

**DOVER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
WORK SESSION
JULY 14, 2014**

The Dover Township Board of Supervisors work session meeting for July 14, 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, Stephen Parthree, and Stephen Stefanowicz. *Charles Richards was absent with prior notification.* Other Township Representatives in attendance were Laurel Oswalt, Township Manager; Attorney Charles Rausch, Township Solicitor; Charles Farley, Township Public Works Director; and Trena Hall, Recording Secretary. There were no citizens in the audience. This meeting has been recorded for minute purposes only.

The purpose of this work session was to discuss the position of the Dover Sewer Authority.

Residents have been questioning Township Supervisors on the issues with the Pro Electric lawsuit against the Dover Sewer Authority. The Board of Supervisors inquired how to address residents on this matter. The suggestion to disband the Sewer Authority and have the Township take over came into question.

The Sewer Authority does want to resolve this matter and they believe that they have a solid case. There is more information that has not been brought to the attention of the public. The Authority is in the process of hiring an independent expert to evaluate the case from a contract management prospective. When this evaluation is complete, they can then decide to go into mediation or make another offer. This evaluation should take about a month to complete. The Authority has noted that they respect the Board's opinions in the matter.

If the Authority would be disbanded, the Township would have to take over the lawsuit and the \$20 Million debt, as the guarantor of their bonds. There is no advantage to disbanding the Authority. The debt would only be shifted. In the end, this would limit the Township's ability to complete other projects and all assets would then be exposed. The Township can only borrow \$10 Million a year for projects.

With the pressure from residents, the Board felt this discussion would allow the public to see that the Board has explored every option to help bring a resolution to this matter. The Township has made their recommendations and the judgment lies with the Sewer Authority.

One supervisor questioned where the money would come from if both sides would choose to settle on an amount. Money to settle this case would come from the Authority's surplus. This could be from the Sewer Reserves, the money as surety or an additional borrowing.

One member asked if anyone has seen any sort of foul play from political corruption, Pro Electric or the Authority. There has been no such evidence presented. Commissioner Chronister has suggested that the Township separate itself from Buchart Horn, Inc. The Board over time has mentioned, to the Authority, to move in another direction from the engineer. The Township Board does agree that Buchart Horn, Inc. has been cooperative and should remain through the lawsuit.

Board Consensus agreed that the Board is not involved in the Pro Electric issue. This case lies in the hands of the Sewer Authority.

With no further comments, the work session was adjourned by Chair Love at 6:32 PM into an executive session to discuss Personnel Matters.

Respectfully submitted by:

Trena M. Hall, Township Secretary