

**WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
7171 ALLENTOWN BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17112  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

**WORKSHOP SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.**

Chairman Klein called the workshop to order at 6:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Harold Harman, Supervisor

Adam Klein, Chairman

Kyle Miller, Supervisor

Don Steinmeier, Secretary-Treasurer

Gloria Zimmerman, Vice Chairman

Staff/SEO present: Brian Von Neida, Brian McFeaters

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**OLD TOPICS: None**

**NEW TOPICS**

Ordinance 2016-06, Amendment to Section 195, New Language for Fences or Walls- Mr. Steinmeier stated that he thinks that any fence in the front yard should be kept a minimum of 5 feet out of the road right-of way, not 2 feet as listed in the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Harman said that he measured the distance in the proposed Ordinance and that he thinks that 2 feet is fine. There was discussion that the fence would be set 2 feet from the right-of way. Mr. Steinmeier said that if a township snow plow damages a fence the township may have to pay for the repairs. He thinks 5 feet out of the road right-of-way would eliminate the chance of damage. There was a brief discussion regarding the distance.

*Mr. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. Steinmeier to have any fence in the front yard must be kept a minimum of 5 feet out of the road right-of-way. Motion passed unanimously.*

Mrs. Zimmerman pointed out a typographical error in Section 195-95.D (2). Solicitor Yost stated that the proposed Ordinance should be changed to 2017.

Mr. Steinmeier asked if there is a maintenance factor in the Ordinance that states the property owner must maintain the fence. Mr. Von Neida stated there is no maintenance factor in the Ordinance. There was discussion if a fence was not maintained that it would fall under the property maintenance code of the township. Mr. Steinmeier commented that a fence between a commercial lot and residential lot should be a closed fence.

Mr. Von Neida will make the changes to the proposed Ordinance and present to the board on February 21<sup>st</sup> for final review/approval prior to setting a public hearing date.

Ordinance 2017-01, Amendment to Chapter 158, Changes to Sewers Ordinance, §158-6.A (1) - Mr. McFeaters addressed the board and explained the proposed change. Any lot in the Township, no matter when it was created, requires soil testing for both a primary septic area as well as a secondary (replacement) septic area, prior to the issuance of a sewage permit. There was discussion

of the alternative systems that are DEP approved. The amendment will help close the loopholes for all proposed and existing lots.

*Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Harman to advertise Ordinance 2017-01 to set a public hearing, pending on the approval of the Fence Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.*

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:30 PM**

An Executive Session was held immediately following the workshop.