

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 7, 2021  
7:30 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Heimbecker, Lawlor, Paulus, Tocci, Woolley; Jason Ulrich, Esquire; Al Kortze, P.E.; Melissa A. Wehr; Vicky Roth

Absent: 0

Attendance: 2

Courtesy of the Floor: None

Approval of Minutes: March 17, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we approve the Minutes of the March 17, 2021 Regular Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Woolley, Paulus:

Tocci:

Aye

Abstained

Reports:

1. Melissa A. Wehr  
Township Manager

1. The Declaration of Emergency Disaster has been extended this week. A copy is in Council's packets. The Township Manager is following the reporting of Covid cases closely. As of last month, they have gone up 73% from what they were even with the vaccine. The County has their declaration going until April 16. The Township Manager is looking to extend it beyond that

2. If Council members have not already done so, the Township Manager encouraged them to sign up for River Central's outreach program. She would like members of Council to at least attend one of them. As a reminder the dates are either Thursday, April 8 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Friday, April 9 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. or Wednesday, April 14 from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

3. There is one item on the April 22 Zoning Hearing Board Agenda for 954 Marcon Blvd. with B. Braun and tractor trailer parking.

4. There is a scheduled April 20 Planning Commission Meeting. Several items are on the Agenda which is included in Council's packets.

5. The Federal and State extended their tax filing due date until May 17, 2021. The Tax Collection Committee reached out to all the municipalities and school districts

looking to see how the municipalities and school districts felt about an extension for the EIT which is until May 17 as well. Everyone was in agreement to the extension. The Township decided to be in favor of the extension for EIT. Real estate taxes are on the same path that they typically always are on. The Township is in the discount period which ends at the end of May. The face value goes until the end of July with the penalty period starting in August until the end of the year.

6. The Township Spring Newsletter was completed and mailed out to all residents. The Township has a few extra copies in the office if anyone did not receive theirs.

7. The Resolution honoring the Pennsylvania State Police for PSP Day which is typically May 2 will be placed on the April 21 Agenda.

8. Willowbrook Road is on schedule to be turned over to the state this year. They are tentatively looking at the middle to the end of May.

9. The Township's Annual Contributions will be mailed out April 22.

10. The Audit is almost complete. It is waiting on the PMRS information. Due to Covid last year, they were granted an extension. According to their website, the Township should know in the next week or two when that report will be done to be sent to the Auditor so he can finish his report. There are 1,000 municipalities within the PMRS. The Township is queued in at 146. The Township should be close to getting their reports and financials completed.

A councilmember said he spoke with the Township Manager over the phone earlier in the week regarding Page 6 and 7 in the Township's Handbook having to do with sexual harassment and workplace harassment. He encouraged all council members and Township employees to look at it. He also encouraged that a copy of this section be given to the Township's Fire Department for their reference. At this time, he read the section out loud. This all came about because of a photo that came to the attention of staff members and subjected staff members to be uncomfortable with said portrait. A discussion ensued.

2. Al Kortze, P.E.  
Township Engineer

1. The Township Engineer advised the Board that tomorrow he is holding a pre-bid meeting for the Allendale Swale Project. The opening of bids will be held at the April 21 meeting by Pennbid.

2. Regarding the Willowbrook Road widening. They are doing the stone sub-base. There will probably be lane restrictions and some traffic control for the next couple of weeks until it is paved.

3. The Lot 5A Project is underway with limited amount of work that is being allowed to do which is strictly soil erosion control until they have all their final agreements in place.



is private and every business is responsible for their frontage. The Township Attorney said if it is a private road, the Township would have no responsibility for the road. A discussion ensued.

An Executive Session was requested by one of the Council members and the Board will not return to the Regular Council Meeting with any decisions.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Wehr  
Township Manager