

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

January 20, 2014
7:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Heimbecker, Paulus, Wegfahrt, Woolley; Sandra A. Pudliner; Vicky Roth

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

Attendance: 5

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1. Filling the Vacancy on the Hanover Township Council (Review and Discussion)

Chairman Paulus advised all in attendance that the Board had asked for applicants to apply for the vacancy created by the resignation of William J. Kovacs, Sr. His resignation created a vacancy for a two-year period. After the two years, however, Chairman Paulus noted that individual will have the opportunity to run for a four-year term. Chairman Paulus advised that the Township has received four applicants to include Diane Bonn and Patrick Galgon of Irma Drive and Diane Szabo of Troxell Street as well as John Martucci of Troxell Street. Chairman Paulus continued that the Board has in front of them their letters expressing their interest in the appointment and setting forth their qualifications for the position. Chairman Paulus further noted that the Board has two females and two males that have applied for the position and speaking for himself he indicated he didn't think the Board should consider appointment by gender. The Board should consider the most qualified person. He indicated that he has served over the past years of his tenure with Boards that had two females on the Board as well as on Board's with three females and two males. Chairman Paulus noted that the females with whom he served on the Board were top quality people. Chairman Paulus continued that two of the applicants that forwarded letters of interest to the Township were present at this meeting. However, Ms. Bonn and Mr. Galgon were not.

For the most part, Ms. Szabo and Mr. Martucci indicated to the Board that they would defer to the comments made in their letter of application unless the Board had questions. Councilman Heimbecker questioned Mr. Martucci as to his occupation. Mr. Martucci noted that he is self-employed. He started a business back in 1990 when working as a transportation manager at Walgreens. He resigned from Walgreens around 1994, the time of the first

recession. When he started noticing a trend of what was happening with the business, he sold out and started his own business and has been operating in that fashion since. Mr. Martucci further noted that he was a transportation manager at Walgreens, handled the operating budget, and handled approximately 30-35 trucks and 50 employees. Chairman Paulus questioned Mr. Martucci as to whether or not he is home in the evenings and Mr. Martucci indicated he only works days.

Chairman Paulus questioned Ms. Szabo as to her availability for evening meetings and Ms. Szabo indicated that she is currently only working part-time and that she doesn't have full-time employment. Councilman Wegfahrt commented in general that he was somewhat surprised that the Township received four applications for this position. He indicated that the Township appreciates the interest shown and extended a big thanks to both of the applicants in attendance at the meeting for their interest.

At this point in the meeting, Councilman Woolley read to the Board a short recitation he had prepared as to how he viewed this matter. Mr. Woolley stated that in the month of December William Kovacs, Sr. resigned as Councilman from the Hanover Township Council. At that time, our choices were either appointing a new person to the position with the old Council or to wait until the new Board was in place in the new year with only one other Council member returning, that being Bruce Paulus along with myself. We both thought it would be in the best interest of the Township to wait until a new Board was in place. It would be the new Board that would have to work with the new Councilperson. We had a total of nine individuals expressing interest in the opening. Because of the amount of interest, we requested that a letter of interest be submitted. We received four letters all having a strong desire to be a part of Hanover Township Council. All of them had excellent qualifications. It would be an honor for me personally to serve on Council with any one of these individuals. However, we can only accept one of them. Traditionally, Hanover Township has tried to promote people from our existing Boards, people who in the past have volunteered their time and effort to the Township. I personally feel that John Martucci would be the best choice based on John's management experience, his strong presence within the community, as well as his service on the Hanover Township Zoning Hearing Board the last three years, which makes him the best candidate at this time. Chairman Paulus questioned Mr. Woolley as to whether or not he would like to make a motion on this matter and the following motion was made:

Motion: I move that Hanover Township Council appoint John J. Martucci, Jr. of 2033 Troxell Street, Allentown, PA 18109, to fill the current vacancy on the Hanover Township Council created by the resignation of William J. Kovacs, Sr. for a term to expire on December 31, 2015.

Woolley, Wegfahrt: Moved and Seconded
Heimbecker, Wegfahrt, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

Chairman Paulus congratulated Mr. Martucci as did the rest of the Board members and staff present. Chairman Paulus also thanked Diane Szabo for the interest she had shown and indicated she would now be on his short list for appointment to one of the Township's Boards. Councilman Woolley noted there are some openings in the Township currently.

2. Resolution No. 2014-26, A Resolution Appointing a Resident to Fill the Vacancy on the Hanover Township Council Created by the Resignation of William J. Kovacs, Sr. (Vote)

In finalization of the appointment, the Board offered the following motion for the appointment of John J. Martucci, Jr.

Motion: I move that Resolution No. 2014-26, A Resolution Providing for the Appointment of John J. Martucci, Jr. to the Hanover Township Council Filling the Vacancy Created by the Resignation of William J. Kovacs, Sr. be adopted as presented.

Heimbecker, Wegfahrt, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager