

# **WES Hanover Business Association**

**October 8, 2015**

## **Meeting Minutes**

The WES Hanover Business Association met on Thursday October 8, 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.

Bette had everyone introduce themselves and their business and then tell us something about themselves that most people don't know.

October birthdays were recognized - Jay Reale of Members 1<sup>st</sup>

Bette awarded a door prize based on a trivia question – what year did the business association start. Randy Hunt said 1985 which was the correct answer and won the prize.

Bette gave a reminder to all to invite our business neighbors from West, East and South Hanover Townships along with our neighboring townships of Derry Twp., Lower Paxton Twp. and Hummelstown Borough. They either have to reside or have their business in one of those townships. First visit is free, after that it would be \$8 each meeting or \$45 annual membership fee. Please use our invitation cards to make it easier.

Bette reminded everyone that voting for 2016 board members is next month. If anyone is interested in any position please let Bette know. We currently have Bette Porter running for President, Jan Bahret running for Vice President and Tom Stewart running for Treasurer. At present we have no one running for Secretary.

Bette gave everyone an invitation to our annual Christmas Holiday Party. (see attached) This year it will be held Friday December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Lawnton American Legion. Appetizers start at 6:00, followed by a buffet at 6:30 and entertainment at 7:00. Door prizes will be given out. The cost is \$10 per member and \$10 for their first guest. Additional guests will be \$25. RSVP with payment to Bette Porter by November 27. Dave Finger brought up a concern about the smoke odor in the legion that carries over from the other room. Some discussion followed. Other possibilities for next years' party were discussed.

Reports:

- 1) Treasurers Report – Tom Stewart – Current balance: \$5,857.54. Motion made by Paul Wagner, seconded by Jan Bahret, approved by all.
- 2) Minutes from September – emailed to all members for review. Jan Bahret made motion to accept, seconded by Tom Stewart, approved by all.
- 3) East Hanover Twp. – Deb Casey – The roof of the municipal building has been replaced at a cost of \$117,979.00.

New Public Works building – The project went out to bid and the bids came in over the engineers' estimates. The project cost is \$5,748,143.00. Gaming grants will be used to finance part of the building and the rest is being done through a loan. It is expected the ground breaking will take place in November, with the County Commissioners present. Construction is to be completed within one year.

The speed limit in the Village of Grantville from the light at Bow Creek/Rt. 743 to the County line has been reduced to 25 MPH per the request of the residents of the Village.

Park and Recreation – A consultant has been obtained to begin work on the Park and Recreation Open Space Comprehensive and Master Plan. Public meetings have been scheduled, the next one being January 14, 2016. The Halloween Parade is scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 7:00 PM and the Fall Festival (Pumpkin Carving) will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Fire Co. – Upcoming events Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 AM there will be a Pork Rib and Chicken BBQ dinner along with a Central Penn Blood Drive.

Ron Reeder, Township Manager, is retiring effective 11/27. The township is in the process of accepting resumes for his replacement.

Upcoming elections- there will be 4 open supervisor positions this year.

- 4) South Hanover Twp. – Penny Pollick – no report
- 5) West Hanover Twp. – Jay Megonnel –
  - a) Employees are back in the township building after following a mold issue that has been corrected.
  - b) Fire Prevention Week – open house on 10-6
  - c) Fire company sponsoring their annual Haunted Hayride Oct 23-24 and Oct 30-31
  - d) WHT Trick or Treat night is 10/29
  - e) Discussion around a traffic light at the intersection of Rt. 39 and Devonshire Heights Rd. Traffic light was not approved however a flashing light may be an option
  - f) Gloria Zimmerman will be having back surgery on 10/23.

- g) Linglestown's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration is this weekend. There will be activities on both Friday and Saturday. Saturday will include a parade as well as the dedication of the new clock on the square.

Upcoming Events:

1)WHT Pumpkin Carving and Haunted Hayride 10/20 sponsored by the Bahret's

2)Mike Geppert gave an update on the property purchase. The 3 goals are to 1) expand Energy Plus building, 2) Lease other unit for some type of medical purpose, 3) Pad site in front

Fulton Bank was our sponsor/speaker for our meeting. The speaker from the Leasing Department was not able to make it last minute so Deb Fleisher of Fulton Bank spoke. Leasing is for customers who want to "use" technology, not necessarily "own" it. It's also for municipalities, state agencies, schools, etc interested in purchasing essential-use equipment or vehicles. It's for commercial customers and prospects interested in purchasing equipment or vehicles for business use. Also for customers looking for specific tax strategies. Fulton has a flexible structure/term/payment option for leasing. It's 100% financing and is of diverse collateral.

Next meeting is Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 a.m. for breakfast and 7:30 a.m. for the meeting. Our sponsor for that meeting is Diane Suhr from Diana M Reed & Associates.

**Remember, new Members !!!!**

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Fleisher

Secretary