

WES Hanover Business Association

November 12, 2015

Meeting Minutes

The WES Hanover Business Association met on Thursday November 12, 2015 at the West Hanover Recreation Center for breakfast at 7:15 am. The meeting started at 7:30 am with President Bette Porter of Fulton Bank presiding. She called the meeting to order and welcomed 19 members, there were no guests in attendance. Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance followed by prayer by Pastor Randy Hunt of Susquehanna Valley Evangelical Free Church.

We honored our veterans by asking them to remain standing after the prayer. Our veterans who were present were Bob McRedmond (Air Force) of Handyman Matters, Dave Finger (Marines) of Blue Mountain Stone and Terry Davis (Army) of Keystone Corrections.

Each of our business's introduced themselves and their business

November birthdays are Stephanie Albrecht and Bob Rogers, neither were present.

A door prize was presented to the person in attendance who had been with their employee the longest. Harry Capper was the winner with 41 years with AMP before retiring.

Bette reminded everyone that the 2016 membership renewals are due by our January, 14th's meeting. The annual fee still remains at \$45. Payment can be dropped off to Bette at Fulton Bank. If any of your information has changed please let Bette know that also. Bette reminded all to spread the word about the association in an effort to grow our membership.

We sponsored West Hanover Senior Van for \$250 a few months ago. The question was raised if we want to sponsor East Hanover's senior van (The Autumn Leaves Transport Service) as well. Motion was made by Jay Reale of Members First to sponsor them for \$250, seconded by Diane Suhr of Diana Reed & Associates. All voted in approval to support EHT senior van.

Bette reminded everyone about the Christmas Party, Friday December 11th, 6:00pm at the Lawton American Legion. We will have appetizers, dinner buffet, door prizes and entertainment. Members = \$10, and a guest = \$10. Any additional guests are \$25 each. RSVP with your check to Bette before Friday, November 27th.

Annual election of officers was held. Everyone voted and Dixie from the WHT Rec Center counted the votes. The votes were unanimous, our officers for 2016 will remain the same. Bette Porter, president, Jan Bahret, vice president, Tom Stewart, treasurer and Deb Fleisher, secretary.

Bette asked for suggestions on how to make our meetings more interesting / valuable. Terry Davis suggested that we start having a variety of guest speakers in , as opposed to us continuing to present our business's. When new members come in to the association they should present their business but then after that we should have various other outside guest speakers.

Reports:

- 1) Treasurer's report – Tom Stewart – Balance as of 11/1/2015 is \$5,815.54. Paul Wagner from HFCU made a motion to accept, seconded by Bob McRedmond of Handyman Matters. All approved.
- 2) Minutes from October – Dave Finger of Blue Mountain Stone made a motion to accept, seconded by Tom Stewart, WHT tax collector. All approved.
- 3) **East Hanover Township – Deb Casey** - New Public Works building – The ground breaking for the public works building will take place on November 20th at 2:00 PM.

Park and Recreation – Upcoming events, “Make Your Own Wreath” on December 4th, Tree Lighting on December 5th at 6:30 PM and Breakfast with Santa on December 12th. See the Park and Rec Facebook page or the Township Website for all the details.

Fire Co. – This Friday is the Fall Spaghetti Dinner to be held at the Municipal building from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children. On Saturday December 12th and 19th Santa will be traveling through East Hanover Township on a Grantville Volunteer Fire Co. fire truck.

- 4) **South Hanover Township – Penny Pollick** -Two new Supervisors, Rebecca Boehmer and Steve Cordaro, were elected and will begin their (6) year terms in January. Both ran as the result of the Milton Hershey Schools – Venice North project which is located at the former Hershey Links Golf Course.
- Ground breaking for the new Municipal Complex and Emergency Services Center was held on Thursday, November 5th, the ceremony was very successful and exciting. This project has been in the works for approximately (17) years and finally has come to fruition. There is a (6) acre commercial tract of land on the Municipal Complex side owned by the Hershey Trust that is on the market and the Township has requested that a nice restaurant be built there. Directly across the street is where Milton Hershey Schools will be building their Venice North expansion of 32 student homes. In the forefront of this property Hershey Trust has talked about developing a shopping village with small boutiques and specialty stores. This will be a newly signalized intersection.

- The Township has once again applied for a Gaming Grant and the formal presentation went very well. The Township is requesting \$500,000 for the Municipal Complex project.
- The Union Deposit Volunteer Fire Co. has entered the Doritos Crash the Super Bowl commercial contest. The top prize winner will receive \$1,000,000 but even placing in the top 50 will earn them a minimum of \$2,000. Please hit control and click on the following link to cast your vote. <https://crashthesuperbowl.doritos.com/gallery/-created/0/870>
- The Township is diligently working on their budget which must be approved before the year's end.
- Paving of Grandview and Shetland Drives has been completed.
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5) **West Hanover Township / Public Safety – Jay Megonnell** - The twp had a budget workshop on Nov 9 and now have a balanced budget. Line painting is completed and road crews are sealing cracks and cleaning gutters before winter sets in. Board of Supervisors updates: Don Steinmeier has been voted in for a second term, Steve Kurtz has been elected to replace Jay Megonnell.

Upcoming events in the community:

- 1) Redfern Canine will be having a pet photo with Santa on 11/21.
- 2) WHT breakfast with Santa is scheduled for Sat Dec 12.

Our sponsor/guest speaker for today's meeting was Diane Suhr from Diana Reed Assoc PC. Diane gave an update on some of the current tax filings extension guidelines. There was quite a bit of discussion around social security guidelines. Diane is not the expert on that but hoped to have Diana Reed attend one of our future meetings to provide more information. Diane talked about Identity Theft and the steps to take should you become a victim. Diane also provided a handout of the menu of services provided by the company.

See everyone at the Christmas Party next month. Our next breakfast meeting will be Thursday January 14, 2016. Our guest speaker will be from "Hope".

Remember, new members !!!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Fleisher

Secretary