

WES BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, January 10th @ 7:30 am

Call to Order - Bette Porter called the meeting to order at 7:30 am. 21 members and guests were welcomed.

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer - Prayer by Mike Yingling.

Introductions - Members introduced themselves and their businesses.

Birthdays - Birthdays for December and January were acknowledged.

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

Board members for 2019 will be Bette Porter, President; Devin Dibiasse, Vice. President; Janet Hardman, Treasurer; Don Holmes, Secretary.

New committees are being formed for 2019 – they are Social Media, Events, Golf Tournament & Membership. Please let Bette know if you can assist with these committees.

There are a few open dates for meeting sponsorships if anyone is interested in signing up.

Bette noted that there was low attendance by members at the holiday party. Discussion was held about having the party in November to capture more attendance as it is not as hectic that time of year.

Treasurer's Report – Balance is \$2,417.82 submitted by Bette Porter. Paul Wagner made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Mike Geppert. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes - John Vigilante made a motion to accept meeting minutes for December as presented, seconded by Norm Zoumas. Motion passed unanimously.

East Hanover Township Report

Paul Cornell, EHT Manager –

1. Anthea Stebbins has resigned her position as P&R Director for EHT. All programs will continue. The township is searching for a new director.
2. Reported on 2020 sewer project in the township.

Mike Yingling, EHT Supervisor –

1. Large warehouse development project in the works near casino.

South Hanover Township Report

Nora Blair, SHT Supervisor –

1. Phase 2 completed in park development project.
2. Board recently passed a short-term rental ordinance to address issues with 'Air B&B' style rentals.
3. Introduced new township manager
4. Mike Geppert asked about the construction style of the Crossroads project, Ms. Blair noted that it was in compliance with township building codes.

West Hanover Township Report

Don Steinmeier, WHT Supervisor

1. Bos passed 2019 budget with no tax increase for 2019.
2. WH is hiring two part-time receptionists.

3. 2019 sewer project is moving forward. Township is soliciting bids for installation. The cost will be approx. \$12k per residence. Township is looking at options for assistance through grants.
4. WH has open seats on boards if anyone is interested, please inquire at office.
5. Mr. Yingling asked about the light that will be installed at 39 & Devonshire, Don explained that it will be a flashing light.
6. Baseball & Softball Association will not be paying a fee this year to the township. In lieu of the fee, the association will offer grants to families who cannot afford the fees. Mr. Acri asked how it will be advertised. Mr. Steinmeier noted that those decisions will be made by the association.
7. Andrew Lewis will be hosting a town hall at the municipal building on Feb 21st.
8. Terry Davis thanked WH & LP for working together to complete bridge project on Jonestown Rd.

Janet Hardman, Zoning Administrator –

1. WH will be working all year to establish MS4 fee for residents, should be implemented in 2020.
2. Plumbers and Pipefitters on Jonestown Rd. will be expanding and building a bank and training center on their Jonestown Rd. property.

Don Holmes, P&R –

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

Lower Paxton Township Report

Norm Zoumas – LPT Supervisor –

1. The bridge project is complete and was very well done.
2. Heroes Grove has secured funding to complete final touches on the park. Reminded all that although the park is in LP, that it is a county park.
3. LP Supervisors passed a budget for 2019 that includes no tax increase for the residents.
4. Don Steinmeier noted that LP did a wonderful job with their MS4 program that he attended.

Upcoming Events – Diane Suhr stated that Grantville Fire. Co. is holding a fundraiser at Hoss' on Jan. 27th

Bette presented a request to sponsor a team for South Hanover Baseball. Jan Bahret made a motion to sponsor the team, seconded by Terry Davis. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Sponsor Presentation – Diane Suhr & Diana Reed from Diana Reed Associates

Presented changes to the tax forms and other significant changes to tax code in 2019. Reviewed mechanisms for charitable donations through annual distribution. Explained the reduction in deductions offered this year. Don Steinmeier inquired about property deductions for those other than a principal domicile. Diana noted that you may only deduct for one additional property. Mr. Finger expressed to the group what a wonderful company Diana Reed Associates is. Also noted that Interstate battery in a great company to work with.

Adjournment - Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 am.

Respectfully submitted by Don Holmes