

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 16, 2021  
7:30 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Heimbecker, Lawlor, Paulus, Woolley; Jason Ulrich, Esquire;  
Ryan A. Christman; Melissa A. Wehr; Vicky Roth

Absent: 1

Attendance: 0

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: June 2, 2021 Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the June 2, 2021 Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Lawlor: Moved and Seconded  
Heimbecker, Lawlor, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Reports:

1. Melissa A. Wehr  
Township Manager

1. Declaration of Emergency Disaster was extended this week. Copies are in Council's packets. The County has it until August 13. The State is going through different motions. It has been certified as of today. The Voter Referendum on the ballot for last election has ended the Disaster Emergency at the State level. The Township Manager will follow through on this and keep everyone apprised of where the Township stands.

2. The Township Manager reported on River Central which is the community Comprehensive Plan which the Township is working on with other municipalities and asked Council to take the survey and please hand them out to people since the Township does not have any events where this can be done. Members of the Planning Commission and Recreation Commission took copies of the flyers to hand out to as many citizens as possible. They would like the survey to be completed by all municipalities, residents and property owners. River Central would also like to do a community tour sometime in July to put together any blighted areas, etc. as they are looking to have redeveloped. One of the Council members suggested getting survey out to the Catasauqua School District. The Township Manager stated that the school district is taking care of it at some of their events. The Councilman's son, who was voted in as student representative to the School Board, could get them out and it could be a good senior project for their seniors.

3. The Township Manager is in the process of completing the Capital Program which she has to have to Council by July 1. She asked Council when they would like to schedule the special meeting to go over the Capital Program. It was determined that they will meet at 7:00 p.m. on August 4 before their regularly scheduled Council meeting to go over the Capital Program.

4. Rockefeller contacted the Township Manager regarding their construction on Lot 5A on Willowbrook Road. They are requesting to do 24-hr construction work for the concrete/slab placement. Two sides of the building have already been erected which will act as a sound barrier for the placement of the concrete. It is approximately 1,100 yards of concrete. They are estimated at 20 pour events in total with approximately four or five per week. A discussion ensued. Council does not have a problem with them doing this work.

5. One of the Township's part-time Code Enforcement Officers notified the Township Manager that his last working day would be the end of June. Unfortunately, with his full-time employment and the night-time hours that he has been putting in, it is not working for him. The Township has advertised through social media and received approximately 10 applications and has had good feedback from it. Since there has been such good feedback, she has not advertised it the newspaper. She will start bringing some Applicants in within the next two weeks for interviews.

A Councilman asked what the status was with the Fire Department and their certifications and manual. The Township Manager spoke with the President of the Fire Company and she is hopeful that she will be receiving something from them in the near future. If not, she is prepared to take it to the next level.

2. Ryan Christman

For Al Kortze, Township Engineer

1. The contracts are out for the Postal Road Recycling. As soon as they receive them back from the contractor, they will get them in to the Township for signing and have the preconstruction meeting and get started. They are looking at possibly a month to the start date.

3. Jason Ulrich, Esquire

For J. Jackson Eaton, III, Esquire  
Township Attorney

1. The Township Attorney reported on Willowbrook Rd. They have been in contact with Joe Fitzpatrick. The Township Attorney indicated that he has been pressing PennDOT to take over that road. PennDOT is reviewing the documents internally and they should have a response hopefully within the next month.

4. Maintenance Report (Written)
5. Storm Water Issues – None.
6. Fire Company Report (Written)

The Township Manager reported that she met with the Recreation Board to go over some of the wish list items for the Capital projects. One item discussed was to have a public event in August for the community with the Fire Department, Fire Police and Ambulance present for the children. Once they confirm the date, the Township Manager will be back to the Board with more information. It was a productive meeting and the Recreation Board was excited to have the Board up and running again since it has been a long time since they've come together. A discussion ensued.

7. Code Enforcement Report (Written)
8. Treasurer's Report (Written)

Motion: I move we accept the computer printouts dated June 16, 2021, for the General Fund Account, Capital Reserve Account, Escrow Account, Liquid Fuels Account, Sewer Account and Water Account subject to audit.

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

9. Building Inspector's Report (Written)

A discussion followed regarding the rodent situation in the Chestnut Grove Towne Garden Development. It has subsided somewhat, but a resident reported seeing another one. The Building Inspector has been going out and checking and keeping an eye on it.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1. Resolution No. 2021-36, A Resolution Appointing Stacey Dean to the Hanover Township Planning Commission (Vote)

Motion: I recommend that Council approve Resolution No. 2021-36, A Resolution Appointing Stacey Dean to the Hanover Township Planning Commission.

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

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Voucher Nos. 25855-25863 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 25864-25902 from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$748,345.44; Voucher Nos. 192 from the Liquid Fuels Account in the amount of \$5,381.27; Voucher Nos. 4558 (Prepaid), Voucher No. 4559-4563 from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$28,227.15; Voucher Nos. 5016-5018 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 5019-5037 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$76,800.00; Voucher Nos. 4445 (Prepays); Voucher Nos. 4446-4450 from the Water Account in the amount of \$16,628.39; Voucher Nos. 6014-6016 (Prepays); Voucher Nos. 6027-6028 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 6029-6039 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$262,853.60 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$1,138,235.85.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded  
Heimbecker, Lawlor, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

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The Capital Reserve is almost fully funding with the exception of the Catastrophe Fund, Sewer Systems Improvement and the Fire Trucks. The Township Manager received a Press Release from the Airport that ridership leaving ABE is up again 700% from May of last year to May of this year.

Courtesy of the Floor:

One of the Councilman asked if anything was put together regarding the grant monies that the Township was to receive. The Township Manager said nothing has been put together because it has remained a moving target. What she was told in May, changed in June, etc. One she receives the final information from the Department of the Treasury she will relay that information on to the Board to make the decision where to place those monies. The only thing that did not change is that the Township has until the year 2024 to spend it. PSATS advice is to move slow and be wise where the monies are spent.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Wehr  
Township Manager