

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 20, 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: December 30, 2020 Special Council Meeting
January 11, 2021 Reorganization Meeting
January 11, 2021 Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the December 30, 2020 Special Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

Councilman Rick Tocci interjected at this time and said he had a question regarding the Minutes. He does not have any issues with the January 11 Meeting Minutes. However, the December 30 Minutes under New Business, #1, he felt it was very sparse and lacking pertinent and accurate detail from that evening. Mr. Tocci requested that it be rewritten with more substance to it. Melissa Wehr, Township Manager, asked Mr. Tocci which part he was referring to. Mr. Tocci replied it was the remarks under #1 in New Business regarding the 710 Lloyd Street addition. Mrs. Wehr asked Mr. Tocci what information is he indicating is missing. Mr. Tocci replied that in the past most of the Minutes were written as if you were there and accurate in who said what and included the discussion that took place and this time around it was written in only one paragraph. Mr. Tocci is concerned that when the residents who were unable to attend that evening go to read the Minutes, there is no sense as to what actually was said. In the past, the Minutes always reflected that. Mr. Tocci said he would like that continued. Mrs. Wehr informed Mr. Tocci and the Board that unfortunately the recording did not work for that meeting and these Minutes are based on the notes that Pina Romano, Administrative Assistant, had taken at the meeting and herself and Vicky Roth, Township Clerk. Additionally, as everyone may be aware, the Minutes for meetings are not supposed to be a full transcript but a generalization of what occurred at the meeting with the Motions and Votes. Mr. Tocci said he was not aware that the recorder was not working. In general, he asked if the Township makes those recordings available for residents to listen to. Mrs. Wehr replied that the Township does not make them available to residents. Mr. Tocci said if the recordings are not made available to residents, then he feels the Minutes should be written as they always have been done in the past, which was accurately and exactly what went on. It is very informative to him especially in the beginning when he could go back and look through and read past years' Minutes. Mr. Tocci said particularly this meeting that was important to residents who wanted to be there and couldn't be there. Mr. Tocci said if he needs to, he will sit down with Mrs. Wehr and Mrs. Roth and provide his own

notes if that would be helpful. Jackson Eaton, Township Attorney, addressed Mr. Tocci. He said he thinks it is appropriate. He said usually if a member of Council remembers something that should be included in the Minutes or should be changed, they would advise the Township Manager of that. Mr. Eaton suggests that Council table the approval of the December 30 Minutes and if Mr. Tocci can put together a list of the additions that he thinks should be included, he suggests that at the next meeting Mr. Tocci suggests those Amendments. Mrs. Wehr told Mr. Tocci that if he provides her with an email with his recollection and other information, staff will sit down and revisit the December 30 Minutes and include his information in said Minutes.

Motion: I move that we table the approval of the December 30, 2020 Minutes until the next Council Meeting.

Heimbecker, Lawlor: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Tocci, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

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Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Tocci, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

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Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Tocci, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

Reports:

1. Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager

1. Declaration of Emergency Disaster has been extended weekly. The Township is continuing with that. There is information in Council's packets and Mrs. Wehr emailed the one for today to all Council members.

2. Last evening the Planning Commission met with two matters on the Agenda. Residents were in attendance. The one land development plan and lot consolidation will be included on Council's Agenda for next month, which is Rockefeller for Lot 5A and lot consolidation for Middle Lloyd.

3. River Central's kickoff meeting was held and went well. They are looking for pictures from each municipality. Mrs. Wehr would like suggestions from Council on pictures they would like her to include from the Township for River Central's website. A discussion ensued and Council gave some suggestions. Mrs. Wehr will get the website information and forward it on to Council so they can view where the project is going and other communities involved.

4. Reservations have been made for the PSATS Conference in Hershey. At this time, Mrs. Wehr asked for a Motion from Council to approve for attendance at the conference at the Township's expense. Council members attending conference are Mr. Paulus and Mr. Heimbecker.

Motion: I move we allow members of Council and certain staff to attend the PSATS Conference in Hershey at the Township's expense.

Woolley, Lawlor: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Tocci, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

Councilman Lawlor mentioned that there is a hole the size of a softball at where Clarence Street meets Pennsylvania Avenue. Al Kortze, Township Engineer, said he or one of his inspectors will take a look at it tomorrow.

2. Al Kortze, P.E.
Township Engineer

1. Mr. Kortze gave an update of the sinkhole at Taft and Tacoma Streets.

2. Mr. Kortze recommends tabling the payment release to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. for the paving of roads in the Troxell Street area, which is on the Agenda under New Business until they can get New Enterprise out to do the repairs on the water valves which is their responsibility. Mr. Kortze said it's a small amount. The Township is still holding the Maintenance Bond. He feels better holding off on making this payment until they come back and take care of the work.

3. The Willowbrook Sanitary Sewer Project is winding down. Tomorrow they will be setting the last manhole and then the process is going to be abandoning in place the lines that are in Willowbrook and then doing the testing. Everything should wrap up by the end of next week.

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

1. Mr. Eaton provided Council with a copy of the memorandum he promised Councilman Tocci at the last Council meeting regarding the options for controlling noise at large gatherings. Since Mr. Tocci is participating via phone, Mr. Eaton said he will email him a copy of the memorandum and it can be discussed at the next meeting.

4. Maintenance Report

5. Storm Water Issues – None.

6. Fire Company Report (Written)

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

Motion: I move we accept the computer printouts dated January 20, 2021, for the General Fund Account, Capital Reserve Account, Escrow Account, Liquid Fuels Account, Sewer Account and Water Account subject to audit.

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

9. Building Inspector's Report (Written)

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1. Authorization for Payment Release in the Amount of \$11,005.80, New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. for the Paving of Roads in the Troxell Street Area (Vote)

Chairman Paulus said they will table the payment release to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. until the next Council meeting as suggested by the Township Engineer.

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Payroll (01/08/2021); Voucher Nos. 25562-25569 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 25570-25623, from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$232,663.34; Voucher Nos. 187 from the Liquid Fuels Account in the amount of \$5,226.08; Voucher Nos. 4541-4542 from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$11,271.75; Voucher Nos. 5000-5002 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$8,564.91; Voucher Nos. 4414 (Prepaid), Voucher Nos. 4415-4420 from the Water Account in the amount of \$8,073.21; Voucher Nos. 5967-5970 (Prepaid), Voucher Nos. 5971-5978 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$157,274.17 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$423,073.46.

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

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager