

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

August 6, 2012  
4:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Atkinson, Dreisbach, Kovacs, Paulus, Woolley; Sandra A. Pudliner; Vicky Roth

Absent: J. Jackson Eaton, III, Esquire and Frederick W. Hay, P.E.

Attendance: 0

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

New Business:

1. Public Hearing – Five Year Capital Program 2013-2017 (Review and Discussion)

Chairman Paulus opened the Public Hearing relative to the Proposed Five Year Capital Program for the Years 2013-2017. The Township Manager began with a review of the programs beginning with the Program titled, Miscellaneous Storm Water Projects. Mrs. Pudliner advised the Board that in conversations with the Township Engineer he has indicated that there are two culvert pipes under Postal Rd. which will need refurbishing since they are in a deteriorated condition. As a result of same, the Township Manager requested the Board revise the projected 2013 allocation for Miscellaneous Storm Water Projects to raise same by an additional \$150,000. Council had no problem with same.

With respect to the Program for Traffic Congestion Improvements, the Township Manager noted that she has allocated \$25,000 each year for the five-year period. Councilman Atkinson commented that items such as traffic studies can be paid from this Program. Councilman Atkinson also felt that the Township needs to stay on top of the American Parkway work which could generate issues in the Township.

With respect to the Program for Future Road Construction Projects, the Township Manager indicated that since the amount in escrow is in excess of \$1,000,000, she felt that the \$500,000 appropriation for the year 2013 could be reduced to \$350,000 and the Township could utilize the extra \$150,000 to fund the additional monies for the Program titled Miscellaneous Storm Water Projects. Council had no problem with same.

With respect to the Program titled Catastrophe Fund, the Township Manager advised that she has allocated \$50,000 across the Board for funding. Council had no problem with such allocation. With respect to the Program titled Canal

Project, the Township Manager noted that she has allocated \$25,000 across the board. Council felt the allocation was appropriate.

With respect to the Program titled Pump Station Upgrades and Sewer Upgrades, the Township Manager noted that in conversation with the Township's Maintenance Supervisor, she has been made aware of a process known as Scada, which technically would replace the dialers in all the pump stations. In lieu of the dialers', access to the pump stations could be via a computer connection. The initial startup cost is in the mid-\$50,000 range and the Township Manager also indicated that the Maintenance Supervisor has advised that all the additional factors which need to be considered raise the total cost to somewhere between \$150,000 and \$200,000. Council discussed this matter at length. There was a general consensus of the Board that the Township using its current system only pays overtime for the individual who gets called out to service the pump station and that this cost was excessive in their opinion. Accordingly, the allocation for Pump Station Upgrades and Sewer Line Upgrades remained at \$250,000 despite the Township Manager's recommendation that same be raised to \$300,000 for the year 2013 to begin setting aside monies for the Scada System.

With respect to the Program titled Allentown Water System Improvements, the Township Manager noted that she has appropriated \$200,000 across the Board. It was noted by the Board that the Township should keep abreast of the City of Allentown's search to sell their water and sewer system to a private entity.

With respect to the Program titled Municipal Building/Construction Renovation, the Township Manager advised the Board that she has appropriated \$152,050 each year for the five-year period. That amount signifies the yearly payment on the 15 year loan with PNC Bank for the new Municipal Building.

There being no further discussions and also due to the fact that the Board had reviewed the entire Capital Program, Chairman Paulus closed the Public Hearing at this time. Adoption of the Five Year Capital Program will be held at the Board's Regular Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at 7:30 P.M.

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra A. Pudliner  
Township Manager