

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 15, 2012
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: 5

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: February 1, 2012 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the February 1, 2012 Regular 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 report dated February 9, 2012. In addition to same, the Manager reported on the following items:

1. The Township Manager advised the Board that she has become aware of the fact that prevailing wage legislation which would have raised the threshold of being subject to the requirements of the Prevailing Wage Act from \$25,000 to \$185,000 has been defeated.
2. The Township Manager advised the Board that as they will recall the Township had applied for a Solar Grant to assist in the funding of the solar panels on the new Municipal Building project. Mrs. Pudliner noted that the Board in charge of reviewing the grant applications met at the end of January. However, no determination was made with respect to grant monies or loan monies as same relates to solar grants at that time. The Township Manager noted that she was advised that possibly no decision will be made regarding the solar grants until the Board's next meeting which is projected to be in March, 2012.

3. The Township Manager advised that the issue involving the road closure for the Salvation Army 5K Rockin Run for Kids which would have required the Township's involvement as far as Dauphin Drive was concerned has totally been resolved by virtue of the fact that the route has been changed and Dauphin Drive is no longer part of the route for the run.

There was a lengthy discussion at this time relative to the property owner at the corner of Race and Willowbrook Rd. as same relates to the Zoning Hearing Board decision requiring said property owner to have a chained entranceway to a road which had been put on the property. It was noted that originally the roadway had been intended only for a landscape business on the property. However, since that time additional tenants have occupied the building and due to the difficulty in accessing Race St. from Fashion Drive, the road has become an actual road cutting through the property accessing Willowbrook Rd. Vice Chairman Dreisbach noted that even though he understands that the property owner intends to come before the Zoning Hearing Board to have that condition for chaining the property removed from the decision it was his feeling that the property owner should be abiding by the current Zoning Hearing Board decision. The Board as a whole agreed with that assessment and advised the Township Manager to send correspondence to the property owner allowing them seven days to correct the violation. If same is not accomplished, a citation would be issued.

At this point in the meeting, Councilman Atkinson questioned Robin Yoder, Township Fire Chief and Code Enforcement Officer, who was in attendance at the meeting, whether or not the PPL lights in LVIP III are now operating. Mr. Yoder noted that he felt they were currently at 80%.

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

1. With respect to Meter Station 4, the Township Engineer noted that the Public Works Department has moved all the equipment uphill. There has been excavation and a pad has been poured. Crowder has set the box and we are looking to get power to it Friday. John Laidley will be coming in to put the controls in next week.
2. With respect to the Chestnut Grove Towne Garden Development, the Township Engineer noted that the chemical root service came in and did the necessary work and we will now let it sit for a few weeks and then go back in and flush the lines.

Councilman Dreisbach questioned the Township Engineer as to the status of the PPL issue involving the new Municipal Building. Mr. Hay noted that he had talked to PPL two weeks ago and sent an email to all parties. What PPL needed were the loads involved and when I received that information just yesterday, said information was sent to PPL at that time. Councilman Dreisbach questioned whether or not two days was enough for the water tap for the new building and the Township Engineer indicated that it was sufficient.

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

1. The Township Attorney noted that the Board has received his correspondence dated February 15, 2012 relative to various House Bills. As previously noted, the Township Manager has indicated that the prevailing wage legislation was already acted upon. Additionally, the Township Attorney noted that House Bill 1718 makes revisions to the Municipalities Planning Code which not only are burdensome but unreasonable and remove from Township control the selection from independent development consultants to review development plans. Currently, the Township Engineer reviews and provides professional consultation. Additionally, House Bill 1719 essentially takes the requirements of House Bill 1718 and applies them to construction projects of municipal authorities. Hanover Township has not created any authority so this bill does not affect the Township directly. However, I believe it is in the Township's interest to oppose any attempt to implement the developer's selected consultant requirements. Accordingly, the Township's Attorney recommendation was that the Township opposes both House Bill 1718 and 1719.
 2. The Township Attorney advised the Board that two issues have come up as same relates to the new motor vehicle/trailer Ordinance. Counsel for the property owner on Schoenersville Rd. operating Micro Leasing has indicated that it is his client's intent to bring his property into compliance. It is our understanding that all the trailers will be inspected and have state inspection stickers affixed to same. The Township will have to wait and see what happens with respect to that matter. Likewise, the Township Attorney noted that the resident on Pennsylvania Avenue has also forwarded information to the Township indicating that it is his intent to work something out. He claims he is in the process of having his vehicles registered as antique cars. We will review the information provided and respond on that matter
 3. The Township Attorney advised that he and the Township Manager met with airport officials with respect to a proposed Airport Hazard Ordinance. Attorney Eaton noted that the airport staff will be preparing plans for the Township's use and will be in touch with the Township's Engineer regarding same. It appears that on initial reviews, the Township could determine if structures because of height, etc. fall under the restrictions.
4. Maintenance Report (Written)
 5. Fire Company's Report (Written)
 6. Code Enforcement Officers' Reports (Written)
 7. Building Inspector's Report (Written)

Motion: I move that Resolution No. 2012-31, A Resolution to Qualify Hanover Township for the National Flood Insurance Program be adopted as presented.

Kovacs, Dreisbach: Moved and Seconded

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

2. Resolution No. 2012-32, A Resolution Appointing Benjamin Baker as Hanover Township's Representative to the Catasauqua Library Board (Vote)

Motion: I move that Resolution No. 2012-32, A Resolution Appointing Benjamin Baker as Hanover Township's Representative to the Catasauqua Library Board be adopted as presented.

Dreisbach, Atkinson: Moved and Seconded

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

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Payroll (2/3/2012), Payroll (1/20/12), Voucher Nos. 18521-18533 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 18534-18577, from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$96,056.19; Voucher Nos. 87 from the Liquid Fuels Account in the amount of \$5,737.39; Voucher Nos. 3799-3805 from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$331,771.24; Voucher Nos. 3837-3839 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$9,879.00; Voucher Nos. 3751-3753 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 3754-3758 from the Water Account in the amount of \$6,248.34; Voucher Nos. 4813 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 4814-4823 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$78,875.20 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$528,567.36.

Paulus, Dreisbach: Moved and Seconded

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

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager