

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 17, 2021  
7:30 P.M.

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

Absent: 0

Attendance: 1

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: February 3, 2021 Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the February 3, 2021 Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Councilman Rick Tocci interjected at this time and said there are some items discussed at the meeting that he does not see reflected in the minutes and he would like them added. He said he can submit the requests via email or he can state them this evening. Chairman Paulus asked Mr. Tocci to email his requests. Mr. Tocci stated that the last time he sent an email addressing his requests, he sent the email to Pina Romano, Administrative Assistant, Melissa Wehr, Township Manager and Vicky Roth, Township Clerk. Mr. Tocci asked if he should send request only to them or everyone. Jackson Eaton, Township Solicitor, responded that Mr. Tocci should send the email to everyone so everyone knows what his changes are. At this time, the approval of the February 3, 2021 Council Meeting was tabled until the next Council Meeting.

Reports:

1. Melissa A. Wehr  
Township Manager

1. Declaration of Emergency Disaster has been extended weekly. Lehigh County has extended theirs until April 16. Mrs. Wehr will be following suit.

2. LVPC has a comment letter for Lloyd Street warehouse which Mrs. Wehr has included in Council's packets for their review and information.

3. A Stakeholder's List was provided to LVPC for River Central which included Council as well as others for valuable input into the Plan.

4. Mrs. Wehr thanked Al Kortze, Township Engineer, for all he does for Hanover Township and if Council is not aware February 21 through the 27<sup>th</sup> is Engineer's Week. Mrs. Wehr stated that Hanover Township has one of the finest engineers in the Valley.
5. Mrs. Wehr said the Township's Insurance Carrier notified her concerning an accident on Race Street and they are taking the position that it is a State road. She and Mr. Eaton are following this and will keep on top of it.
6. Mrs. Wehr informed Council that the Township advertised for a part-time Code Enforcement Officer.
7. Mrs. Wehr advised Council she has started working on the Spring Newsletter and if anyone has anything to contribute to it, they should reach out to her.
8. Mrs. Wehr mentioned that the Township's Public Works has done a fantastic job dealing with the major snowstorms we've had this year and has received several phone calls from residents commending them. Everyone should keep in mind the involvement of the Fire Department in clearing out the fire hydrants. They are volunteers and it does take time to get to every fire hydrant in the Township. It has been put on the Township's website to remind individuals to assist in cleaning out the fire hydrants as it is part of their responsibility as a homeowner which is similar to clearing their sidewalks. A Code Enforcement Officer will be coming in tomorrow for the expected snowstorm for enforcement with the Snow Emergency.

Councilman Tocci stated concerns regarding the LVPC's report on the proposed development and asked if the LVPC's concerns would be given to the Township's Planning Commission before their recommendation. Mrs. Wehr replied that, yes. Mr. Tocci mentioned a letter from the KRE Group referring to changes they made. Mr. Tocci noted that KRE made all the adjustments that Council objected to. Mrs. Wehr said KRE's request is coming back before Council. They withdrew their last request. This request is similar with the difference being it went from five acres to 30 acres and from a permitted use to a conditional use. Mrs. Wehr gave an explanation of what this means. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Tocci asked Mrs. Wehr if the Township has heard anything from Evercore. Mrs. Wehr replied, they have not. Mr. Tocci brought up 710 Lloyd Street. He asked if they have put up any construction startup time. Mrs. Wehr replied, no.

2. Al Kortze, P.E.  
Township Engineer

1. Mr. Kortze gave an update on the installation work related to the sanitary sewer on Willowbrook Road work. It is complete. They will be abandoning the four

manholes in the road in place and waiting for weather to be warmer for that and then televising the line. At that point, everything will be accepted and complete.

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

1. Mr. Eaton said his items are on the Agenda this evening. He does not have anything further to discuss.

4. Maintenance Report

5. Storm Water Issues – None.

Mr. Tocci thanked the Fire Company for coming out to clear the fire hydrants.

6. Fire Company Report (Written)

7. Code Enforcement Report (Written)

8. Treasurer’s Report (Written)

Motion: I move we accept the computer printouts dated February 17, 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, Tocci, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

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9. Building Inspector’s Report (Written)

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1. Authorization for Letter of Credit Reduction in the amount of \$177,174.05, 200 Cascade Dr., Allentown, PA 18109 with the remaining balance of \$27,974.85 to be commencing the 18-month maintenance security subject to the execution of the required agreements (Vote)

Councilman Heimbecker said the wordage needs to be corrected. The word “be” should be taken out and the word “commencing” should be “commence”. It reads better this way.

Mr. Kortze explained that this project involved a significant amount of storm sewer improvements and put in a very large parking lot expansion. Plan came in around 2017 and work was just completed. They received the as-builts and everything looked good. The only improvements that Mr. Kortze secured primarily were the stormwater. There were a lot of pipe systems and underground detention.

Everything is complete and inspected. Mr. Kortze recommends to reduce the letter of credit to the remaining balance which would be the 18-month maintenance escrow.

Motion: I move we approve Authorization for Letter of Credit Reduction in the amount of \$177,174.05, 200 Cascade Dr., Allentown, PA 18109 with the remaining balance of \$27,974.85 to be commencing the 18-month maintenance security subject to the execution of the required agreements and the recommendation of the Township Engineer.

Heimbecker, Lawlor: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Tocci, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

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2. Bill No. 2021-02, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 of the Statutory Code of Hanover Township to Add a New Park 4, Noise Control, Restricting Levels of Noise in Residential Areas to 57 Decibels, in Parks, Business and Institutional Areas to 67 Decibels, and in Industrial Areas to 77 decibels, with Lower Limits at Night and to establish Penalties for the Violation of the Ordinance (Introduce)

Mr. Paulus introduced Bill No. 2021-02 and Mr. Eaton gave an explanation of the nature of this Ordinance. Mr. Eaton asked Council to review it. He and Mrs. Wehr would like to schedule a meeting with the State Police. Their concern is the roving mobile cars with loud sound systems in the back of the cars. They believe if the State Police has a clear Ordinance, the Township may get some cooperation in stopping these incidents. Mr. Lawlor asked questions regarding decibel levels. A discussion ensued.

3. Bill No. 2021-03, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21, Part 1 of the Statutory Code of Hanover Township to Allow the Use of Township Roads for Certain Events, to Require an Event Permit for the Closing of any Township Road for an Event to Establish Conditions for the Issuance of Event Permits and to Establish Penalties for the Violation of the Provisions of this Ordinance (Introduce)

Mr. Paulus introduced Bill No. 2021-03. Mr. Eaton would like an opportunity to meet with Mrs. Wehr and Josef Fragnito, Public Works Supervisor, to go over some important points before it is advertised. He also suggests that Council review it and give their thoughts before finalizing it. Mr. Eaton suggested that this matter be tabled this evening.

