

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

November 18, 2013
4:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Atkinson, Kovacs, Paulus, Woolley, Dreisbach; Vicky Roth

Absent: Sandra A. Pudliner

Attendance: 1

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: November 11, 2013 Budget Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the November 11, 2013 Budget Meeting and accept same as presented.

Dreisbach, Kovacs: Moved and Seconded

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

Old Business:

1. Public Hearing – Continuation of Proposed 2014 Operating, Capital Reserve, Liquid Fuels, Water and Sewer Budgets (Review and Discussion)

Chairman Dreisbach opened the Public Hearing relative to the Proposed 2014 Budgets.

The Township Manager supplied a clean copy of the proposed Budgets. The Board reviewed each change in all the Budgets from its inception. At this point in the meeting, Councilman Atkinson questioned whether the EIT, BPT, LST tax commissions were accurate. Mrs. Roth noted any change in the commission would be reflected via delinquent money coming in of which we would have no idea at this time. Councilman Woolley questioned the warranty on the Municipal Building and there was also discussion concerning the solar panel and the cost of the utilities for the Municipal Building. Jeff Mouer, the Public Works Supervisor, attended this meeting. Jeff noted our average electric bill for this building is between \$400 and \$600 per month. Councilman Atkinson questioned whether we have compiled the RCN average usage and Mr. Mouer stated he would have that for the next meeting. Mr. Mouer also noted he had been contacting the firm who installed the solar panels on the garage. He said we were not supplied any books on the solar panels. Mr. Woolley questioned the warranty on the grass roof for the building. Mr. Paulus informed the Board that we have a three year warranty on the maintenance of same. At this time, Mr. Mouer also informed the Board there would be a meeting this coming Friday concerning the front pond/detention mason concerning the maintenance of same.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Atkinson questioned whether we would be purchasing a new dump truck for the Maintenance Department for the coming year. When questioned by the Board, Mr. Mouer as to the price of said vehicle, Mr. Mouer stated the price was \$80,000. He also received notice of other recent municipal option in which a 1998 powered truck with a spreader was sold for approximately \$3,400. After further discussion, it was noted the sale of our old truck would be via a private sale and we would be purchasing the truck. A new category would be added in the Maintenance Department Account for \$64,000. We would also increase the General Fund Revenues Sale of Equipment by \$10,000. In order to accomplish these budgeted amounts, it was decided that Capital Reserve/Future Roads would be lowered by \$64,000 and after being informed by Mr. Mouer that prior vehicles have been partially purchased from the Sewer Account, it was decided that \$16,000 would be paid from the Sewer Account.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Kovacs stated he has previously approached the Board concerning increasing the amount of pay for one of the Code Enforcement Officers. He feels equal work deserves equal pay and he believes that Robin Yoder's salary should be increased to the same amount as Stephen Rusyn. Councilman Paulus disagreed with this statement and felt we should be using the time in factor on a seniority basis. Mr. Kovacs stated there was no classification of the job status for this department, thus the following Motion was made:

Motion: I move we equalize salary rate from \$10.75 to \$11.25 for Mr. Yoder bringing his salary rate equal to Mr. Rusyn.

Kovacs, Atkinson: Moved and Seconded

Atkinson, Kovacs, Woolley, Dreisbach: Aye

Paulus: Nay

The Board questioned the status of the new sewer billing and the error which included an additional 30 days. Mr. Mouer stated he had reviewed the accounts and either corrected each account. If a customer called in to question the amount, it was reviewed and the bill was immediately corrected. Any overages sent to the Township would have a credit on their next bill. The next billing in January would only be for two months and then we would move sewer billing to a truer quarterly and timely basis. The Board questioned the amount of hours it took to do all of these readings and Mr. Mouer stated it has taken two men approximately 24 hours on manpower to accomplish same. He felt later we could reduce this amount and possibly remove using only one man to accomplish these readings once we become more accustomed to the routes.

The Board will meet Monday, November 25, 2013 to finalize the Budgets.

New Business: None.

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicky Roth
Township Clerk