

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 3, 2013
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: 4

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: March 20, 2013 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the March 20, 2013 Regular Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

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

Reports:

1. Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager

1. The Township Manager advised the Board that prior to the Board's meeting this evening a meeting had been held with the entire Recreation Commission at 6:30 P.M. At that time, Jeff Mouer, Maintenance Supervisor, and I discussed with the Board plans for work to be accomplished in Chestnut Grove Park. As Council will recall, the construction of the new Municipal Building necessitated the removal of equipment from the Chestnut Grove Park area and also created a situation where the Township could no longer rent out the pavilion in Chestnut Grove Park. What we presented to the Recreation Commission this evening was a plan to convert a portion of the park which is currently a street hockey court into a parking area and to create a road leading off of Irma Drive to said parking area. This construction would permit the rental of the pavilion area and create 20 plus parking spaces for use by picnickers, as well as for use during the winter months when cars need to be removed from the streets for snowplowing purposes. Additionally, we reviewed with the Board plans to replace equipment in the park area to include possible new swings and some smaller equipment for small children. Additionally, it is intended that we create a half basketball court in the area of the current basketball court. The Township Manager noted that the work regarding the parking lot and creating the road to the parking lot area can be done as part of the Township's current Road Program. However, with respect to fund availability for some of the other issues, such funds may not be available until

next year. The Township Manager also advised that with respect to Sherwood Park, there is an issue regarding the tennis court which must be addressed and the cost has been indicated to be in the area of approximately \$8,000 for that work. After considerable discussion there was no final determination made as to how much work could be accomplished in 2013 with respect to Chestnut Grove Park. However, the parking lot area and the road leading to same will be accomplished in 2013.

2. The Township Manager advised the Board that she has provided them with a copy of all the 2013 proposed resolutions and bylaw changes which will be reviewed at the PSATS State Convention which will be held in Hershey later in April of this year. The Township Manager indicated that she had reviewed all of the proposed resolutions and had no problem with same. There was a discussion by the Board as to who should be the voting delegate at the convention and it was determined that Councilman Woolley would be the voting delegate.

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

1. The Township Engineer advised the Board that the Race Street Sanitary Sewer Project commenced on Monday.
2. With respect to the conduit work on Grove Road, which would permit the removal of the telephone poles in the front of the Municipal Building, Council should be advised that the work is scheduled to commence on Monday, April 15, 2013.

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

1. The Township Attorney advised that he had no report to offer at this time and that items of concern to him are on the agenda.

At this point in the meeting, Chairman Dreisbach commenced a discussion relative to Bracy Contracting's recent request for reduction of retainage to 1%. The Township Manager advised that she had forwarded that issue over to the architect for his opinion and disposition of the matter. The matter was discussed and the Township Attorney indicated to the Board that the architect should respond regarding this issue. The Township Manager advised that she would be in touch with the architect and indicate that the Township wished him to handle the matter.

Unfinished Business:

Ms. Ricky Bonn representing the Chestnut Grove Homeowner's Association was present at the meeting and approached the Board again with respect to the issue of using the Municipal Building for the Homeowner's meetings. Chairman Dreisbach indicated that since the last discussion regarding this issue, he had given the matter some thought and indicated to Ms. Bonn that he was of the opinion that the Township could have the building opened up by the Township's Code Enforcement Officer on duty at the time.

The Township's Maintenance Supervisor could give the Code Enforcement Officer a code to access the building just for that night. There was discussion with respect to the fact that the Homeowner's Association would only need the building in the spring and fall of a year.

In resolution of this matter, the Board made the following motion:

Motion: I move that Council allow the Chestnut Grove Homeowner's Association to utilize the Municipal Building for their homeowner's meeting in the spring and fall of a year with access being given to the building by way of the Township's Code Enforcement personnel.

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

Chairman Dreisbach questioned whether or not the sinkholes off of the parking lot area of the new Municipal Building have been repaired. The Township Engineer advised they have been repaired.

New Business:

1. Resolution No. 2013-23, A Resolution Authorizing the Township Manager to Apply for Community Block Grants (Vote)

The Township Engineer advised the Board that the Township will again apply for the Community Block Grant for replacement of the sewer pipe in the Chestnut Grove Towne Garden Development. The Township Engineer did advise that there are places in the Grove area where the pipe is broken and that the Township will need to take some correction action at some point in the near future. With respect to Resolution 2013-23, the following motion was made:

Motion: I move that Resolution No. 2013-23, A Resolution Authorizing the Township Manager to Apply for Community Block Grants be accepted as presented.

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

2. Bill No. 2013-05, An Ordinance Amending Provisions of Chapter 18, Part 8 of the Statutory Code of Hanover Township Regarding Portions of the Sanitary Sewer System Flowing to the Wastewater Treatment Plant of the Borough of Catasauqua to Conform with Ordinances Relating to Waste Water Treatment Enacted by the Borough of Catasauqua (Introduce)

By way of explanation, the Township Attorney advised that the Township's agreement with Catasauqua for sewer service requires that the Township conform our Ordinances to the Ordinances of the host municipality treating the sewer, i.e. Catasauqua. The Borough Ordinances are regulated by DEP and EPA. Catasauqua has updated their Ordinances and by way of Bill No. 2013-05, the

Township is conforming ours to theirs. With respect to enforcement provisions, the Ordinance amendments reflect that the Borough or Township will enforce the regulations.

Bill No. 2013-05 was introduced at this time with a Public Hearing on same to be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at 7:30 P.M.

At this point in the meeting, Chairman Dreisbach initiated a discussion with respect to the security window in the lobby of the Municipal Building. There was a discussion with respect to creating a slot in the window so the mechanism can be closed at all times. The Township Maintenance Supervisor indicated he is working on that matter at the present time.

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager