

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 17, 2014
7:30 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Heimbecker, Martucci, Paulus, Wegfahrt, Woolley; J. Jackson Eaton, III, Esquire; Frederick W. Hay, P.E.; Vicky Roth

Absent: Sandra A. Pudliner

Attendance: 12

Courtesy of the Floor:

Rachel Gelsius and Greg Cartagena approached the Board concerning their upcoming wedding to be held on September 20, 2014 at Canal Park. They are requesting an extension of time for cleanup at their reception from 7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. After discussion, the Board stated the alcohol must stop at 7:30 P.M. and they would grant this extension to 8:30 P.M. for this couple. The Board offered their congratulations and best wishes and in that regard gave the following Motion:

Motion: I move we grant an extension of the Canal Park hours on September 20, 2014 from 7:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M.

Heimbecker, Wegfahrt: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Martucci, Wegfahrt, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

Approval of Minutes: September 3, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the September 3, 2014 Regular Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Martucci, Wegfahrt, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

At this point in the meeting, Chairman Paulus moved Item 1 of New Business so that the Developer and members of the audience could review the sketch plan.

New Business:

1. Sketch Plan for the Woodlawn Property Along Lloyd Street in Hanover Township (Review and Discussion)

Attorney Lisa Pereira as well as Developer Rick Albertson appeared before the Board to present a sketch plan for a community shopping center which would be located between Lloyd Street and American Parkway. There would be approximately nine buildings with one major anchor and junior anchors on a 20 plus-acre parcel. The main entrance would be along American Parkway with a right in and right out

entrance on Airport Road. It was noted tenants must be secured and the orientation of the plan could be changed to accommodate future businesses. Attorney Pereira approached the Board concerning a possible vacation of Middle Lloyd Street by Hanover Township in order to accommodate this new development. She stated there is full access along North Irving Street and the Developer, their engineer and legal staff had met with Hanover Township staff prior to review such plans. They have also presented the sketch plan to the Allentown Planning Commission to gain their concerns for this upcoming development. The Developer wanted to gather Hanover's comments on the sketch plan so they may proceed with a preliminary plan at a later date. Mr. Albertson stated he had met with an adjoining property owner concerning property concerns along Irving Street.

Attorney Eaton stated that a sketch plan is much less expensive to gather together than a preliminary plan. He stated the vacation of Lloyd Street is very important to address now as opposed to changing this later. He also stated although nothing is binding, he felt the Board should voice any of their concerns at this time. When questioned by the Board, the Developer stated he did not feel there would be any further traffic lights added in Hanover Township for this community shopping center. Attorney Pereira stated that there would be shared parking on this entire tract with both the City of Allentown and Hanover Township. The engineer used a standalone store feature when planning this tract which, at the present time, would have an excessive amount of available parking spots in both municipalities. Mr. Albertson stated he used the footprints of existing retailers toward this sketch plan and it would depend on tenant's needs as to whether there would be any changes in the configuration on this plan. After further discussions, the entire Board agreed that the vacation of Middle Lloyd Street would not be a problem. In that regard, Attorney Eaton will meet with Attorney Peirara to discuss the process for the vacation of Middle Lloyd Street.

Fire Chief Yoder voiced concerns of keeping all of the Township roads open since at the present time our fire station uses Middle Lloyd Street for a second access to Airport Road. It was noted the shopping center would provide access for emergency purposes. There was also discussion as to Airport Centers Shopping Center management people keeping Airport Centers access road open and cleared and felt since they will be using the same people there would be no issue in keeping this open. Mr. Yoder also noted the Developer should pay attention in the planning process of having a better turning radius in the back of each of these buildings. This will be addressed at a later date in the preliminary plan.

Reports:

1. Vicky Roth

Township Clerk

1. In the absence of the Township Manager, Vicky Roth addressed the Board concerning Trick or Treat dates for 2014. Both Catasauqua Borough and Hanover Township, Northampton County, will have Trick or Treat on the 31st of October between 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. After discussion, the Board decided the Trick or Treat hours for Hanover Township, Lehigh County, would also be Friday,

October 31, 2014 between the hours of 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. with no rain date. Mrs. Roth also brought the concern of the loud music at Sherwood Park of the party of August 31. Code Enforcement Officer Lemos stated he checked the area twice and the music he heard was not loud thus no action was taken. The Board again reiterated the music was quite loud a few blocks away and this should be monitored in the future.

At this point in the meeting, Councilman Heimbecker questioned the status of the credit card machine. Mrs. Roth stated we have been in contact with both PNC Bank and Elavon and are gathering the information together in a letter so that both banks could be compared and a final decision should be made, hopefully, in the near future.

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

1. The Township Engineer stated his firm had reviewed the bid for the 2014 Road Program and felt that the prices were in line and comparable with last year's prices of which he would be pleased. The bid was approved at the last meeting to E.J. Breneman, L.P. in the amount of \$550,195.30.

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

1. Attorney Eaton stated he received a call from Attorney Lincoln Treadwell, the Allen Township Supervisor, asking for a draft of the transmission agreement for the sewer affluent from the FedEx. He stated there would be a separate amendment to the Intermunicipal agreement and he has given the Township Engineer a 1982 transmission agreement with Hanover Township, Northampton County Authority. He will review this with the Township Engineer.
2. Mr. Eaton notified the Board he has a draft letter for the upcoming meeting for the FedEx Development/Rockefeller which will be held on October 6 at the Days Inn Hotel, 3400 Airport Road, and will circulate same to the Board on Wednesday for their comments.
3. Attorney Eaton stated the referendums for the upcoming ballot to be held on Election Day has now proceeded for review in the County Solicitor's Office. He also stated a tax appeal has been filed with the County for the property along Middle Lloyd Street in Hanover Township.

At this point in the meeting, Councilman Heimbecker stated a heinous act had been committed against Pennsylvania State Police leading to the death of a Cpl. Dickson and leaving a wife and children behind. He felt Hanover Township should contribute \$1,000 toward a reward fund and/or a program set up for the children of the slain officer. Attorney Eaton stated there was a difference between setting up a children's fund and having a reward fund for the capture of this felon. Mr. Eaton stated he felt PSATS may have municipalities contributing toward these needs which needs to be reviewed. He also stated a contribution toward the reward program would be appropriate at this time. If PSATS does not have a children/scholarship fund we could suggest that they do so. He stated organizing public collection is one thing, however, setting up a reward fund or

contributing to same is something the Township could contribute to. In that regard the following Motion was made:

Motion: I move we authorize the Township Manager to cut a check for \$1,000 for the capture of the felon involving the death of Cpl. Dickson of the Pennsylvania State Police subject to the review of the Township Attorney.

Heimbecker, Wegfahrt: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Martucci, Wegfahrt, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

Mr. Wegfahrt and Mr. Woolley felt that there could be an established fund for the children/family/scholarship fund. Mr. Eaton stated since this was not an immediate need at this time but we would investigate same.

4. Maintenance Report (Written)
5. Fire Company Report (Written)
6. Code Enforcement Officers' Reports (Written)

Councilman Wegfahrt questioned Mr. Yoder's report of August 30 report in which the Allentown Fire Police working for the Iron Pigs game was controlling our light at Lloyd Street and Airport Rd. Mr. Yoder informed them this light was owned by the Township and controlled by this Township. Mr. Mouer, the Public Works Supervisor, stated he was surprised and spoke to the Manager concerning this matter. She will be sending a letter to the City of Allentown Fire Police concerning this matter of which will be evaluated for using this light on the upcoming season for non-emergency situations.

7. Building Inspector's Report (Written)

Chairman Paulus acknowledged receipt of a written Maintenance Report, written Fire Company Report, written Code Enforcement Officers' Reports, and written Building Inspector's Report and same were noted for the record.

8. Treasurer's Report (Written)

Motion: I move we accept the computer printouts dated September 17, 2014, for the General Fund Account, Capital Reserve Account, Escrow Account, Liquid Fuels Account, Sewer Account and Water Account subject to audit.

Paulus, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Martucci, Wegfahrt, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

Unfinished Business:

Councilman Woolley questioned whether the Township had been again approached by the owners of the land next to the Canal Barn along Dauphin Street. Mrs. Roth stated we have had no further conversations with this owner concerning this matter.

New Business:

2. Bill No. 2014-16, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18, Part 3 (Sewer Rates, Rents and Charges), Section 303 (Billing Rates) of the Statutory Code of Hanover Township (Introduce)

The Township Engineer stated he had attended a meeting concerning the infiltration problems. He stated this would involve between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000 to solve the infiltration problem and the five-year deadline is coming to an end at the end of this year. There is a meeting in October with EPA to discuss the extension of this deadline. He stated Hanover Township would be responsible for our share of these funds system-wide charges thus he felt the need to increase our fees at this time.

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Payroll (08/29/14), Payroll (09/12/14); Voucher Nos. 20567-20577 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 20578-20626, from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$162,053.00; Voucher Nos. 119 from the Liquid Fuels Account in the amount of \$4,275.53; Voucher No. 4144 (Prepays), Voucher No. 4145-4150 from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$61,166.83; Voucher Nos. 4153-4172 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 4173-4175 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$84,024.92; Voucher Nos. 3940-3944 from the Water Account in the amount of \$10,288.55; Voucher Nos. 5176 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 5177-5184 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$9,988.14 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$331,796.97.

Paulus, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Martucci, Wegfahrt, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

Courtesy of the Floor:

The Public Works Supervisor, Jeff Mouer, notified the Board that he met with the landscaper concerning the swale in front of the Township Building. This will be fertilized next week and then every fall and spring. It is functioning well although the soils are still soft at this time.

Councilman Heimbecker requested that the Township Manager generate a letter to PSATS concerning any contribution by all municipalities for the reward fund for the slaying of Cpl. Dickson.

Council questioned whether the Township would also be sending letters and agendas to surrounding municipalities and to the press concerning the upcoming meeting on October 6, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Days Motel, 3400 Airport Road, and was assured same would be accomplished.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicky Roth
Township Clerk