

**NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION  
DECEMBER 12, 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, December 12, 2011. Present were Supervisors Martin Dyas, Ralph Fluharty, Douglas Muller, Andrew Kelly 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.

National Penn Bank – James Wozniak gave a presentation explaining the proposed building upgrades. Mr. Wozniak explained that the plans as proposed include a small extension of the canopy outside, with the majority of the improvements being made on the interior of the building. The building improvements include a second floor which is not intended to be utilized but rather is being added for aesthetic purposes. The extension of the canopy will provide a widening of the three pass-through lanes, the egress/egress on North Charlotte Street will be reduced, a handicap curb will be added, landscaping will be upgraded, new signage will be installed; improvements result in a reduction in the permeable area and a stormwater assessment will be needed. Mr. Wozniak stated that a land development submission could be required but that he does not feel the changes are significant enough to require a land application be filed. The bank proposes to begin construction in the beginning of 2012 which is expected to take three to four months to complete. Douglas Muller suggested that the well water be checked. It was noted that installation of fire suppression is not mandatory but that that it is preferred that the bank connect to public water and include the installation of a fire suppression system in the renovations. A PennDOT permit will also be required.

Sassamansville and New Hanover Fire Company Presentations –

*Sassamansville Fire Company* – Fire Chief Raymond Strickland reported that his company has increased training and staffing, that they are working with Thomas Harned on operation procedures, that an apparatus replacement schedule has been created, that they expect to replace their engine in the next year or two and have used past costs plus 3% inflation to project a cost of \$20,000 for the replacement engine. They plan to use proceeds from fund raising estimated at \$10,000 to \$12,000 to apply toward the cost and could apply for grant money or may need to acquire a loan for the balance of the cost. He advised that a loan through the state would likely be at 2% interest for 20 years; amount of loans granted are capped. He stated that Sassamansville currently has four vehicles and does not project adding any additional vehicles up to year 2030; trucks have an approximate life of twenty years. He stated that other equipment is purchased with relief fund monies and that the gear is upgraded on an as-needed basis. He was informed that tax monies will be distributed now that training records have been provided to the Township. Mr. Fluharty asked if progress is being made on the SOP's and was told that they are working with Thomas Harned.

*New Hanover Fire Company* – Chief Philip Agliano stated that the two fire companies are consolidating their SOP's. Douglas Muller asked if New Hanover Fire Company has the same policy on equipment replacement as Sassamansville Fire Company.

Mr. Agliano stated that New Hanover prefers to rotate equipment on a 15 year basis so that there is a value remaining when the vehicle is replaced. New Hanover Fire Company is hoping to refurbish their ladder truck and will look for loans for the equipment. He stated that New Hanover has three major vehicles and two utility vehicles. He stated that it is a challenge to operate on the amount of funding they receive. The question was posed as to whether the fire companies are liable if the Board of Supervisors adopts a standard and the standard is not met. They were advised that if a standard is adopted, the performance must be monitored.

Fire companies were asked to provide a report for the next Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned to the regular meeting at 7:15 P.M.

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Edward Wagner, Township Manager/Secretary