

HANOVER TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING BY VIDEO CONFERENCE
JUNE 17, 2020

Pledge of Allegiance

Statement by Council Chairman Bruce Paulus

Chairman Paulus opened the meeting with the following statement:
Good afternoon and welcome to the special videoconference public meeting of the Hanover Township Council. Because of the restrictions and recommendations with regard to public gatherings established by Governor Wolf to protect the health and welfare of all Pennsylvania citizens during this coronavirus pandemic, the Council is conducting this meeting by a video teleconference which we believe satisfies in substance and intent the purposes of the Sunshine Act.

Before we begin, I would like to explain how this meeting will work. We hope you find it very similar to how it would be conducted as a regular meeting, complete with the opportunity for public participation.

Council will proceed to consider matters as set forth on the agenda.

We will begin as we always do with Courtesy of the Floor. That is for public questions or comments relating to any Township matter about which you may wish to address Council. For matters which are listed on the meeting agenda, we request you hold your comments or questions until that time. And there will be another Courtesy of the Floor period at the end of the meeting.

If you wish to make a comment during Courtesy of the Floor or at any other topic on the agenda, please call the dial-in number which is **508-924-2880**. I will give that number again in a moment. The Township Manager will answer and screen the calls to determine the caller's name and subject of the call, to make certain you are put through to Council at the proper point in the agenda. When that happens, please state your name and address so Council and the public know who is speaking. The system is capable of accepting and putting on hold multiple calls to this number at the same time, so you should not run into any busy signals.

Before any vote on a matter, I will invite public comment on the subject and the Township Manager will open the calls waiting to speak on that subject, one at a time. All Councilmembers and the public will be able to hear the comments made or questions asked, just as in a normal meeting.

The same rules of decorum apply to calls as they would to statements or questions at a regular Township Meeting. They must be respectful. No statements which imply discrimination of race, creed, color, gender or disability or any obscene language or attacks on the character of any individual will be tolerated. Any such calls will be terminated at the discretion of the chairman, that's me.

This is new to all of us, so we hope you will be patient if we encounter any glitches along the way. Once again, the call-in number is **508-924-2880**.

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

Absent: 0

Attendance: Chris Spadaccia, Emergency Management Director; Josef Fragnito, Public Works Supervisor; Pina Romano, Administrative Assistant

Courtesy of the Floor: None

Approval of Minutes: May 15, 2020 Special Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the May 15, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Tocci, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

Reports:

1. Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager

1. Mrs. Wehr told Council that she issued the ninth Declaration of Emergency Disaster. We are currently still in the yellow phase. As of Friday, there a few counties going into the green phase. Lehigh County is not one of those.

2. On May 28, Mrs. Wehr and Josef Fragnito, the Public Works Maintenance Supervisor, met with Christie Davies, the appraiser for the D&L Trail regarding the construction easement. She pointed out and walked the area where they would be looking for a temporary construction easement. It was a good meeting. Things were pointed out on both ends. Mr. Fragnito was very knowledgeable on how things were done in that area in the past which was very helpful. Mrs. Wehr anticipates moving forward on this as agreements come through.

3. The Township received notification from Whitehall Township regarding an upcoming zoning hearing which was held last evening. Mrs. Wehr did not attend. The former Tarkett Building had something on the Agenda and as a neighboring municipality, the Township was given an Agenda. Mrs. Wehr didn't feel it was anything that the Township needed to attend the meeting.

4. In Council's packets, there is a letter from Fitzpatrick, Lentz and Bubba regarding 710 Lloyd Street and HEPCO and what they actually did there. Mrs. Wehr reached out to them and asked them to put it in writing exactly what they do at that location. There is no storage of hazardous materials at this location.

5. Mrs. Wehr included in Council's packets from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, their review letter that they did of Royal Farms. Mrs. Wehr made Council aware last month that the Township received a courtesy copy of their land development plans for the location along Airport Road which is next to the Pennsylvania State Police Barracks. It is not in our Township, but it is at the border.

6. With the pandemic, Mrs. Wehr had cut back on Code hours. With the summer season upon us and moving into the yellow phase, Mrs. Wehr thought it an appropriate time to bring back Code. They are now back to normal working hours. Please keep in mind that we only have two Code officers on duty at the time and the third officer is out on medical leave. Mrs. Wehr anticipates that officer returning in the near future.

7. Mrs. Wehr's plans for returning things back to some normalcy, she would like to open the parks first and after a few weeks of that, she would like to open the Municipal Building to the public. She is assuming Lehigh County will be going green by June 26 and open parks by July. Her plan is to open up the Township Building on July 15. With that being said, Mrs. Wehr would like to request that the Township keep to one meeting also for the month of July on July 15 and open the building with the Council meeting.

8. It is Capital Budget time. At this time, Mrs. Wehr is requesting that Council provide her with two review dates to go over the Capital Budget. The Capital Budget will be sent to the Board by July 1. Mrs. Wehr asked Council if they would like to have their first Budget hearing on Wednesday, July 15, before the Regular Council Meeting. Council agreed to hold the first Capital hearing at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Wehr said Staff will have the meeting room and building set up appropriately adhering to the state's regulations of 6 ft. distancing, wearing masks and the taking of individual's temperatures. The second Capital hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m. followed by Council's Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. It will be determined after July's Regular Council Meeting if Council will continue to meet only once a month going forward.

9. Mrs. Wehr received a thank you letter from the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation thanking the Township for their yearly donation of \$1,000. Don Cunningham wanted Mrs. Wehr to pass onto the Board, as they can see on the bottom of the letter, his gratitude in light of everything going on and still supporting the LVEDC.

10. At the last meeting, Councilman Woolley had questioned the Township's donation to Tower Health. Mrs. Wehr said at one point in time it used to be the Greater Lehigh Valley Nurses Association which then became a part of the home healthcare management which included the Berks Visiting Nurses Association of Pottstown VNA. In January, 2019, that became part of Tower Health. But, at one time it was the Greater Lehigh Valley Nurses Association which the Township made

a yearly donation to. Mr. Woolley said his understanding is they no longer have affiliation to our area and that they recently laid off 1,200 individuals. In numerous emails back and forth with the representative from Tower Health, Mrs. Wehr and Pina Romano, the Township's Administrative Assistant, it was mentioned that Tower Health serves approximately 20 patients who are Lehigh County residents. However, they are not Hanover Township, Lehigh County, residents. Mrs. Wehr said she will make note of this when she and staff look at that line item for next year's Budget if Council wishes to remove them from the donation list. Mr. Woolley said it's not that he wishes them to be removed from the list but he feels our monies could be more useful spent closer to home and benefit individuals in the Allentown, Hanover Township, Lehigh County, area. Mrs. Wehr understood and duly noted it.

11. Mrs. Wehr advised Council that with preparing for the Capital Program she held a meeting with the Recreation Commission and wanted to introduce herself to them and to see what their ideas might be. In conducting this meeting, Mrs. Wehr found out it has been awhile since they were active and her wish is to reactivate them, get their input and have them be more involved in the parks and playground decisions in those budget items. Mrs. Wehr said the Commission seemed very excited to be more involved. If it is okay with Council, she is looking to establish quarterly meetings throughout the year with them possibly on Thursdays at 6:00-6:30 p.m. If Council does not have any objections to this, Mrs. Wehr will move forward with this schedule. Council did not have a problem with Mrs. Wehr setting up quarterly meetings with the Recreation Commission.

12. Mrs. Wehr reported on the RCN franchise fees. She said the Township received during the pandemic, their due share of audits with RCN being one of them. The Township was contacted by RCN that they did an audit on the franchise fees that they pay both to Hanover Township, Lehigh County as well as Northampton County. With that, they discovered that we were being paid franchise fees for approximately 600 parcels that were located in Hanover Township, Northampton County. This is a huge impact on Hanover Township, Lehigh County. The Township budgeted for \$45,000 worth of franchise fees and RCN is telling us that it will only be about \$20,000 worth of franchise fees. Franchise fees are what the Township gets paid for RCN or any cable company to occupy our right of way with cable. This does not apply to information systems or the internet, etc. Because RCN found this error, they are effective immediately, reducing the Township's franchise fees down to \$20,000 for the year. With that, following Pennsylvania law, they have negotiated a settlement with Hanover Township, Northampton County, for \$100,000. RCN is looking to Hanover Township, Lehigh County, to reimburse them for the \$100,000 that they settled with Northampton County. Their proposal to us may be constrained by the Statute of Limitations even though they believe it was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$500,000 over the years, but they settled with Northampton County for the \$100,000. Their settlement that they are proposing is over a ten-year plan that instead of them giving us \$20,000 per year in franchise fees, they cut it in half and only give us \$10,000 per year. The Township would be paying them back \$10,000 for the next ten years for them to settle with us for the monies they feel they've been

giving us and should not have been giving to us. Mr. Woolley asked whose mistake was it, theirs or ours. Mrs. Wehr replied that it was their mistake. RCN is saying it would be limited to a ten-year period. In discussion with them, and Vicky Roth, Township Clerk, was on the phone also since she knows the Township addresses much more than she does and she went through 47,000 plus addresses trying to verify between Hanover Township, Northampton County, Lehigh County, and bordering municipalities. In the meantime, when she and Mrs. Roth were speaking with RCN, she told them she could not agree to such a settlement without speaking to Council. Mrs. Wehr is not happy paying back the \$100,000 when it was their mistake. With that said, RCN was open to some type of counter proposal. Mrs. Wehr would like input from the Board. Mr. Woolley asked Jackson Eaton, Township Attorney, for his thoughts on the matter. Mr. Eaton replied that in a circumstance like this one and he is not aware of the specifics, but if there is an overbilling or underbilling on private contracts, public sewer bills, or something like this, usually if you can correct the contract parties are required to do that unless it creates some unusual harm. Paying the money back is not an unusual harm. The larger question would be are their calculations correct. The Township should feel comfortable with their numbers and how they reached them. Ultimately, if they are correct, they would be entitled to a recovery or whatever the Statute of Limitations would be. Mr. Eaton said off hand for a private contract franchise fee, he is not certain how far back they can go. Mr. Woolley asked Mr. Eaton to check on this. Mr. Eaton said he will do that and be in touch with Mrs. Wehr and get more detail from her on exactly what they are claiming and how they supported their amount. A discussion ensued. Councilman Heimbecker suggested making them an offer of 25 cent on the dollar and make them a one-time offer of \$25,000 and be done with it. He said we don't know where we will be in ten years. Mrs. Wehr agreed and said that certainly is a concern because ten years ago more people had cable and who knows what the cable franchise will look like even five years down the road. People have been dropping cable and looking at other resources and new venues keep popping up for cable. Mr. Woolley said \$25,000 to be done and over it sounds reasonable. A discussion ensued. Mrs. Wehr said she will forward everything along to Mr. Eaton and Council and wait to see what Mr. Eaton comes up with regarding the Statute of Limitations and then at that time make a counteroffer to them.

13. Mrs. Wehr reported that Al Kortze, Township Engineer, reviewed Lot 5A Sewer Plan and Module and she has signed off on it and submitted it back to them and moving along for Rockefeller.

14. Josef Fragnito, Public Works Supervisor, Tim Miller of Keystone Engineering and Mrs. Wehr have a meeting with the City of Allentown and LCA tomorrow, which will also involve Mr. Eaton, to discuss allocation numbers and will have a report on that at a future date.

15. The Township received documentation back from the County. The Target Assessment Appeal was successful and there was a reduction in their assessment.

16. Mrs. Wehr reported that the Server updates and Utility updates are completed. LookFirst Computer Technology loaded everything onto the Server and shipped it to the Township and Mrs. Wehr installed it with LookFirst's guidance on the phone and they finished it up. The Township is up and running with a new Server and updates. It's an improved system and everyone is operating much more efficiently and protections against current viruses have been put into place.

17. Mrs. Wehr reported on the COVID-19 Feder Grant monies. Pina Romano, Administrative Assistant has made two submissions to the County. One totaling \$5,247.54 and a second totaling \$1,336.25, both for reimbursement costs due to COVID-19. Mrs. Wehr fully expects that the Township will get these monies back through the Grant.

18. To keep Council informed, the Township has received numerous complaints regarding the SuperSets Gym on Schoenersville Road being open during the pandemic even though they were not sanctioned to be open. The Township has reported it to the State Police who instructed Mrs. Wehr to report it to the Department of Health. She did so. The Township has done all that it can to ensure that they stay closed; however, they have not remained closed and have been cited twice. They still remain open.

19. Mrs. Wehr wanted to let Council know that the Catasauqua Area School District teachers went through the Chestnut Grove Townhouse area, Saylor's Mobile Home Court, and Allendale Apartments to say Congratulations to the middle school students moving onto the high school next school year. They were blowing their horns and their cars were painted and had balloons going out to students. It was something nice to see during these times. A discussion ensued.

20. Mrs. Wehr said in the world of audits during COVID-19, L&W Supply Company located at 1635 Airport Road, part of the Chaar business in the back. They were contacted by the City of Allentown who did an audit to determine the appropriate taxing jurisdiction for them since the municipal line runs through their property. Keep in mind Hanover Township is listed with the County as the tax jurisdiction. All the inspections on the property were done through Hanover Township and Hanover Township collects all the taxes (i.e., BPT, EIT, etc.). The City of Allentown has reached out to L&W Supply Company and said no, that's incorrect, because the majority of that business is in Allentown. They contacted Hanover Township to see what our stance was on this. Mrs. Wehr does not know where this is going to land. Mr. Eaton said this has come up in the past. He will have to go back into his records to research it. He is pretty sure that it came up when looking at the building on the southeast border at Airport Road and Lloyd Street. He remembers there was sort of an ancient rule that they called the Manor House Rule which meant when property was divided or a house was divided it allowed the owner to designate which of the two municipalities it would pay its taxes to. He is just not certain if it related to just real estate or everything. He has some history of it. He does not recall that this has come up for a number of years. Mr. Eaton recalls that there were discussions with the

City of Allentown as to who was going to respond in the event of fires, enforcement of various regulations, etc. Mrs. Wehr asked Mr. Eaton to research his history on this matter and get back to her so she could respond accordingly since they came to Hanover for guidance. A discussion ensued. Mr. Eaton asked Mrs. Wehr to send him any correspondence she received on this matter so he has a starting point for his research. Mrs. Wehr will send Mr. Eaton the correspondence she received from L&W Supply.

21. In reviewing bills for the month, it was noticed that Verizon Wireless had extra charges on their invoice for the month. Between Mr. Fragnito, Mrs. Wehr, and Ms. Romano two hours were spent this morning on the phone with them only to find out that someone hacked into the Township's account and ordered three new phones. Their fraud department is taking care of it and the Township is not responsible for the charges. The Township did everything they needed to do secure the account. It is not uncommon. Mrs. Wehr is confident that the Township will get its reimbursement.

22. Mrs. Wehr reported that the letter sent to the actor that caused the destruction to the Allendale swale was signed for on April 1 with no response.

23. Mrs. Roth's notary expired on June 1 and there was some difficulty getting it updated. Mrs. Roth applied for the renewal back at the end of March and turned everything in on April 1. It expired on June 1 and she and Mrs. Wehr were unsuccessful in getting it renewed prior to that. They contacted Jeanne McNeill's office as well as Lisa Bascola's office and with the help of both of them, especially McD from Jeanne McNeill's office, Mrs. Roth now has a renewed notary certificate. Mrs. Wehr gave a big thank you and shout out to McD from Jeanne McNeill's office.

24. Mrs. Wehr gave an update on the Pennsylvania State Police audit she spoke of last month regarding the CGIS security training. There was training that needed to be completed for that. As of today, both Code officers have done their training and are where they need to be and when the officer that is out on medical leave comes back, she will get him taken care of and then the Township will be good until May, 2022.

25. Mrs. Wehr advised Council that she feels there needs to be a discussion regarding the KRE apartments proposal. She thinks its appropriate for Council to discuss and decide and make a decision whether they want to move forward with the rezoning or not move forward with their proposal. Chairman Paulus said he has had discussions with Mrs. Wehr in length regarding this proposal and with her extensive experience with zoning she had some good thoughts on the matter. He agrees that Council needs to have a discussion between themselves and make their decision whether they want to move forward or not. He said they would have already had the discussion long before this, but with COVID-19 everything got put back. Mr. Paulus and Mrs. Wehr have been in discussions with Noah of KRE and have put them on the back burner. Mr. Paulus said they can have their discussions at the next meeting and get back to Noah of KRE with Council's thoughts on whether they are still entertaining the idea or not up to have that parcel rezoned. Mr. Paulus said he is also aware that most of

Council does not entertain the idea of apartments at that site. But the big factor is the sewer allocation, which seems to be a big problem. Councilman Tocci asked why put off the discussion again and why not just discuss it at this meeting. Mr. Tocci understood from previous discussions with KRE and Tim Miller of Keystone Engineering that they would need a larger sewer allocation if the apartments were built and the parcel developed, which would help Hanover Township get a larger sewer allocation which we requested years ago and LCA stepped in and denied it. Mr. Tocci's question to both Mr. Paulus and specifically Mrs. Wehr, doesn't it make the Township's case stronger to get any sewer allocation that they want from the City of Allentown in the future because there would be something developing up there. Mrs. Wehr replied that they are reviewing the Act 537 and Mr. Miller explained it at the last meeting. There are several things to consider here with their proposal. Mrs. Wehr said first and foremost Council needs to decide first of all do they want to see that area rezoned for apartments. It's Council's job to look at all the parcels in the Township and how they see the Township being zoned and used for. If Council does not see apartments there, it's not zoned for that. But if someone brings it to their attend and they think it's time and appropriate to rezone that is certainly something that they have the power to look at it and determine whether they want to rezone it or not. You don't have to rezone just because someone is asking. Once Council decides that it is something, they want to have there, then the next layer is that the Township does not have the sewer allocation. They have a certain amount allotted for that area up there. It's not enough for what they are looking to do and plus what the Township has. This is of concern and the Township is in the planning stages with the City of Allentown and the LCA once the Township gets the Act 537 for this year and then the five years and then planning stages from there on out and then bigger projects like that will be considered. Mrs. Wehr said it really goes back to what it is currently zoned and if the Council feels that the zoning is appropriate and there are many things in that zoning district that are permitted, but just because there is something that they are looking to have there, doesn't mean that the Council has to rezone it. It comes back to how Council envisions that area to be developed. A discussion ensued regarding other uses allowed in that area and what would serve Hanover Township better. Councilman Heimbecker would prefer to see a huge warehouse on the property because of the easy access to Dauphin Street, Irving Street and the Airport. He feels that Hanover Township should enjoy some of the monies from commercial properties. He feels that hotels draw money, but not like a huge warehouse would. Mr. Heimbecker does not want apartments. Mr. Paulus said a warehouse would fit into the zoning in that area, but would not bring in any monies. What goes in and out of the warehouse does not give Hanover Township any money. Mrs. Wehr said there are many different layers to look at and its Council's job to look at how it is zoned and how they envision it to be zoned and what they envision it to be developed into. Mrs. Wehr feels that with the pandemic that occurred, everyone is aware and will be looking at things differently (i.e. office space, working from home, etc.). They may look to cut down on rental space. Or they might want everyone back in the office, and the 4x4 cubicles now become larger and it will grow. Mrs. Wehr said Council needs to look at it realistically as to how it's currently zoned, all the available uses in that zone and what Council envisions there. Mr. Tocci asked Mrs. Wehr if there are

specific parcels or tracts that the Township has in mind for apartments and residential living or is it that the Township doesn't want them at all. Mr. Tocci said as he is learning all this, it seems to him that we could accommodate the apartments and not just say no for the sake of just saying no to it. He goes back to the possible development at Lloyd Street and Airport Road, it didn't make sense to him because of how it negatively impacted residents and traffic flow in that area. But, the apartments up on the hill and trying to keep workers at St. Luke's as tenants and we would have an upscale apartment option which would not affect Allendale nor the residents on Lloyd Street, all the traffic would be on the parkway. Mr. Tocci said it seems like a good location for apartments or townhouses. He is not sure what the objection is, but he appreciates the discussion. Mrs. Wehr said to answer Mr. Tocci question, part of the Comprehensive Plan that's for the Township which hasn't been updated in awhile and is being looked at in conjunction with the Intermunicipal Comprehensive Plan Update with other nearing municipalities is that it is up to Council to look at how their properties are zoned and how they envision them to be developed. That property is zoned as PIO (Planned Industrial Office), which does not support residential. If that is something that you are looking at and think is a good area to move residential too, then Council would be open to KRE's proposal to rezone. Mrs. Wehr doesn't feel stringing them along and say yes, we are entertaining, is misleading as well and Council needs to make a decision as to whether or not this is an area, they would like to see residential. The other thing to be aware of is that anytime someone approaches you for properties to be rezoned, you need to be mindful of spot zoning which may put the Township in litigation. As Mr. Tocci pointed out the other parcel that was being looked at for rezoning and was turned down. You have to keep that in mind as well. They will be looking at this as well and if you go to rezone for what they are proposing, they could come knocking at the door and say, hey remember us, you didn't give us the rezoning but gave it to them. You could end up in litigation. Mr. Paulus feels that the Township is saturated with apartments and don't need more. He feels the Township fulfilled that obligation. He said he and Mrs. Wehr feel that it is in the Township's best interest to keep the zoning for that parcel as is. KRE can come back to Council with suggestions. It is a wide-open area of permitted uses to choose from. Councilmen Lawlor and Woolley commented that they vote to keep the zoning as is. Councilman Tocci said he is open to rezoning it, but he appreciates having the discussion and hearing the different points of views as to why people are for or against it. Mr. Heimbecker is not in favor of rezoning it. Council unanimously decided to keep the parcel zoned as is. Mrs. Wehr said she appreciates the discussion and thanked Council for their time and will get back in touch with Noah from KRE with their decision. Mr. Tocci thanked Mrs. Wehr for the print out of her report. He said it is helpful to see it in advance what topics she will be discussing. Mr. Tocci also thanked Mrs. Wehr for reaching out to HEFCO. Mr. Tocci was receiving a lot of questions about it because of the type of tanker looking trucks that were rolling down at all hours that looked like they carried hazardous materials. It's reassuring that they don't not have hazardous materials stored on the premises on a permanent basis and whatever they pick up from spills they dispose of in a 24-hour period. It gives him piece of mind that Mrs. Wehr reached out to them.

Mr. Heimbecker said that he and several other residents want to have some sort of secured shredding facility like they have in the City of Bethlehem. They can't just go there and walk in without a driver's license. Mr. Heimbecker asked Mrs. Wehr if she had any plans in coordinating anything with the other municipalities. Mrs. Wehr said she did not but will certainly look into it. She will reach out to the surrounding municipalities and try to come up with something. A discussion ensued. At this time, Mr. Heimbecker said he needed to leave the meeting.

26. Mrs. Wehr advised Council that she has hired a part-time Public Works employee to clean the parks and pick up trash after pavilion rentals. His name is Joe Kirk. She met with him and he is very excited to work with Josef Fragnito our Public Works Supervisor.

Mr. Woolley asked Mrs. Wehr where the speed limit signs were placed. Mrs. Wehr said she does and that Mr. Fragnito will address it on his report.

Chris Spadaccia, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported that as of June 12 at 12:00 p.m., Lehigh County has been impacted by 3,926 cases and 264 deaths due to COVID-19 virus. As of his knowledge, none of the cases were in Hanover Township. There were reports of individuals working in the Township that have contracted the virus but nothing has been brought to his attention in the last couple of weeks, which is good news. The goal number for the County in order to get to the green phase is 50 and right now from last week, it fell down 59 to 61. Mr. Spadaccia said they are anticipating that probably by the end of the month going green as long as it stays low within 14 days.

3. Al Kortze, P.E.
Township Engineer

1. The Township Engineer said he has a few things to report on but they are all listed under New Business and will address them at that time.

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

Mr. Eaton does not have anything to report on, but wants to add to Mrs. Wehr's comments regarding the meetings with the City of Allentown. Tim Miller's Act 537 is literally six inches thick. The City's position has been that they didn't have enough capacity to give us anything. Mr. Miller sorted out through different tables that in fact they did. It has made a big difference in how the negotiations have been going. It was information that was there but hidden in the document and Mr. Miller did a great job in pointing everything out. Mrs. Wehr told Mr. Kortze that she agrees with Mr. Eaton and that Mr. Miller has been fantastic.

4. Maintenance Report (Written)

Josef Fragnito, Public Works Supervisor, reported that business has been as usual. The new 2020 10 Ton Truck has arrived. It is now complete and is being put into service. Public Works is making preparations to open parks in the Township. As an FYI, the Catasauqua Lake has been very low. Mr. Fragnito does not know how what Council's wishes are. If they are going to look at remedying some of the problems, perhaps look into investigating the sinkholes again. Something to think about. At this time, Public Works continues to monitor it.

Mr. Fragnito reported that the radar/speed limit signs. They moved the 25 mph signs from southbound on Middle Lloyd to northbound and the 35-mph speed limit from westbound on Postal Road to eastbound on Postal Road. At the request of Mr. Tocci, they are looking to put one of the signs on Irving Street. They will have to do a due diligence and have to do a PA One Call. Mr. Fragnito spoke to Mr. Kortze yesterday regarding moving the actual speed limit signs and Mr. Kortze did not have any issues with that. Mr. Fragnito got approval from one of the residents where they anticipate moving the sign to. Initially, they were looking to move them every couple of weeks, but Mr. Fragnito feels, in his opinion, that they should be left up for at least a month before moving them. Mr. Woolley said a lot of driver's are blowing through the Stop signs. Mr. Lawlor said the Township needs the State Police sitting at the Stop signs. Mr. Tocci asked if the Township can make a formal request to the State Police to sit at those Stop signs. It's in the area of Troxell and Taft and Troxell and Clarence. A discussion ensued. Mrs. Wehr said she will make a phone call to the State Police. Mr. Tocci asked Mrs. Wehr if the Township did anything to recognize the State Police for their services and all they do. Mrs. Wehr said the Township did address it in May in recognition of Pennsylvania State Police Day. Mr. Paulus said the Township does it every May and it's called State Police Appreciation Day in Hanover Township. The Township gives them a letter of recognition which they hang on their wall at the barracks. Mrs. Wehr said the Township is very grateful to the police. Every time she reaches out to them, they are very cooperative and wants them to know that there are citizens that do appreciate the police.

At this time, Mr. Lawlor said he needed to leave the meeting.

Mr. Paulus asked Mrs. Wehr how we made out with Lancaster Body. Mrs. Wehr replied that they came out and did the repairs. It was decided that they would take the plow off and take it back with their vehicle. They painted it appropriately in their booth so the Township could get the best job possible and then brought it back to the Township.

5. Storm Water Issues
6. Fire Company Report (Written)
7. Code Enforcement Report (Written)
8. Treasurer's Report (Written)

Motion: I move we accept the computer printouts dated June 17, 2020, 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
Tocci, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye Unan.

9. Building Inspector's Report (Written)

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1. Request for Letter of Credit Reduction (\$54,525.60) Primo Produce (Vote)

Motion: I move Council accept the Township Engineer's recommendation for the Request for Letter of Credit Reduction (\$54,525.60) Primo Produce as presented.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

2. Authorization to advertise the bid for the Allendale Swale Project approximate cost (\$43,000) (Vote)

Motion: I move Council approve Authorization to advertise the bid for the Allendale Swale Project approximate cost (\$43,000) as presented.

Paulus, Woolley:
Tocci, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye Unan.

3. Request for Payment Release #1 for Troxell Street Curbing (Vote)

Motion: I move Council accept the Township Engineer's recommendation to Request for Payment Release #1 for Troxell Street Curbing as presented.

Paulus, Woolley:

Mrs. Wehr asked Mr. Paulus when Council wanted the invoices to go out to residents regarding their costs for the curbing. Mrs. Wehr's recommendation would be to mail them out when the job is complete. Mr. Paulus agreed.

Tocci, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye Unan.

Payment of Bills: Approval of the Bills for June 17, 2020

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Payrolls (05/29/2020) & (06/12/20); Voucher Nos. 25165-25173 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 25174-25212, from the General Fund Account in the amount of

\$813,375.75; Voucher Nos. 180 from the Liquid Fuels Account in the amount of \$5,048.40; Voucher No. 669 from Distribution Account in the amount of \$34,551.05; Voucher Nos. 4491 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 4492-4499 from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$159,016.78; Voucher 4916-4919 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 4920-4921 in the amount of \$9,530.11; Voucher Nos. 4375-4377 from the Water Account in the amount of \$238.27; Voucher Nos. 5884 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 5885-5889 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$26,894.39 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$1,048,654.75.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded
Tocci, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

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Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager