

WES Hanover Business Association

January 14, 2016

Meeting Minutes

The WES Hanover Business Association met on Thursday January 14, 2016 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 18 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. Each person introduced themselves and what business they represent.

Bette mentioned January birthdays- Lowell Witmer, Paul Wagner, Ken Tyndale, Penny Pollick and Natalie Kratzer.

2016 Membership renewals are due this month. It is still only \$45 for 2016. You can see that Bette gets your check. If your email has changed please let Bette know. Please spread the word about our association to others who live or have a business in the WES locations as well as our neighboring townships.

Last year Terry Davis and Bette Porter had perfect attendance. The following members only missed one meeting: Tom Stewart, Diane Suhr, John Vigilante and Jay Megonnell. Congratulations.

We received a request again this year to sponsor the South Hanover Baseball and Softball Association for \$250. That amount sponsors a team and our organization name will be on the back of their jersey. Mike Yingling of ReMax made a motion to sponsor for \$250, seconded by Randy Hunt of SVEFC, all approved.

Christmas Party feedback -We got a lot of good feedback on the party however many people commented that they did not like the strong smoke smell in the building. We are looking at other locations for 2016 and are open to suggestions. We are looking for a few people to form a committee work on the party planning for 2016. If interested, see Bette asap. If you have any ideas on locations to have our annual Christmas Party/Dinner please let Bette know. We need to book a place soon due to those December dates fill up fast, so your help would be appreciated.

If anyone know of a good speaker for our group please let Bette know.

Reports:

- 1) Treasurers Report – Tom Stewart, West Hanover Twp tax collector reported our current balance is \$4,536.77. Paul Wagner of Hershey Federal Credit Union made a motion to accept the treasurers' report, seconded by Bob McRedmond of Handyman Matters, all approved.
- 2) Minutes from November- the minutes for November's meeting were emailed out to all members for review. Jan Bahrat of Bahrat Interiors made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Deb Casey of East Hanover Township, all approved.
- 3) East Hanover Township – Deb Casey -New Public Works building – The ground breaking took place on November 20th at 2:00 PM. Construction has begun and completion is expected by the end of the year.
 - The bridge replacement on Manada Bottom is complete and the road has reopened.
 - The Township hired a new Manager. Paul Cornell began his employment on Monday, January 11th. He comes to us from Swatara Township where he was Manager for 17 years.
 - Organization Meeting was held January 4th. Mike Yingling was elected Chairman and George Rish Vice-Chairman.

- 4) South Hanover Township – Penny Pollick -Two of South Hanover Township’s long time Supervisors have retired. Robert Cassel, who served on the Board for 36 years, most of them as Chairman and Dr. Edward Mimmagh, Secretary, served for 33 years.
- The Township now has three new Supervisors and a new Chairman. New Supervisors are Rebecca Boehmer, Stephen Cordaro and Douglas Walters. Our new Chairman is Thomas Scott.
 - The new Township Municipal Complex and Emergency Services Center is well underway. Foundations for the both the Municipal building and Fire Co. have been poured and walls are now going up. Project is expected to be completed in October/November of this year.
 - It is snow season and just a friendly reminder to all that although unfortunate...a few mailboxes will be taken down and their lives lost.
- 5) West Hanover Township – Gloria Zimmerman – The WHT officers for 2016 are as follows: Adam Klein, Chair, Gloria Zimmerman, Vice Chair, Don Steinmeier, Sec/Treas and also alternate for WES. The township will be hiring 2 part time receptionists. Ted’s Bar and Grille is open and in full swing. Parking is an issue at this time. The road crew did a good job salting with this week’s storm. There is a Senior Luncheon next Thursday, January 21st. Sign up deadline is Friday.

No upcoming events were mentioned.

Bette asked if there were any follow up questions for Diane Suhr, who was our November speaker. No questions presented.

Our guest speaker was Gail Yoder with “Hope”. This is a fairly new ministry out of Calvary UMC. She works with people who have heroin/cocaine addictions. She shared many interesting and compelling facts about what type of people get pulled into this, what signs to look for in family and friends, statistics on drug usage, how to go about getting help and do’s and don’ts should you have a situation like this in your family. She asked everyone to send referrals her way. She has a heart to help these folks and is more than adequately trained to do so.

Next meeting is Thursday February 11, 2016. Please plan to attend and support our local WES Hanover Twp. Association!

Respectfully submitted by,
Deb Fleisher, Secretary