

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 7, 2021
7:30 P.M.

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

Absent: 0

Attendance: 5

Courtesy of the Floor:

Tom Lerch, a resident of the Chestnut Grove Development, asked the Township to recognize June 19th as Unification Day which is the anniversary date in 1865 when Texas became the last state to recognize the confederacy of the United States and was no longer a confederate state. It is a state recognized day and not a holiday and recognizes the United States as one country and not two. Chairman of Council said Council will address this.

Approval of Minutes: June 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we approve the Minutes of the June 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting 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. The Township Manager plans on extending it until the County or State lifts theirs. If one lifts it and the other one does not, she will extend it until they both lift theirs.

2. Township Manager gave Council a River Central survey. She asked that they continue to pass it around the community. They are trying to get a certain percentage of surveys back from all the communities. River Central is planning to do a community tour in each of the communities. Hanover Township, Lehigh County, is scheduled for this Friday from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. If any Council member would like to join in the tour with the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, they should let the Township Manager know.

3. The Township Manager did a site visit with the Building Inspector at 800 Willowbrook Road. She will have pictures of the site at the next Council Meeting.
4. A dog letter was sent to a property owner due to said dog biting a neighbor. The property owner called the Township. The Township Manager returned the call, but they have not returned her call. She will keep Council updated.
5. There is a Zoning Hearing Board Hearing coming up in July for 984 Marcon Blvd. This is regarding the additional building for Morris Black.
6. The Township Manager met with Parks and Recreation Commission. There will be a follow-up meeting next Tuesday and then again in August. They are planning an event on August 24 with a raindate of August 25 called the Hanover Township Community Night down at Canal Park. Han-Le-Co, NREMS and the State Police will be participating. Base Engineering will be present doing community outreach. There will also be a food truck.
7. The Township Manager will be conducting interviews for the Code Enforcement Officer positions in the next few weeks.

A Council member had a few concerns regarding individuals driving modified bikes and four wheelers down Lloyd Street and an increase of litter and trash being left down at the bottom of the street and the loud music issue. He would like the Code Enforcement Officers to look into these matters. The Council member also mentioned excessive graffiti on the cul-de-sac which falls in the City of Allentown but is also tagged on Lloyd Street. The Township Manager advised the Council member that if the bikes are driven on a public street, he would need to call the State Police. She will be meeting with the State Police and will inform them of these matters as well. The Council member also had general questions regarding some happenings in the Township, i.e. Pacific Pride, 710 Lloyd Street, Evercore, and A. Duie Pyle.

2. Al Kortze, P.E.
Township Engineer

1. The Township Engineer reported on the project at the Airport regarding their terminal improvements.
2. The Township Engineer reported on a sinkhole on Ronca Blvd. and its status. There is a delay in the concrete delivery. Sinkhole is barricaded and Public Works is keeping an eye on it that it does not expand into the street.
3. The Township Engineer sent out a notice of authorization to proceed on July 26 on the Lower and Middle Postal Road project, which involves milling, cold in place and overlay.

The Fire Chief asked if he needs to be concerned with the sinkhole and its size when driving a fire truck beside it or should he be going in the exit. The Township

Engineer replied that if you are going in with a big truck go through the exit. At this time, the size of the sinkhole is small.

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

1. The Township Attorney reported on Willowbrook Road. They are still working on the end game with PennDOT. No new issues raised. They are waiting for approval from the Conservation District on some matters.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

A Council member asked for the dates to review the Budgets. The Township Manager replied that the Board would meet at 7:00 p.m., one-half hour before the regular Council Meeting on August 4.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager