

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 18, 2012  
7:30 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Atkinson, Dreisbach, Kovacs, Paulus, Woolley; J. Jackson Eaton, III, Esquire; Vicky Roth

Absent: Frederick W. Hay, P.E.; Sandra A. Pudliner

Attendance: 2

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: April 4, 2012 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the April 4, 2012 Regular Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Kovacs: Moved and Seconded

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

Reports:

1. Vicky Roth  
Township Clerk

Vicky Roth advised the Board she has provided them with a written Manager's Report.

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

It was noted the Township Engineer was not in attendance at this meeting.

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

1. The Township Attorney advised the Board he had received a response from the USGS concerning the name change of the Catasauqua Lake to Lake Hanover. A copy of the email has been provided to the Board. He stated the Township can place signs noting the new name of the lake and the USGS will record the alternate name. The Township can refile for this official name change at a later date.
2. With respect to the NIZ tax matter with the City of Allentown, the Township Attorney advised the Board that the city has made offers to certain municipalities. He felt at the

conclusion of this that all municipalities would be included in this settlement. There was some discussion with respect to other municipalities joining this lawsuit. It was noted that South Whitehall Township would be voting this evening as to joining the suit. Chairman Paulus stated Hanover Township would not be joining in any lawsuits at this time.

3. The Township Attorney advised the Board he would request an Executive Session at the end of this meeting with respect to outstanding tax appeals and settlement of same.
4. At this point in the meeting, Councilman Atkinson questioned the right-of-ways along properties and who are responsible to maintain same. The attorney advised the Board although the right-of-ways are not owned by the property it is the responsibility of the property owners to maintain same.

4. Maintenance Report (Written)

5. Fire Company's Report (Written)

Councilman Atkinson questioned the July 27 item on the Report in which our Fire Company had traffic control in another municipality. Further discussion ensued concerning offering such services with the higher price of gasoline in today's economy.

6. Code Enforcement Officers' Reports (Written)

There was a discussion concerning having the inspection stickers on trailers. The Township Attorney stated any federal-type of stickers requires the owner to have the trailer inspected and they must keep a log of the inspections. There are also qualified state programs which are just as good as the federal program. It was noted that any trailer with a 17,000 pound GVW sticker noted on the trailer, then the federal sticker is sufficient. Neither a federal or state sticker is required under a 17,000 GVW weight.

Councilman Kovacs reviewed Robin Yoder's report of March 22 with respect to having keys for the pump houses. After general discussion the Board felt that all Township Buildings including sheds, pump stations, garages, etc. should have knox boxes with the proper keys in them. The Township Clerk noted she would get a listing of all of them including the shed at Sherwood Park and apply for the knox boxes which would then be installed.

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.

At this point in the meeting, Councilman Atkinson questioned whether the Township had heard about the scheduling of a magistrate hearing for any of the citations the Township has

applied for. The Township Clerk advised the Board that we have had no written notification at this time.

8. Treasurer's Report (Written)

Motion: I move we accept the computer printouts dated April 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. 2012-02, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, Section 405 of the Statutory Code of Hanover Township to Prohibit the Parking of Construction Equipment on Township Streets (Introduce)

The Township Attorney advised the Board the origin of the proposed Ordinance was because we have received numerous complaints concerning parking of construction equipment, etc. on Township streets and private property. He noted same was presently in violation of our Zoning Ordinance. After a lengthy discussion concerning this matter, it was noted this bill would be amended in Section B to include other type of mobile construction equipment or any trailer carrying such equipment shall be parked on any street except adjacent to a property. There was also general discussion by the Board concerning including vending trailers, such as an ice cream vending truck or a hot dog vending truck. The Bill was introduced as amended. Also, it was stated a person could not bring a backhoe on a trailer unhitched unless they were doing work in the area and in such case would not be for more than 14 consecutive days.

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Payroll (3/31/2012), Payroll (4/13/12; Voucher Nos. 18649-18659 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 18660-18708, from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$93,884.71; Voucher Nos. 89 from the Liquid Fuels Account in the amount of \$5,539.82; Voucher Nos. 3816-3817 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 3818-3826 from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$377,716.97; Voucher Nos. 3845-3847 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$16,661.00; Voucher Nos. 3768 (Prepays), Voucher Nos.

3769-3776 from the Water Account in the amount of \$55,152.41; Voucher Nos. 4837-4846 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$104,983.98 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$653,938.89.

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

Courtesy of the Floor:

Councilman Atkinson informed the Board the new HVAC units for the new building are being installed. It was also noted this is a computer controlled system which is one of the best and most efficient systems made.

At this point in the meeting, Chairman Paulus noted the Board would go into Executive Session and would not return.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Vicky Roth  
Township Clerk