

**DOVER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
WORK SESSION MINUTES
JANUARY 27, 2014**

The Dover Township Board of Supervisors work session meeting for January 27, 2014, was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Monica Love in the Meeting Room of the Dover Township Municipal Building. Supervisors present were Monica Love, Matthew Menges, Charles Richards, Stephen Parthree, and Stephen Stefanowicz. Other Township Representatives in attendance were Laurel Oswalt, Township Manager and Trena Hall, Recording Secretary. This meeting has been recorded for minute purposes only.

The purpose of this work session was to interview candidates to fill open positions on the Zoning Hearing Board, the Sewer Authority and the Codes Enforcement Board.

ROBERT STONE – Mr. Stone is willing to serve his time where needed. He has resided in Dover for 18 years. He has an educational background in business administration and finance. Mr. Stone listed his experience as being a manager for 20 years, serving on many non-profit Boards and owning Covenant Insurance Group since 2005. The Dover area has been good to him and he would like to give service back to his community. He has much leadership and business experience and could be an asset to this community.

Mr. Stone noted that business expansion is looking positive for this area, with Memorial Hospital moving closer to Dover. Growth for this area should follow. He understands traffic and crime may be issues but Dover is a fairly healthy area to live and hold a business. He is pleased with Dover Township and does not hear many complaints on the area.

ROBERT WRIGHT - Mr. Wright was applying for the Zoning Hearing Board or the Industrial Commercial Development Committee (ICDC). He is currently semi-retired from Bailey Coach but is still working part-time for two funeral homes. He worked as the Main Street Manager for Gettysburg where he pushed to fill all the empty storefronts with new businesses. He has a great amount of experience in building businesses and working with people who are interesting in starting a new business. He currently has his own consulting business. At one time he served on the Dover Township Planning Commission; he started as an alternate and then served as a member. He believes in the Comprehensive Plan and has attended meetings when the Plan was being updated.

Dover is an agricultural area but there is room for expansion. Industry can be a good opportunity to bring professionalism into area. He noted that you must take your strengths and move forwards.

JAMES THEISEN – Mr. Theisen was applying for the Sewer Authority position. He has resided in Dover for 4 years with a young family. He works for Hively Landscapes with a degree in Landscape and Nursery Technology and has touched some in Mechanical Engineering. He has been in design sales for 9 years. He is familiar with some of the Township's staff

through working with Stormwater management for his job. He deals with a lot of problem solving on a daily basis with drainage and water movement. Mr. Theisen would like to become more involved with this community. He believes he is a good people person with a lot of drive.

LARRY MELLOTT - Mr. Mellott was applying for the Codes Enforcement position. He moved to Dover in 1965 and has been a home builder and designer for 35 years. He has been a past president of the York County Builders Association, a home inspector and is certified in residential inspections. He has also served on the Township's Planning Commission. In 2008 he represented Dover Township in the final Code Hearing and again for the final 2015 codes. He is listed as a codes consultant for Dover Township. Over time he is planning to transition from the actual building side of construction to the codes safety side.

One challenge that he sees is trying to provide affordable, safe housing but at the same time preserving farm land. Municipalities need to work hand in hand with people. There seems to be much struggle with groups fighting against change/regulations. Building Code Regulations are state wide and need to be followed fairly.

MADELYN SHERMEYER – Mrs. Shermeyer was applying for the alternate positions on the Zoning Hearing Board or Planning Commission. She has been a resident for 56 years.

Space and Recreation are some of the biggest challenges the Township needs to overcome. The staff, in all areas of the Township, is running out of space. Vehicles need proper space to be stored and maintained correctly. The public is concerned about the use of available recreational area. We need to continue with the programs and look ahead.

If the economy would pick up we will have more housing. Then the need to increase the amount of water and sewer lines and maintenance them effectively, will increase.

The interviewing process ended at 6:39 PM.

The Board began to discuss where to position candidates.

S. Parthree noted that he would like to have at least 12 members on ICDC.

Motion by M. Menges and seconded by S. Parthree to appoint Larry Mellot to the Codes Enforcement Board, as presented. **Passed** with 5 ayes

Motion by C. Richards and seconded by M. Menges to appoint James Theisen to the Sewer Authority, as presented. **Passed** with 5 ayes

Motion by M. Menges and seconded by C. Richards to appoint Robert Stone to the Sewer Authority, as presented. **Passed** with 5 ayes

Motion by S. Parthree and seconded by C. Richards to ask Robert Stone to serve on ICDC, as presented. **Passed** with 5 ayes

Motion by S. Stefanowicz and seconded by M. Menges to appoint Robert Wright to the Zoning Hearing Board Alternate, as presented. **Passed** with 5 ayes

Motion by S. Parthree and seconded by C. Richards to ask Robert Wright to serve on ICDC, as presented. **Passed** with 5 ayes

Motion by C. Richards and seconded by M. Love to appoint Madelyn Shermeyer as alternate for the Planning Commission, as presented. **Opposed** by M. Menges, S. Parthree and S. Stefanowicz

This work session was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Trena M. Hall, Township Secretary