

# WES BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 7:30 am

**Call to Order** – Mike Yingling called the meeting to order at 7:30 am. Members and guests were welcomed.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer** - Prayer by Mike Yingling

**Introductions** - Members introduced themselves and their businesses.

**Membership & Dues** - Mike reminded members that dues are still only \$45 for 2021. Spread the word about WES to your colleagues and friends. First visit is free.

**Committees** – Mike asked for members to consider joining the Directory Committee. Goal to have a local business directory ready to distribute by summer 2021. Further, Mr. Schwan offered to host an association mixer in early 2021 to help market to LP Businesses.

**Meeting Sponsors** – Terry Davis offered to sponsor today's meeting. Dale Schwan offered to sponsor December's meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** – Balance is \$1,421.42 as reported by Mike Yingling. Don Holmes made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Terry Davis. Motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes** – Lynn Weustner made a motion to accept meeting minutes for October as presented, seconded by Dale Schwan. Motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting Sponsor Presentation** – Terry Davis sponsored the meeting. No presentation was made.

**Association Updates** – Suggestions were made for a name change to help draw in businesses from different areas. Please review and be ready to vote on a new association name at the December meeting. Names proposed are as follows:

1. East Shore Business Association
2. Capitol Area Business Association
3. The Valley Business Association
4. Susquehanna Valley Business Association
5. Dauphin County Business Association

**Election of Executive Officers** – To be held at December meeting. Nominations are as follows:

1. President – (Currently Bette Porter) Tony Acri was nominated by Don Holmes, seconded by Mike Yingling. Mr. Acri accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made.
2. Vice President – (Currently Mike Yingling) Mike Yingling was nominated by Lynn Weustner, seconded by Tony Acri. Mr. Yingling accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made.
3. Secretary – (Currently Don Holmes) Don Holmes was nominated by Terry Davis, seconded by Mike Geppert. Mr. Holmes accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made.
4. Treasurer – (Currently Tony Acri) Bette Porter was nominated by Don Holmes, seconded by Jan Bahret. No other nominations were made.

## East Hanover Township Report

Mike Yingling, EHT Supervisor

1. Township working on MS4 program and fee assessment
2. Back to the drawing board for sewer due to substantial cost increases
3. Hollywood Casino has laid off more employees, over 300 to date
4. EHT will pave approx.. 6 miles per year. Finishing up 743 corridor
5. Strategically used casino grants to pay down twp owned mortgages

**Lower Paxton Township Report** - No report

## South Hanover Township Report

Lynn Weustner, SHT Manager

1. SHT survived the elections (2 precincts voting at township building)
2. Zoning officer retiring, bringing in Light Hygel to manage those operations
3. Philly Pretzel Factory coming into Giant Complex
4. Liquor license transferred to old Verizon store in Giant complex
5. Seeking grant assistance to help offset costs of sewer tap in fees

## West Hanover Township Report

Don Steinmeier, WHT Supervisor

1. Dan Rosario is no longer manager at WHT. Mike Gossert will be interim manager on a temporary basis
2. Stormwater Auth will be reassessing the fee structure for 2021
3. Line painting completed in the township
4. Sewer Auth to install pump station at Holiday Park by Spring
5. 3 supervisor seats will be opening up in 2021

Janet Hardman, Zoning Administrator –

1. New tenants coming to Skyview Business Center
2. Zoning meeting coming up for property across from Manor Restaurant
3. 7-11 project headed to BOS for approval
4. ProLogis requesting variances and zoning changes for property across from current distribution center on Rt. 39
5. Burger King ironing out issues with PennDot for old Valero station property

Discussion was had on how to rejuvenate the association to entice new members and spread out to the Lower Paxton area. Discussed changing the name to something that would be more regionally inclusive. East Shore Business Association was proposed for consideration and Mike asked members to email Bette with ideas. It was noted that the mixers were successful and brought a different crowd.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am.

**Adjournment** - Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 am.

Respectfully submitted by Don Holmes