

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 21, 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: 5

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: November 7, 2012 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the November 7, 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
For Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager

1. No Report.

At this point in the meeting, Councilman Kovacs stated he had contacted PSATS concerning our dedication ceremony. PSATS will be sending two representatives and Councilman Kovacs would like the Township to hire a professional photographer. Mr. Kovacs was told the Township will have a write-up in the Township News. Attorney Eaton stated he felt the architect would be taking pictures at that time and could share the pictures with us for PSATS to use. Chairman Paulus also stated others would be taking pictures and can share same so we would have no need for a professional photographer.

2. Ryan Christman
For Frederick W. Hay, P.E.
Township Engineer

1. Due to the absence of Frederick Hay, Township Engineer, Mr. Christman attended the meeting on his behalf. He stated the Road Program for 2012 is completed. The Engineer is also ready to bid the next stage of the Sanitary Sewer Replacement in the near future.

New Business:

1. Bill No. 2012-06, An Ordinance Amending Part 2 of the Statutory Code of Hanover Township Regarding Bidding and Contracts to Increase the Ceiling for Required Competitive Bids to \$18,500, Index the Ceiling to the Consumer Price Index, and Require Solicitation of Offers for Certain Contracts in an Amount Less than \$18,500 but Greater than \$10,000 (Introduce)

Attorney Eaton stated the Township Charter was amended in the November election to increase the bid ceiling from \$10,000 to \$18,500. The proposed Ordinance amends Part 2 of the Statutory Code regarding bidding requirements and adjusting the amount of the ceiling to the CPI. We will use the CPI-U using a September over September calculation which will become effective in December. The next "bump" in the calculation is in January, 2013 and the Township will "tag on" to this. Attorney Eaton also stated the law requires any solicited bids between \$10,000 - \$18,000 should have a minimum of three written or phone offers.

2. Resolution No. 2012-40, A Resolution Appointing Anthony Rossi to the Hanover Township Personnel Board (Vote)

Motion: I move that Resolution No. 2012-40, A Resolution Appointing Anthony Rossi to the Hanover Township Personnel Board, be adopted as presented.

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

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Postage (10/25/12); Payroll (10/26/12), Payroll (11/9/12); Voucher Nos. 19060-19070 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 19071-19120, from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$99,804.93; Voucher Nos. 96 from the Liquid Fuels Account in the amount of \$5,650.17; Voucher Nos. 3926-3935 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 3936-3950 from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$139,262.37; Voucher Nos. 3950 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 3951-3952 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$9,075.00; Voucher Nos. 3821 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 3822-3831 from the Water Account in the amount of \$59,921.93; Voucher Nos. 4924-4935 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$65,078.68 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$378,793.08.

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

Councilman Kovacs questioned when the Recreation Commission would meet. Vicky Roth stated the Commission would meet in the winter or spring of 2013.

At this point in the meeting, Chairman Paulus questioned the status of preparing an Ordinance concerning wood burning stoves. Attorney Eaton stated that he has contacted various municipalities and has received sample of ordinances from them. Councilman Atkinson felt the Township could require a minimum of two to three acres requirement in order to have a wood burning stove. Attorney Eaton stated DEP/EPA has requirements for wood burning stoves but would research their requirements further. After further discussion from the Board it was noted the Township Attorney would draft an Ordinance concerning the prohibition of wood burning stoves entirely in the Township. Councilman Dreisbach thought wood burning stoves generate tremendous smoke and could be a health hazard to our residents. Attorney Eaton said this Ordinance could have a possible court challenge.

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vicky Roth", written over a horizontal line.

Vicky Roth
Township Clerk