

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 6, 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

Absent: Vicky Roth

Attendance: 3

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: May 16, 2012 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the May 16, 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 Council that she has provided them with a copy of an email sent to a Township resident with respect to his request that the Township consider speed bumps now known as speed humps in the area of his residence. The Township Manager noted that she provided the resident with a copy of the minutes where the matter was discussed, as well as information from the Township Engineer regarding traffic calming studies setting forth criteria which must be met to consider installing speed humps. The Township Manager also noted in her email that it was her understanding that Council was not considering such installations at this time.
2. The Township Manager advised the Board that she has provided them with a copy of correspondence to the Township's current garbage/recycling contractor regarding the Township's intent to renew the contract for the year 2013 with an adjustment being made for the difference between the 460 residential units of the original contract and the existing 445 residential units which exist at the present. The adjustment would be \$5,180 less being charged in the year 2013. The Township Manager noted that it is her understanding that JP Mascaro & Sons will forward correspondence indicating their agreement with this arrangement.
3. The Township Manager advised the Board that it has become necessary for the Township to issue a Business Privilege Tax refund for monies inadvertently paid

to the Township in error for the years 2009 through 2011 in the amount of \$90,481.08.

4. The Township Manager noted as the Board may already know the Lehigh County Executive has tendered his resignation as of July 8, 2012 to take a position with Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation. An interim Lehigh County Executive will be appointed.
5. The Township Manager noted that the Board should be aware that there are upcoming Magistrate hearings scheduled for Wednesday, June 13, at 3:00 P.M. to resolve some of the outstanding violations cited by Township Code Enforcement Officers.
6. The Township Manager advised the Board that she has provided them with information received from the State Police regarding accidents occurring along Irving Street covering the period from January 1, 2011 through June 6, 2012. Council indicated their desire to have a more complete report indicating the exact locations on Irving Street where accidents occurred. The Township Manager was directed to look into this matter further.

There was discussion initiated by Councilman Atkinson with respect to further thefts of equipment that have occurred at the new Municipal Building construction site. The Township Manager advised that Bracy Contracting has indicated that they would be submitting a claim with their insurance carrier. It was also noted that the Township security people have been informed and the Township will install a camera at the rear of the existing Municipal Building to monitor activity coming from the Chestnut Grove Park area. There was also discussion regarding the resolution of the issue involving the solar panels. The Township Manager noted that thanks to the Township Attorney's efforts, the solar panels were secured and are being installed. The contractor had asked for a check recently to cover the cost for the labor and certain other materials and there is a small balance that will need to be paid out. However, the Township had stayed within the parameters of the existing contract with Aztec Solar Power. Councilman Dreisbach questioned the status of installation of a security system in the new building and it was noted that contractor is working at night to install the necessary wiring, etc. for a security system. The Township Engineer noted that it is his understanding that the framers and the stone installation individuals are working weekends.

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

1. The Township Engineer commented on the information he provided the Board regarding traffic calming planning. In particular, he noted that Item 7 contained therein indicates that speeding is a concern when the average speed or 85% of all the traffic is at least 10 miles per hour above the posted speed limit. The Township Engineer also indicated that he did not do an estimate of the cost for his company to do all the work required for consideration of speed humps in the Troxell Street area.

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

1. The Township Attorney noted that with respect to a Zoning issue regarding parking commercial vehicles in a residential zone Council should be advised that despite the individual's claim that they are personal vehicles I have requested through their attorney to look at their recent tax return. The Attorney has indicated that they will get that information together for me. The Township Manager noted that the Township Code Enforcement Officer was able to run one plate of the vehicles in question and that she would check with him to determine under whose name the vehicle has been registered.
2. The Township Attorney advised the Board that there is a settlement proposed for a tax assessment involving the Red Roof Inn to reduce the assessment from \$1,381,400 to \$1,366,900. In resolution of the matter, the Board made the following motion:

Motion: I move Council approve the Tax Appeal settlement of Red Roof Inn reducing the assessment from \$1,381,400 to \$1,366,900.

Atkinson, Kovacs: Moved and Seconded

Atkinson, Dreisbach, Kovacs, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

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Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager