

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

May 2, 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: 3

Courtesy of the Floor:

Mary A. Breidinger, President of Lehigh Valley Miniature Small on Scale, appeared before the Board and presented to Council correspondence prepared by her requesting that the Board consider a waiver of the \$250 rental fee for Canal Park. Ms. Breidinger indicated that her 28 member club had the pleasure of having their annual June picnic at the Pudliner Pavilion at Canal Park for the past four years. Ms. Breidinger noted that she has now been informed that the waiver of the fee for parties under 30 has been removed and that there is now a \$250 fee for reserving the pavilion in addition to the \$250 returnable deposit. She advised Council that her organization is an educational non-profit organization. She noted that the individuals are a group of mostly older adults and the locked easy access restroom facilities at Canal Park are ideal for their purposes.

Ms. Breidinger's request that the Board consider waiving the \$250 rental fee for Canal Park was discussed at this point in the meeting. It appeared to be the general consensus of the Board that if the Board opened the door for Ms. Breidinger's organization, Council would have difficulty with others wanting to be considered for waivers. Mr. Woolley noted we could do this as a charitable donation. The Township Attorney commented that the Township could do that but it would be better to have rules regarding non-profits and some standards. There was also some discussion with respect to the fact that the correspondence indicates that some of the members of the organization reside in Hanover Township, Northampton County. It was suggested that they contact Hanover Township, Northampton County to use their facilities. Ultimately, the Board reluctantly did not grant the request of Ms. Breidinger.

Approval of Minutes: March 21, 2012 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the March 21, 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

1. The Township Manager advised the Board that she has provided them with the minutes of the last construction conference involving the new Municipal Building construction. Additionally, the Township Manager noted that she has given the Board information regarding the most recent disputed issue which has now been resolved.
2. The Township Manager advised the Board that she has provided them with a copy of correspondence to a resident on Pennsylvania Avenue as same relates to an issue with commercial vehicles being located on a property in a residential zoning district. The Township Manager did advise the Board that she would also be providing notice to this individual that an additional option would be for the property owner to appeal to the Hanover Township Zoning Hearing Board since the violation relates to a Zoning Ordinance violation. That notice would be provided and if no action is taken regarding same then appropriate citations will be issued.
3. The Township Manager advised the Board that Mr. Robert Gifford has resigned from his position on the Hanover Township Zoning Hearing Board. In that regard, the Township has received a letter from a resident on Troxell Street, in particular, a Mr. John Martucci, wherein Mr. Martucci is offering his application to the Board to fill the vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board. The Board discussed the application and suggested that the Township Manager invite Mr. Martucci to the next Council meeting.

Chairman Paulus advised all in attendance that between this meeting and the last meeting, the record should show that an Executive Session was held with respect to certain legal issues but that no decision was made at that time.

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

1. The Township Engineer advised the Board that with respect to the 2012 Road Program he is anticipating recycling of Cedar Hill Drive in the Allendale Apartments and replacement of storm inlets at that location.
2. The Township Engineer advised that he has become aware that at the last meeting at which he was not present, the Board took action regarding Knox boxes being placed on all pump stations. In that regard, the Township Engineer advised that the state requires limited access to the pump stations. Mr. Hay noted that the only thing that could catch on fire are the pumps, but that they have sensors and shut down. Chairman Paulus noted that the Township Fire Chief's report noted that the light had been left on at one of the pump stations. The Township Engineer indicated that what should have been done is that the Public Works Director

should have simply been called. In any event, it was determined that Knox boxes would not be put in place at any of the Township's pump stations.

Councilman Kovacs advised the Board that he has received a phone call from Joseph Feskanin who is extremely upset regarding the amount of accidents on Irving Street. At the time of the phone call, Mr. Feskanin was witness to an accident that occurred at that time. The Township Engineer advised that the traffic counts had been done and that the warrants for that intersection are only for a three-way stop. In discussing this matter, the Board requested that administrative staff check with the state police to determine the number of accidents at that location and then provide that information to the Board.

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

1. The Township Attorney advised the Board that he is in receipt of information regarding the NIZ zone. There was a summary of the settlement proposed. As the Board is aware, we are not part of the litigation, but if a settlement is reached the Township would need to participate. Ultimately, Attorney Eaton noted the Township may have to make a decision if a settlement agreement is finalized to join in and ultimately receive monies from the fund available to the other municipalities.

Unfinished Business:

1. Bill No. 2012-03, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, Section 405 of the Statutory Code of Hanover Township to Prohibit the Parking of Construction Equipment on Township Streets (Public Hearing)

Chairman Paulus opened the Public Hearing relative to Bill No. 2012-03. A discussion ensued with respect to the language in Item 405A in the proposed Ordinance. In that regard, it was determined to revise the language to read, "No trailer shall be parked on any Township street unless such trailer is hitched to a motor vehicle." In resolution of this matter, the Board made the following Motion:

Motion: I move we accept the amendment to Bill No. 2012-03 as proposed.

Paulus, Atkinson: Moved and Seconded

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

Motion: I move that Bill No. 2012-03, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, Section 405 of the Statutory Code of Hanover Township to Prohibit the Parking of Construction Equipment on Township Streets be adopted as Ordinance No. 532.

Atkinson, Dreisbach: Moved and Seconded

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

New Business:

Councilman Atkinson questioned whether or not a decision has been received on the colors for the HVAC vents in the administration portion of the new Municipal Building construction. The Township Manager advised that she would look into that matter. Chairman Paulus brought to the Board's attention the issue which had been mentioned at the beginning of the meeting regarding a dispute which had been resolved. Chairman Paulus noted that the dispute related to the fact that the contractor had placed plywood on the inside of the garage area with the insulation between the beams not being taped to retain a moisture barrier. The ultimate result was that the plywood was taken down and the insulation was taped correctly. There was some discussion with respect to the Township checking on the situation regarding trailers on the Sharkan Supply property on Weaversville Rd.

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager