

East Hanover Township, Lebanon County
Municipal Building
1117 School House Road
Annville, PA 17003
Special Session – October 21, 2024

The Board of Supervisors convened in special session at 7:00 pm for general and all purposes, including 2025 Budget Planning. The meeting was open for the public to attend.

Chairman	-	Edward Heagy	Present
Vice-Chairman	-	Stefan Wentling	Present
Secretary/Treasurer	-	Dennis Grubb	Present
Township Manager	-	Erik Harmon	Present
Administrative Assistant	-	Sheila Seaman	Present
Residents Present	-	Frankie Gibson Bob Gibson Ben Moyer Delten Sensenig	

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Edward Heagy.

Patriot Cable Request to Attach Transmitter to Park Caretaker’s Cabin – Harmon reviewed the request from Patriot Cable to attach a transmitter to the park caretaker’s cabin in order to be able to service a potential customer on Bullfrog Road. This request was presented to the Board of Supervisors at their September 30, 2024 meeting, but was tabled for Harmon to investigate some questions that arose with the representative from Patriot Cable.

1. Would the transmitter be able to service more than one additional resident?
Answer – Yes. It would be able to transmit ¾ - 1 mile on a 60-degree range.
2. Would it affect service for the Park Caretaker’s Cabin?
Answer – No, the transmitter would not affect the current internet service to the Park Caretaker’s Cabin. Patriot Cable could offer increased internet speed as compensation. Patriot Cable can provide 3 levels of service at the park location. We are currently paying to receive Level 2. With the new transmitter, we could receive Level 3 service. Patriot Cable would consider providing the Level 3 service at no increased cost in exchange for the Township allowing the transmitter to be placed on the Park Cabin.
3. Does Patriot Cable have a standard Lease Agreement that they use for this type of transaction?
Answer - No, this is not a typical situation.
4. Can it be plugged into the current breaker box at the cabin?
Answer – No answer yet for this question. Harmon will reconnect with Patriot Cable to get an answer to this question.

After reviewing this matter, it was determined that the Board of Supervisors would be interested in allowing the placement of the transmitter on the Park Caretaker’s Cabin. Harmon will go back to the representative from Patriot Cable to propose that they split the cost of drawing up an agreement with the Township, confirm if the current breaker box will suffice, and determine if the upgrade to Level 3 service can be provided for the Park Caretaker’s location at no increased fee.

Zoning Amendments Re. Accessory Apartments and Elder Cottage Housing – The Board of Supervisors reviewed comments and questions from the Planning Commission on the topic of accessory apartments and elder cottage housing. In those comments, the Planning Commission proposed remove the need for the resident of the accessory apartment or elder cottage having to be a “legal relative.” The Board of Supervisors agreed to the Planning Commission’s recommendation.

The Board of Supervisors also agreed that the ordinance needs to reinforce that one of the residences, main home or accessory home must be owner occupied.

The Board of Supervisors indicated that they feel that the approval for an accessory apartment or elder cottage must be obtained through filing for a Special Exception from the Zoning Hearing Board.

Harmon will take the comments from the Board of Supervisors back to the Planning Commission for further work on a revised draft to accommodate the directives.

Old Cumberland Road Turnaround – The Board of Supervisors discussed the directive for a road turnaround to be placed in this location at their June 24, 2024 meeting. Since that time, Harmon has spoken with the two property owners involved with this matter, Jim Speck and Mike Long. Both property owners expressed their willingness to work with the Township regarding the matter. Harmon advised that he has reviewed the project with the Township’s Road Foreman, Howard Lerch, and Lerch has indicated that he has some supplies on hand that would be needed to construct the turnaround. This would help to keep the cost for the project down. Lerch and Harmon feel that the project, with easement purchases, would cost approximately \$4,000. Harmon noted that the Township does receive \$3,000 per year from the State Liquid Fuels fund for this area of roadway. All things considered, Harmon and Lerch recommend moving forward with the installation of the road turnaround.

Wentling motioned to approve the building of the road turnaround on Old Cumberland Road. Grubb 2nd the motion and with all three Supervisors voting in favor, the motion passed.

2025 Budget Planning – During this session, The Board of Supervisors reviewed the 2025 budget proposals prepared by Harmon for the Ono Sewer Fund, Recreation Fund and Gaming Fund accounts. Some points of discussion:

1. No proposed change in Usage Fee charges for the Ono Sewer customers is proposed for 2025.
2. Park project proposals included, among other things, a 250-gallon water tank for mobile pressure washing and a water spigot installed by the vault toilets. Ed Heagy felt that he could help obtain a 250-gallon water tank, alleviating need for financial support for that item. Harmon advised that the Township’s Road Crew could assist in digging the trench for the installation of the water spigot, also reducing cost.
3. Rental Rates are in place for 2025; however, Harmon provided the Board of Supervisors with 2 Options for Proposed Rental Rates for 2026 for the park facilities. Harmon’s goal in increasing rental rates is to eventually have the rental rates cover the salaries of the park caretakers. In discussing the rate proposals for 2026, the Board of Supervisors favored Option #1 presented by Harmon.
4. Representatives from Life Lion Ambulance Services contacted Harmon to discuss the fact that they will be needing to increase fees for their services in 2026. While the increase amount is not known at this time, the Board of Supervisors is looking set a Local Service Tax, beginning in January 2025, to help cover the increase expense. A Local Service Tax can be set in any amount up to \$52.00 per person. It would apply to all employees of East Hanover Township employers.
Heagy motioned to install the Local Service Tax effective January 2025 in the amount of \$26.00 per person. Wentling 2nd the motion and with all three Supervisors voting in favor, the motion passed.
5. At the prior budget meeting, the Board of Supervisors discussed including the expense to conduct an update of the existing Traffic Impact Study. Heagy expressed that he feels there should be more discussion on this matter, before committing to the large financial investment that would be required for such a project. Harmon agreed and suggested that they take a year to investigate further and if determined appropriate, then they pursue action in 2026. All three Supervisors agreed to hold off and do further investigation of this matter.

Having no further business to discuss, Grubb motioned to adjourn the meeting. Wentling 2nd the motion and with all three Supervisors voting in favor, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila M. Seaman
Administrative Assistant