

WES BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, February 14th @ 7:30 am

Call to Order - Bette Porter called the meeting to order at 7:30 am. Members and guests were welcomed.

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer - Prayer by Mike Yingling.

Birthdays - Birthdays for February were Terry Davis and Randy Oellig.

Membership & Dues - Bette reminded members that dues are only \$45 for 2019. Spread the word about WES to your colleagues and friends.

Treasurer's Report – Balance is \$2,426.60 submitted by Bette Porter. Paul Wagner made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Janet Hardman. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes – Diane Suhr made a motion to accept meeting minutes for December as presented, seconded by Norm Zoumas. Motion passed unanimously.

Introductions - Members introduced themselves and their businesses.

Questionnaire – A questionnaire was circulated to gather member information on the association and suggestions for the future.

Committees – Bette reiterated the need for committee chairs and members. Some members have already responded but more are needed.

Scholarships – Bette requested input on two scholarships offered to CD & LD school districts. There has been a very low submission rate and would like to explore different options. A discussion was held on how to move forward. Mike Yingling made a motion to combine the two scholarships into one (\$600) and offer it to a Dauphin County Technical School student with similar submission requirements, seconded by Janet Hardman. Motion passed unanimously.

East Hanover Township Report

Paul Cornell, EHT Manager –

1. The township wrapping up their search for a new P&R Director. There will be no lapse in programming in the interim. They have recently hired a PT P&R employee.
2. Reported on 2020 sewer project in the township.
3. Meeting with BOS to determine long-term growth plan for the township regarding staff and finances.

Mike Yingling, EHT Supervisor –

1. Mr. Yingling praised the EHT staff on their professionalism. He very much enjoys working with them.
2. Would like to sponsor

South Hanover Township Report

No report.

West Hanover Township Report

Don Steinmeier, WHT Supervisor

1. Addressed issues with large trucks driving through neighborhoods. Noted that it is unlawful to prohibit trucks from making local deliveries.
2. Working with BOS and Rep. Andrew Lewis to address environmental concerns (ie. sanitary sewer systems, MS4, etc.) as well as the volunteer shortage affecting local fire companies.
3. Houck Manor area to have sewer installed by August, 2019.

4. Andrew Lewis will be hosting a town hall at the municipal building on Feb 20th.

Janet Hardman, Zoning Administrator –

1. WH is working to establish MS4 fee for residents. She needs business owners from the township to meet approx. 3 times to help establish a program.

Don Holmes, P&R –

1. Don talked about upcoming events at the WH Community Center.

Lower Paxton Township Report

Norm Zoumas – LPT Supervisor –

1. Andrew Lewis recently held a town hall meeting in LP. Items discussed were potential legalization of marijuana and other looming social issues concerning residents.
2. Mr. Steinmeier added that when marijuana is legalized, we will need to lobby to have the revenues trickle back to local government to offset unfunded mandates.

Upcoming Events – Mr. Yingling noted that he is holding a ‘Career Night’ for those who wish to investigate careers in real estate and also for potential RE investors in April.

Meeting Sponsor Presentation – None.

Don Holmes thanked Mike Yingling for a positive experience working with agent Josh Clelan from his Remax office. Mr. Yingling noted that Josh is one of his best agents.

Members congratulated Paul Wagner on his impending retirement.

Our next meeting will be March 14th with Michael Yingling – Re/Max Delta Group Inc as sponsor/speaker.

Adjournment - Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by Don Holmes