

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 6, 2019  
7:30 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Heimbecker, Lawlor, Paulus, Tocci, Woolley; J. Jackson Eaton, III, Esquire; Al Kortze, P.E.; Christopher Garges; Vicky Roth

Absent: 0

Attendance: 2

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: January 14, 2019 Reorganization Meeting  
January 14, 2019 Special Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the January 14, 2019 Reorganization Meeting and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Tocci, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the January 14, 2019 Special Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Lawlor: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Tocci, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

Reports:

1. Christopher J. Garges  
Township Manager

A. Mr. Garges reported that he has a list of pieces of Public Works equipment as follows: 250 gallon steel concrete fuel tank left over from the generator which was replaced last year; an Onen generator from Station 3 which was replaced with a natural gas generator; a Kobalt air compressor, which was replaced by a heavy duty compressor from the Public Works garage; a Craftco tar buggy, which has not been used for approximately 10 years plus; a Gehl skid steer with attachments (an augur and forks), which was replaced last year with a new one; and the Township will have a 2001 Ford F350 when the new utility truck that was ordered comes in. Mr. Garges would like to list these pieces of equipment on Municibid. There is a seventh piece of equipment which was a Gledhill 11-foot-wide plow for a heavy truck. From the Public Works Supervisor Jeff Mouer's understanding it was purchased for Willowbrook Road to handle drifts many years ago. This plow had not been used for many years. It had been sitting down at the salt shed on Postal Rd. Mr. Mouer

reached out to East Allen Township and they are interested in purchasing it. They offered the Township \$2,500 for the plow and Mr. Mouer thinks it's a fair number. The other pieces of equipment are estimated at \$10,000 to \$15,000 total range. Councilman Heimbecker asked how big the generator is. Mr. Garges did not have that information with him. Mr. Heimbecker asked if it still runs and Mr. Garges replied that it did run up until last year when it was replaced. It is kept inside at the pump station. The new one resides outside. Mr. Garges asked Council for their authorization to sell the plow to East Allen Township and also their authorization to advertise the aforementioned Township equipment for sale on Municibid. Mr. Heimbecker asked if there are any legalities in transferring it to another township. Jackson Eaton, Township Attorney, replied that it is even easier to transfer between townships and encouraged by the state legislation.

Motion: I move that the Township sell and transfer to Allen Township the plow mentioned above in the amount of \$2,500 and that the Public Works pieces of equipment mentioned above also be placed for sale through Municibid.

Heimbecker, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Tocci, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

B. Mr. Garges gave a follow up on the Troxell Street Geophysical Study and the pricing for the geotechnical investigation. He received the second price back from GTA. Al Kortze, Township Engineer, and Mr. Garges reviewed the two proposals. One proposal was approximately \$8,000 and that covers about two days-worth of work. Mr. Garges asked Mr. Kortze if he remembered how many holes there were. Mr. Kortze recalls that one was six and the other was eight. He said GTA may have been eight holes. Mr. Garges said they would go down and take core samples and repair the hole with grout so there wouldn't be further infiltration in that area and then they would provide a report back to the Township with their findings and recommendations going forward. Mr. Kortze and Mr. Garges both agree, if the Township would move forward, that GTA would be the company they would recommend. They came in at \$8,000. The other company, Earth Engineering, came in at about \$13,000. Mr. Woolley asked which one is the eight and which one is the six. Mr. Garges said he recalls that GTA had eight holes and Earth Engineering had six holes. Mr. Woolley acknowledged that GTA came in less expensive with more holes. Mr. Garges said that if this is something Council would want to move forward with, he will forward the contract to Mr. Eaton for his review. Mr. Garges reminded Council that this was the next step from the geophysical study that was done by Mr. Lee and his recommendation was to have the geotechnical investigation done. Mr. Garges said the Township's goal would be from this study to then have a recommendation and a bit more conclusive evidence from the geophysical study on how to move forward so the Township can proceed next year with replacement of the roadway in the Troxell Street area. Mr. Garges said if Council wants to wait until the next meeting to decide, he can forward them the information and discuss it further. Chairman Paulus asked Mr. Kortze what his thoughts were on this. Mr. Kortze said as far as the companies they received quotes from, he's worked with both of them and he thinks they are both reputable firms. It's the next step since the Township went with the geophysicist to do his report. Mr. Kortze feels this would provide a more conclusive evidence as far as where things are located and they'll provide a report on

how to mitigate. Mr. Kortze said that at the price the investigation came in at, it would be worthwhile to follow through on it. The Township has gone this far and it would be beneficial to get the geotechnical investigation done. Mr. Heimbecker asked how big an area does one-hole cover. Mr. Garges replied that the holes themselves are only a few inches and that they will target the areas from Mr. Lee's study. Basically, they would be going one property or so north of the intersection and then one or two properties south. The holes would be spread out in that smaller area where Mr. Lee indicated is the highest area of concern. Mr. Garges said that both companies were provided with Mr. Lee's proposal. They based their quotes on what Mr. Lee's findings were in the areas that they would target. Mr. Paulus asked Mr. Kortze what would follow after they did their investigation. Mr. Kortze said there are a number of things that they could come back with, i.e. open voids that should be mitigated, they would provide a report. They may go down on some of the ones that Mr. Lee identified and they might come back and say they were minor factures and that there wouldn't be anything necessary there. If they find a bunch of voids, they could figure that it's an open seam that carries between them and they would provide a recommendation on how to mitigate them whether they use grout to fill them in and if they are shallow enough, they would maybe dig down and stabilize them or just to bridge them. There are a lot of recommendations that they could provide. Mr. Kortze said he would imagine that based off the recommendations, they would give a general cost for what would be necessary. Mr. Heimbecker asked if the location of the drillings is all located right in the cross intersection of the two streets, Taft and Troxell. Mr. Kortze didn't think they gave an exact location, but they did indicate they were going to be in the areas that were pinpointed by Dr. Lee that were potential voids or soft spots. Mr. Kortze didn't think they submitted a sketch that showed where they were going to do the borings. Mr. Heimbecker said without a sketch, they would be going half-cocked. He said they need to know where they would be drilling. Mr. Heimbecker's fear is that they look at the one spot and then up the street at the other end of the 1800 block they run into more problems and they didn't investigate it. A discussion ensued. Mr. Kortze said if they wanted to go that route, they could ask them what it would cost to do additional holes and provide a report on each of those spots. Mr. Heimbecker said since they have Dr. Lee's report, they should suggest where the Township should look and then once we know where they are going to go looking, what would they anticipate the cost of the investigation to be if they think there is something there. Councilman Tocci asked if there is a time issue as far as when the Troxell Street resurfacing is hoping to be accomplished by. Mr. Garges said the next step would be if they identify any areas that would need mitigation, depending on what their recommended mitigation would be, it could be pressure grouting and depending on the location it could be opening up the road and physically filling it with flowable fill. He said we won't really know until they do the investigation. The next step would be to do that mitigation prior to doing the road work. However long that would take would dictate when the Township goes out to bid for the remainder of the road work. Mr. Kortze said if it's done this year, the end date would be probably October. Mr. Garges said the goal with doing it now with this season when they can do that type of work, is to have that plan so when the construction season hits, the Township can get the project accomplished. Mr. Heimbecker asked if private citizens can fix curbs at their own expense. Mr. Paulus said that curbs are the private citizens responsibility. A discussion followed. Mr. Kortze thought that in the estimate for the road work, there was a line item for curb

replacement. He didn't recall how many lineal feet, but there was a number that was put in there for curbs at that time that they identified as settled or were broken up badly. Mr. Kortze didn't think too many private citizens will want to do anything with their curbs unless they are changing their driveway out or putting in a new driveway location. Mr. Kortze said there is a way to replace curbs without damaging the road or at least with minimal damage. A discussion followed. Council Woolley asked if it would have been cheaper to just have cores done rather than get Mr. Lee's report. Mr. Kortze said they could have done that but with limestone geology, it would be a hit or miss. He said you could drill down 50 feet and have perfect conditions and then five feet away there would be a void. At least with the geophysical report, you have some idea of what's underneath and those are the spots that you can target. Mr. Kortze said to do random core drilling without any kind of subsurface is kind of a crap shoot. He said there are no guarantees no matter what you do, but he feels this is the best way to identify them and what Council has authorized to date. Mr. Tocci said he was wondering since there is no time emergency to address some of the issues Mr. Heimbecker brought up. Mr. Tocci asked if it is possible for either of the two geotechnical investigators to come before Council to do a proposal and show Council where they would do the core samples. Mr. Garges said they could talk to them about it. Mr. Kortze said they could at least ask them to prepare a map showing where they would be drilling. Mr. Garges said the way they arrived at the six to eight holes wasn't the Township sending out a request that the Township wanted to do six to eight holes. Mr. Garges sent them Mr. Lee's report and they came back with their proposal to investigate six to eight holes. They took the information that Mr. Lee had and then from their experience, based their proposal off of that. Mr. Garges said he will reach out to both of them and ask them to prepare a map of where they are suggesting their six to eight holes layout. A discussion followed. Mr. Heimbecker said they should also think about throwing out a date, i.e. August or September 1, as to when they propose starting the road project in case anyone wants to fix their driveway or do their own curb. Mr. Heimbecker said he would appreciate if the next meeting in February or first meeting in March that Mr. Kortze could give Council a target date so that the Township can start conditioning the public. Mr. Garges said some of the date will determine how much the Township will have to do subsurface wise. Mr. Garges said the geotechnical investigation needs to be ironed out before they set a target for the road project. Mr. Heimbecker said there is also a public safety matter to consider with children going back to school. Mr. Heimbecker asked Mr. Kortze how long the streets would be closed and he replied that depending on what they wind up doing, the streets could be closed for just one day or part of a day until the pavement has a chance to settle. If some areas are just a mill overlay, they don't have to be closed for that long. But, if it's something that would be a full depth reclamation, depending on weather conditions, they may want it closed for one day. Depending on what would come up, the contractor would have to provide a traffic plan so routes could be detoured and certain closures to make sure a lot of roads aren't being closed so the public can get to their houses. A discussion ensued. Mr. Garges said he would proceed accordingly and bring information back to Council.

C. Mr. Garges gave an update on the D&L Trail. He received an email from D&L on February 1 with an update. D&L has secured an engineer to develop the section northward from Hanover Township's Canal Park up through Catasauqua.

Anticipated construction is 2020 at the earliest. The Township will be coordinating with D&L's engineer to provide access for design work.

D. Mr. Garges said lastly while talking about Capital Projects, Council had authorized Mr. Kortze to begin to prepare the specs for the Valley Plaza Sewer Replacement Project. Mr. Garges reached out to the property owners and they brought to his attention that they had recently paved the parking lot. In order to be sensitive to them and not just go in and tear apart their newly-paved parking lot, the next step will be to actually go in and camera the sanitary sewers in the shopping center. The last time it was TV'd was in 2012. The Township is going back in seven years later to see what the condition of the pipe is in and to see if there is an immediate need to go in or maybe it can be pushed off a few years so their new paving will not be disturbed right away. The property owners understood that if there is an urgency there that the project has to be done. No one wants backed-up sewers. The next step is that Mr. Mouer is planning to get it TV'd and told the property owners that the Township would let them know of the outcome and how to proceed forward. Mr. Garges said they may end up shifting a Capital Project around if this one doesn't happen. Mr. Tocci asked if that only included the Valley Plaza Shopping Center or if it includes Friendly's and the Red Roof Inn. Mr. Garges said there would be a small portion of the Friendly's parking lot, through the Red Roof and then through the Valley Plaza Shopping Center. Mr. Tocci also asked if they all repaved and Mr. Garges replied that Valley Plaza and Red Roof repaved. Mr. Garges will keep Council posted on this matter.

2. Al Kortze, P.E.  
Township Engineer

A. Mr. Kortze gave an update on the Township's MS4 permitting and the Pollution Reduction Plan and to give Council some background on where the Township stands. Mr. Kortze said the permit was submitted at the end of 2017. Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") came back with comments as far as review and how the permit was put together in the plan. Mr. Kortze recalls that last year Council budgeted for it. He said the bottom line with this is that DEP mandated from the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") who mandated down to the Township is that the municipalities have to go through and reduce their sediment pollutant load that leaves the Township into receiving adjoining water courses and the first five years you have a five-year plan, you have to reduce it by 10%. Mr. Kortze said they did calculations and that amount of sediment load has to be around almost 79,000 pounds per year. In order to mitigate that, you have to come with certain plans to try and reduce that pollutant load. DEP has a lot of guidelines of what types of projects you can do, i.e. vegetated swales, redo stream banks, rain gardens, rework existing basins to catch some the pollutant load. Mr. Kortze said whenever it was first brought up last year, the initial estimate for taking care of this work for a five-year period was roughly about \$500,000 and Mr. Kortze believes it was worked into the Township's Budget. Mr. Garges confirmed that it is part of the Capital Program under Storm Sewer. Mr. Kortze said it's subsequent going back and forth with DEP and they came up with eight projects that they looked at that could be done within the first five-year cycle that would reduce that sediment load and Keystone brought these projects to Mr. Garges and Mr. Mouer. Out of the eight projects, they are looking at

doing four of those projects to fit into the first cycle. The first project is street sweeping, a rain garden down at the Catasauqua Lake area at Canal Park, reconfiguring a swale located by the salt shed down at Postal Rd. and making it a vegetated swale placing vegetation in there that will trap the sediment, and a vegetated swale that is along the south side of Postal Rd. Mr. Kortze said the first three projects that he mentioned are all Township property and the fourth project would be on private property and the Township would have to go and secure an easement or a right-of-way and Mr. Eaton would need to tackle this one. Mr. Kortze said these four projects would reduce the sediment load in that first five years by the 10%. They estimated a construction budget for these projects to be around \$205,000. Mr. Kortze said by reworking some things, it does look like this budget number has come down slightly from what they initially anticipated. Mr. Kortze said if this is something that Council is okay with, the next step then would be for Council to approve them for the Township's plan. Mr. Garges said what he and Mr. Moyer looked at is what he calls the low hanging fruit, they already do the street sweeping so the Township gets credit for that. Anything that is on Township property is easier to move forward with because there is no negotiating with private property owners. Mr. Garges said what got the Township the most sediment reduction for their dollar, which is how they arrived at the four projects that they did, and the reason he asked Mr. Kortze to bring it to Council now and so Council is aware that the Township needs this next step to submit the projects with the Township's plan to get DEP approval and get the permit to move forward. Mr. Garges said that Mr. Kortze mentioned the reduction from the \$500,000 to the \$205,000, but the \$205,000 only covers the construction cost. The Township would still have any legal and engineering costs and those types of things associated with it. It will still be well under the \$500,000 that was budgeted. At this time, Mr. Garges asked Council if they are okay with this, he would need their approval to include it with the plan so he can resubmit it. Mr. Tocci wanted to know besides the increased street sweeping and vegetation, what was the other one mentioned. Mr. Kortze replied that it is the rain garden and explained that a rain garden is essentially a pond that isn't like your typical detention pond with an outlet structure. It's more a big pond that you put in amended soils which would be a mixture of soils and moss with water-loving plants that would thrive within a wet situation and as the water goes in it just lays and puddles there. In dryer times, it infiltrates and soaks in. The maintenance aspect on something like this would be to periodically clean out the sediment and make sure the vegetation is thriving. At this time, Mr. Kortze passed around to Council a sketch of the rain garden and its location. He said the reason these rain gardens are placed in certain spots is that you need to look at the drainage area you have going in to it and DEP has an empirical formula as far as how much sediment is produced by impervious lawn area and then that's how you do your calculation. Mr. Paulus asked if this would take the runoff from the road somewhat and Mr. Kortze replied, yes. Mr. Kortze said it wouldn't be too big, but definitely noticeable and would help with the Township's pollutant load reduction requirements. Mr. Woolley asked if it would be similar to what the Township has outside it's municipal building and Mr. Kortze replied, yes. Mr. Kortze said it would probably be somewhat bigger and have different types of vegetation in it. A discussion followed. Mr. Heimbecker asked what the cost of the vegetation is and Mr. Kortze replied that they estimated about \$42,000. Mr. Woolley asked how deep it would be and Mr. Kortze replied about 2 feet at the most. Mr. Woolley said he asked because of liability issues. Mr. Kortze

said they try to grade them in so it's almost like a natural depression. It's not going to be a six-foot-deep pond where one side slopes and you wouldn't have to put a fence around it.

3. J. Jackson Eaton, III, Esquire  
Township Attorney

A. Mr. Eaton gave an update on Rockefeller and Race Street. The easements along Race Street have been transferred to the Airport. The Airport now has what it wants and hopefully it will be satisfactory to PennDOT. Mr. Eaton received a letter late today from Rockefeller. He has not had a chance to review it carefully, but it is essentially confirming and committing to do the boring of the sewer line under Willowbrook Road. Had they been timely, they could have gotten the line in before the road was closed. This was more an agreement between the engineers to accommodate one another and the project that the Township delayed doing it themselves and so now the Township was insistent on getting something in writing. Mr. Eaton said it appears to be an appropriate letter and he will look at it more carefully. Mr. Paulus clarified that Rockefeller is going to bore it now and Mr. Eaton replied, yes. Mr. Eaton said he thought that some of the delays were that they had talked with Mr. Kortze and were quite rightfully trying to make a determination of what their costs would be before they made a commitment. Mr. Eaton assumes they feel comfortable with what they have to do. He said everything else remains the same. He understands the contractor is working with PennDOT to try and get the last approvals necessary for the PennDOT acceptance.

Mr. Garges said while discussing Willowbrook Road, the rezoning has been sent to the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission for review. At the moment, they are targeting March for the Planning Commission, which would be a Public Hearing in April to Council for the Zoning Amendment. Mr. Heimbecker asked how big an area is being rezoned. He apologized for being absent at that meeting. Mr. Garges said he could email the documents to him. As he recalls, and he confirmed it with Mr. Eaton, that it was everything to the west of Willowbrook Road and a small sliver in the northeast corner where the FedEx border is above the Airport's property. Mr. Heimbecker asked if the Airport sold that piece of property to Rockefeller. Mr. Eaton thought it could be a conditional sale. Mr. Heimbecker said, so the Township doesn't know and Mr. Garges replied, not with 100% certainty. Mr. Heimbecker said there either is or isn't an agreement and Mr. Eaton replied that his assumption is that there is a conditional agreement. Mr. Garges said that is his understanding as well.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1. Resolution No. 2019-25, A Resolution Amending the Fee Resolution for Hanover Township (Vote)

Mr. Garges said if Council will recall that at the last meeting, they did a comprehensive amendment of the Fee Schedule. He realized that two items were missed. The FOG Inspection Fees increased. Mr. Garges said that basically he

wanted to bring them in line with what it's costing the Township. The annual inspection fee went from \$150 to \$200 and the reinspection fee went from \$75 to \$100. The Township has about 50 properties within the Township that have FOG permits, which are all commercial properties.

Motion: I move we adopt Resolution No. 2019-25, A Resolution Amending the Fee Resolution for Hanover Township, as presented.

Heimbecker, Lawlor: Moved and Seconded  
Heimbecker, Lawlor, Tocci, Woolley, Paulus:                   Aye                   Unan.

2. Letter of Credit Reduction #7, Phases 1 and 2, Rockefeller Group (Vote)

Mr. Garges said this is the seventh request. This is Phase 1, the project has been split into Phase 1 and Phase 2. This request is for \$179,209.33. There is approximately \$702,169.30 remaining after this reduction for Phase 1. Mr. Garges did not have the numbers for Phase 2, but said there is a good amount remaining there as well. Mr. Garges asked Council for their authorization for release of funds, he would then write a letter to the bank to reduce Rockefeller's Letter of Credit in the aforementioned amount. Mr. Paulus asked Mr. Kortze if there is enough left in the account and Mr. Kortze said there is a good amount left in and they are holding a certain amount for retainage in addition to the outstanding items. Mr. Kortze said there is almost \$220,000. Mr. Heimbecker asked Mr. Eaton if he reviewed the Letter of Credit. Mr. Eaton replied that he has not. He said it is usually on a standard AIA Architect's Form and is just a matter of review by the Engineer and the Manager.

Motion: I move we approve the Letter of Credit Reduction #7, Phases 1 and 2, Rockefeller Group, as presented.

Heimbecker, Woolley: Moved and Seconded  
Heimbecker, Lawlor, Tocci, Woolley, Paulus:                   Aye                   Unan.

3. Bill No. 2019-01, An Ordinance Amending the Statutory Code of Hanover Township to Allow Fishing, Ice Skating, Ice Hockey and Ice Fishing in Canal Park (Introduce)

Mr. Paulus asked Mr. Eaton what the liability would be to allow Ice Fishing. Mr. Eaton replied that you are always at risk if you allow ice fishing on a frozen pond. Mr. Eaton said he has not looked into the particulars of municipality responsibility for frozen streams, drainage ponds, rain gardens, etc. Mr. Heimbecker said drowning is drowning. Mr. Eaton said with that said, falling through the ice always shocks the conscious a little more. Mr. Paulus said the Township doesn't allow boats because of the liability. Mr. Eaton said this would also have liability if people make an incorrect assumption about the strength of the ice. Mr. Eaton said he is sure there are cases that may give some guidance as to whether municipalities have any responsibility for posting with regard to access onto a municipally-owned body of water. Mr. Heimbecker said he ice fishes in state parks and they post a notice on the edge of all accesses to boat ramps that

say the ice thickness and that the individual takes liability. He said it is not monitored by the state. Mr. Paulus said the Township has an Ordinance that says no one allowed on the ice, no fishing allowed, and no one runs boats. Mr. Paulus said the Township is now saying that the public can do this and it makes the Township liable. Mr. Eaton said that yes, the Township may be liable. He is saying that at this moment, sitting here, he doesn't know the answer. Mr. Eaton said they can sue anyone, but it doesn't mean they are liable. Mr. Eaton said if Council wants him to, he can look into it further. Mr. Paulus said since it's just being introduced this evening, Council wants to know the liability involved before making a decision. Mr. Heimbecker asked how deep the lake is. Mr. Kortze and Mr. Paulus agreed that in the middle it could be a good 10 feet deep.

4. Resolution No. 2019-26, A Resolution of Hanover Township Authorizing the Disposition of Records as Set Forth in the Municipal Records Manual Approved December 16, 2008 (Vote)

Mr. Garges said this is self-explanatory. It was before Council later last year. At that point, the Township had gotten a record request that Mr. Eaton suggested be tabled at that time until they had a chance in case any of those records were in here. Mr. Garges said they are past that time now and would ask if Council would approve this Resolution so they can move forward with the disposition of said records.

Motion: I move we accept Resolution No. 2019-26, A Resolution of Hanover Township Authorizing the Disposition of Records as Set Forth in the Municipal Records Manual Approved December 16, 2008, as presented.

Heimbecker, Lawlor: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Tocci, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

5. Resolution No. 2019-27, A Resolution Appointing Elizabeth Woolley to the Catasauqua Library Board (Vote)

Mr. Garges said that Jeanne Rossi resigned her position from the Catasauqua Library Board and there was an opening. Mrs. Woolley expressed an interest in the position and in representing the Township.

Motion: I move we accept Resolution No. 2019-27, A Resolution Appointing Elizabeth Woolley to the Catasauqua Library Board, as presented.

Woolley, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Tocci, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

Mr. Garges asked Council if they would like him to send Mrs. Rossi a letter thanking her for volunteering her time to the Catasauqua Library Board on behalf of the Township and Council replied, yes. Mr. Woolley asked if she was on any other Township Boards and Mr. Paulus replied that her husband is on the Township's Personnel Board. The Township Clerk, Mrs. Roth, said that Mrs. Rossi is on the Township's Recreation Commission.

Courtesy of the Floor:

Mr. Garges wanted to remind everyone that on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February will be the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the CSI explosion in the Township. A discussion followed.

Mr. Garges requested an Executive Session at the end of the meeting this evening regarding a personnel matter.

Mr. Heimbecker said he attended the Lehigh County Association of Township Officials (“LCATO”) Annual Winter Convention and that a discussion took place after the dinner regarding how to start taxing warehouses. Everyone from one end of Lehigh County to the other end is looking for some way to get warehouses to start paying for road repairs. The discussion turned from tractor trailers because apparently there is a move to bring in triple tractor trailers, like in the Midwest. A discussion followed. Mr. Heimbecker said at the meeting they got a precursor of what will be taking place at the PSATS Convention this spring and he thanked the Board for allowing him and his son to attend the LCATO Winter Convention.

Mr. Paulus said they would be going into Executive Session and will not be returning to the meeting with any decisions.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Garges  
Township Manager