

WES Hanover Business Association

January 12, 2017

Meeting Minutes

The WES Hanover Business Association met on Thursday January 12, 2017 at the Skyline Family Restaurant for breakfast at 7:15 am. The meeting started at 7:30 am with Bette Porter, President, presiding. She called the meeting to order and welcomed 19 members and 2 guests, Guests were Steve Hall of Trefz and Bowser Funeral Home and Ken Kelly of Sentext solutions. Ken was a guest of John Vigilante, Interstate All Battery Center. Steve was our guest speaker for the meeting. Also John Langel, Sr. was taking Jason Roberts' place for our meeting. Everyone stood for the pledge to the American flag followed by prayer by Pastor Randy Hunt of Susquehanna Valley Evangelical Free Church.

Each person introduced themselves and what business they represent. We celebrated our January birthdays: Lowell Witmer, District Justice; Paul Wagner, HFCU; Ken Tyndale, KL Tyndale; Penny Pollick, South Hanover Twp; Natalie Kratzer, Thrivent Financial; and Tony Acri, Anthony Acri Insurance Agency.

Results of the 2017 board member elections are as follows: Bette Porter, Fulton Bank, President; Mike Geppert, M&J Properties, Vice President; Jan Bahret, BC Interiors, Treasurer. We did not elect a Secretary. In the interim Diane Suhr, Diana M Reed & Assoc PC and Deb Fleisher, Fulton Bank have volunteered to take turns on taking minutes. Thank you to Diane and Deb.

2017 membership renewals are due this month. It's still only \$45 for 2017. If nothing has changed you can drop off or give your check to Bette. If your email has changed please let Bette know. Spread the word about our association to others who live or have a business in the WES locations as well as our neighboring townships. Our winner for early renewal by last November meeting is Terry Davis, Keystone Corrections. His name was picked from the other 13 members who renewed early.

We recognized 3 people who only missed 1 meeting last year: Deb Fleisher, Diane Suhr and Gloria Zimmerman. The following members only missed 2 meetings: Bob McRedmond and Norm Zoumas. Congratulations to all those mentioned.

We have a membership committee formed- thanks to Natalie Kratzer, Tony Acri and Mike Geppert. They will be getting together with Bette to discuss ways of getting our associations' name out there. Mike is planning to put an ad in the Paxton Herald. We would also like to advertise in The Sun as well.

We got a request again this year to sponsor the South Hanover Baseball and Softball Association. Mike Yingling of Remax Delta Group Inc made a motion that we sponsor South, East and West Hanover Township's baseball association's at \$250 each. The motion was seconded by Paul Wagner of HFCU. All approved.

Jan Bahret of BC Interiors, made a motion to make our annual \$300 Roy Bridges Life Achievement Award to 1 Central Dauphin Senior and 1 Lower Dauphin Senior. Mike Yingling of Remax Delta Group, Inc seconded the motion. All approved.

Bette mentioned that we still need sponsors for our June and July meetings this year. Penny Pollick, South Hanover Township and Paul Cornell, East Hanover Township have agreed to jointly sponsor the June 8th meeting.

Our annual golf outing this year is scheduled for Friday September 8 at Deer Valley Golf Course.

Reports:

- 1) Treasurer's Report – Jan Bahrat – Current Balance is \$3,454.38 with commitments already for a total of \$1,350.00 for township baseball and softball and the high school senior awards. Motion made by John Vigilante, Interstate All Battery Center to accept, seconded by Gloria Zimmerman, West Hanover Township. All approved
- 2) Minutes from November meeting – Minutes were emailed to all members for their review. Motion made by Mike Yingling, Remax Delta Group Inc to accept, seconded by Diane Suhr, Diana M Reed Associates PC. All approved
- 3) South Hanover Township – Penny Pollick – South Hanover Township
 - We are now in our new building and are working on getting the punchlist items completed
 - At the annual re-organization meeting the Board elected to keep the same officers as last year. Rebecca Boehmer, Chair; Scott Plouse, Vice-Chair and Stephen Cordaro as Secretary.
 - The Board is looking to complete the townships ACT 537 plan early this year and submit to DEP.
 - The Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission have scheduled joint Workshop Meetings to work through our Comprehensive Plan as well as Zoning and SALDO Ordinances. All three are out of date and need revisions. These meetings will take place on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
 - South and East Hanover Townships will take the June opening of the WES monthly meetings to present and MS4 educational seminar. MS4 stands for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System and is all about Stormwater and cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay. This is an unfunded federal mandate placed on Townships that is turning out to be very costly. A lot of Townships have already instituted a "Rain Tax" or Stormwater Fee to cover these costs.
 - Currently the Township has one large development plan before the Planning Commission. Crossings Senior Living is proposing a senior care home that consists of 98 Independent Living units and 156 Personal Care units which include Assisted Living and Memory Care. The site location is a 19 acre tract of land that is situated on the southwest corner of SR 39 and East Canal Streets.
- 4) East Hanover Township – Paul Cornell – Public Works Building is completed, they are working on getting their "Certificate of Occupancy" and checking all systems. Hope to be in the building within 2 weeks. Will be having a Spring dedication. Long Term Planning committee is working on a) township maps b) zoning updates. Municipal Authority is working on the 2020 sewer project. Summer programs are being scheduled for the township.
- 5) West Hanover Township – Gloria Zimmerman – Road crew is on top of things this year. The township recently purchased the Old Bucks Tavern property, approx. 4 acres. The township recently adopted an ECHO House ordinance. It has also been approved to sell alcohol at the Parks and Rec center.

Our sponsor for this month was the WES Hanover Business Association. Our guest speaker was Steve Hall of Trefz and Bowser Funeral Home in Hummelstown. He gave a brief history of how the business got started. It has been part of his family almost since the beginning and he has been involved and working there since he was a teenager. He brought 3 different pamphlets/brochures for anyone to pick up. He gave us a lot of good information and answered questions from the group.

Our next meeting will be Thursday February 9th at the Skyline Family Diner with Paul Wagner, Hershey Federal Credit Union. Breakfast will be at 7:15 followed by our meeting at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Fleisher, secretary