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 6:30pm on Monday, June 13, 2011. Present were Supervisors Martin Dyas, Ralph Fluharty, Andrew Kelly, Douglas Muller and David Brown. 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.

Jay Smith – outlined his upcoming road paving projects as follows:

- Washington Drive – scheduled for a total overlay and is a major project.
- Erb Road – total rebuild including widening and blacktop.
- Hill Road – west of Rt. 663 and between Lee Road and the Douglass Township line. If funding allows, repairs will be made on the east side of Hill Road.
- Little Road – Capital Improvement Project– will overlay roadway to a 20' width on the west side of Rt. 663 toward Douglass Township and on the East side starting at Church Road working toward Schultz Road as far as funding allows.
- Bridge scouring problem – will hire a contractor for repairs to prevent water from washing out bridge footers.
- Recycling Center update – the Township's recycling facility on Fagleysville Road has been closed due to dumping of inappropriate materials which required disposal expense and many hours of cleanup by public works department employees. The Township received an offer from Matt Hetrick of Hetrick Gardens, Swamp Pike, to accept leaves, grass clippings and branches and offer mulch made from the chipped materials to the Township residents at a reduced price. Mr. Hetrick asked that the Township contribute \$2,000 to the project to cover 50% of the cost of a tub grinder. Douglas Muller asked if the Township could enter into an agreement for a certain period of time if the Township invested in the equipment; Edward Wagner suggested that the Township try the arrangement on a trial basis 2 days per week; the Board was in agreement with entering an agreement on a trial basis and informing Township residents via the Fall issue of *The Harbinger*. Mr. Smith also added that Douglas Montgomery Township was contacted and responded that they are very busy and would not be able to accommodate New Hanover Township's residents.
- Road Equipment – Mr. Smith advised the Board that by 2012 all road equipment must be equipped with emissions control. He added that if a backhoe were ordered today, it would be equipped with emission control devices and sold at 2009 prices; the Township would not need to accept delivery until 2012. Mr. Smith added that he is in favor of adding a skid steer to the Township's equipment since it is able to work on wet soil with damaging the soil and grass; the current cost would be approximately \$50,000 to \$66,000 and would have emissions control; the cost is expected to increase in 2012.

- Staffing – Mr. Smith suggested that an additional employee be added to the Public Works Department this year to replace the employee who recently separated from the New Hanover Township
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Township. He suggested that another employee be added next year; he could consider a seasonal employee or may need to decide whether an additional employee or an additional piece of equipment would be most beneficial to the department. Mr. Wagner stated that mid-year budget review is about to begin.

- Diesel Fuel – Mr. Smith stated that he has only \$5,000 remaining in his diesel fuel budget and that he expects to need an additional \$20,000 to purchase fuel for the remainder of the year. He added that the unexpected increase in diesel fuel has led to the depletion of the funds allocated for that item.
- Drainage Systems – David Brown asked that Mr. Smith keep track of drainage systems and also mentioned the new regulations requiring reflective road signs. Mr. Smith asked that drainage system problems be reported to him since it is sometimes difficult to visualize them by driving by. Mr. Smith also stated that replacing road signs is extremely expensive and is an unfunded mandate being challenged by certain municipalities.

Boyertown YMCA – update – Mr. Wagner stated that a draft agreement between the YMCA and the wrestling team is being reviewed along with their goals and objectives; Board of Supervisors comments are welcome. The agreement will be presented for adoption at the July 11 meeting. Douglas Muller stated that he would like to see a timeline on the Capital Improvements Plan.

The work session meeting adjourned to Board of Supervisors regular meeting at 7:00pm.

Edward Wagner, Township Secretary/Manager