DOVER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION MEETING
MINUTES
April 23rd, 2018

The Dover Township Board of Supervisors’ Work Session Meeting for Monday, April 23, 2018, was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson Stephen Stefanowicz in the Meeting Room of the Dover Township Municipal Building. Supervisors present were Robert Stone, Stephen Parthree and Charles Richards. Supervisor Michael Cashman was absent with prior notice. Other Township Representatives in attendance were Charles Rausch; Township Solicitor, Laurel Oswalt, Township Manager; Michael Fleming, Township Public Works Director; Township Zoning Officer; Georgia Sprenkel, and Township Secretary; Tiffany Strine. There were no citizens present. This meeting is being recorded for the purpose of minutes only.

DISCUSS WIRELESS FACILITIES PROPOSAL

The Board of Supervisor announced that this Board of Supervisor’s Work Session Meeting was scheduled to tentatively discuss Wireless Facilities Proposal.

Attorney Rausch began the discussion. The current issues around wireless facilities involve the location and the appearance of wireless communication facilities and their impact on communities without allowing communities any authority regarding the implementation. The wireless facilities in Dover Township that would manage these is proposing to add technologies to existing buildings or structures or possibly do standalone antennas. Issues of neighborhood appearance and visual clutter are of concern. Attorney Rausch added that with all of the need for increases in data, wireless facilities will need further access in Dover Township.

It was noted that the Township Supervisors passed a Resolution in December of 2017 opposing House Bill 1620 which limited local control over this issue.

Manager Oswalt added that other utilities; including cable and telephone services, must follow rules and regulations in locating their facilities within municipal right of ways.

Attorney Rausch informed the Board of Supervisors that a group known as the Cohen Law Group is a legal outfit whom specializes in telecommunications law. This group is very familiar with the current issues regarding the wireless facilities proposal and Attorney Rausch feels as though the Township will greatly benefit from their services in this matter. Other local municipalities are currently in pursuits of this issue as well and it was noted that some of these municipalities were utilizing the Cohen Law Group for this matter.

The Board of Supervisors collectively agreed to pursue the direction of utilizing the services of the Cohen Law Group to pursue local governance matters regarding the wireless facilities proposal.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Stefanowicz at 7:00 PM.
Respectfully submitted by: 

Tiffany Strine, Recording Township Secretary