

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 18, 2011
7:30 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Atkinson, Dreisbach, Kovacs, Paulus, Woolley; J. Jackson Eaton, III, Esquire; Frederick W. Hay, P.E.; Sandra A. Pudliner; Vicky Roth

Absent: 0

Attendance: 3

Courtesy of the Floor:

Mr. Harold Knight of 1834 Troxell Street appeared before the Board to advise Council of car racing which is occurring Fridays and Saturdays at approximately 2:00 A.M. and also sometimes during the week between 5:30 and 6:00 P.M. Mr. Knight provided the Board with information regarding the license plates of the cars involved and further noted that when this car racing occurs they are simply blowing through the stop signs in the area. Mr. Knight felt this is a major safety issue. Chairman Paulus advised that they would have the Township Manager advise the State Police of this situation and ask that they look into the matter. He noted the Township would advise the State Police of the times of the occurrences and the area involved, namely, Pennsylvania Avenue, Ulster Street and Hidden Village Apartments.

Approval of Minutes: January 9, 2012 Reorganization Meeting
January 9, 2012 Special Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the January 9, 2012 Reorganization Meeting and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Kovacs: Moved and Seconded
Atkinson, Dreisbach, Kovacs, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the January 9, 2012 Special Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Kovacs: Moved and Seconded
Atkinson, Dreisbach, Kovacs, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

Reports:

1. Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager

The Township Manager advised the Board that she has provided them with a written Manager's report.

Councilman Atkinson questioned the Township Manager with respect to enforcement of the provisions in the International Property Maintenance Code regarding unregistered vehicles in the Township. The Township Manager advised that the Code Enforcement Officers have all the necessary information in hand and are currently compiling a list of violations within the Township. Proper notice will be sent to those individuals in violation.

2. Frederick W. Hay, P.E.
Township Engineer

The Township Engineer offered no oral report at this time.

3. J. Jackson Eaton, III, Esquire

1. The Township Attorney advised that he has provided the Board with a proposed Ordinance to amend all areas of the Codification where reference is made to the Director of Public Works or Director of Operations. Attorney Eaton noted that since the Board has changed that title to Maintenance Supervisor, the Codification should be revised to reflect that change.
2. The Township Attorney advised that a lien has been placed on the property on Marcon Blvd. where a major sinkhole had occurred and was repaired by the Township. The bank and the owner were not able to work out a payoff and accordingly the Township has protected itself by placing a lien on the property.
3. The Township Attorney advised that he has acquired all the documentation with respect to filing a lien relative to the sinkhole affecting three properties on Irma Drive in the Township. He indicated that he felt that the liens should be filed in a timely fashion. Attorney Eaton did note that he wanted to discuss the interest rate in those documents. He indicated that given the nature of this matter perhaps the Township wants to do something else.
4. The Township Attorney advised that he has provided the Township Manager and the Board a copy of correspondence relative to Act 46 which provides that building permits issued as of January 1, 2008 are automatically extended until July 1, 2013.

4. Maintenance Report (Written)

5. Fire Company's Report (Written)
6. Code Enforcement Officers' Reports (Written)
7. Building Inspector's Report (Written)

Chairman Paulus acknowledged receipt of a written Maintenance Report, written Fire Company Report, written Code Enforcement Officers' Reports and written Building Inspector's Report and same were noted for the record.

Council noted that with respect to the Maintenance Report the Crew Chief prepares same and the Maintenance Supervisor has now designated a portion of said report for his signature to note that he has reviewed and approved the report. There was also some discussion with respect to Code Enforcement Officer Stephen Rusyn's report. The Board questioned a notation in said report with respect to assisting a motorist on Bullshead Road which is not within Hanover Township. The Board also questioned the Code Enforcement Officer checking a parking area for sinkholes for a resident on Irma Drive. It was noted that the Township Manager should advise Code Enforcement again that the Township does not get involved in matters on private property.

8. Treasurer's Report (Written)

Motion: I move we accept the computer printouts dated January 18, 2012, for the General Fund Account, Capital Reserve Account, Escrow Account, Liquid Fuels Account, Sewer Account and Water Account subject to audit.

Paulus, Kovacs: Moved and Seconded

Atkinson, Dreisbach, Kovacs, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1. Bill No. 2012-01, An Ordinance Amending the Hanover Township Floodplain Ordinance, Chapter 8 of the Statutory Code of Hanover Township to Comply with National Flood Insurance Program Standards (Introduce)

The Township Attorney advised the Board that Bill No. 2012-01 is a response to a request from DCED. They are upgrading their standards and same results in very substantial revisions of our ordinance. Attorney Eaton noted that the Township has followed the requested revisions they made. There is a particular reviewer who reviewed our ordinance and made suggestions. We will send same back to him for review. The Township Attorney noted he did not feel there would be any substantive changes since we have included their recommendations in the ordinance we have prepared. However, the Township Attorney felt that the Township should

table the matter until it is placed back on the agenda by either Council or the Township Manager. In that regard, the Board made the following motion:

Motion: I move that Bill No. 2012-01, be tabled until said Bill is placed back on the Council's agenda by either Council or the Township Manager.

Kovacs, Atkinson: Moved and Seconded

Atkinson, Dreisbach, Kovacs, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

There was some discussion with respect to this Floodplain Ordinance. It was noted that it is necessary that the Township have same for residents to secure flood insurance. It was further noted that currently there is only one house in the flood plain.

2. Bill No. 2012-02, An Ordinance Amending all Provisions of the Statutory Code of Hanover Township to Change the Position Identified as Director of Public Works or Director of Operations to Maintenance Supervisor.

As previously addressed in the Township Attorney's report, Bill No. 2012-02 amends all provisions of the Township's Codification to change the position of Director of Public Works or Director of Operations to Maintenance Supervisor. In that regard, Councilman Kovacs introduced Bill No. 2012-02 at this time with a Public Hearing on same to occur at the Board's next Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 7:30 P.m.

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Payroll (1/16/2012), Voucher Nos. 18461-18470 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 18471-18520, from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$118,602.16; Voucher Nos. 86 from the Liquid Fuels Account in the amount of \$5,982.22; Voucher Nos. 3793-3798 from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$410,147.55; Voucher Nos. 3835-3836 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$14,397.00; Voucher Nos. 3746-3750 from the Water Account in the amount of \$1,793.25; Voucher Nos. 4804-4806 (Prepays); Voucher Nos. 4807-4812 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$30,222.96 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$581,145.14.

Paulus, Dreisbach: Moved and Seconded

Atkinson, Dreisbach, Kovacs, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra A. Pudliner".

Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager