

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 19, 2014
7:30 P.M.

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

Absent: 0

Attendance: 5

Opening of Bids:

1. Bid No. 2014-3, Catasauqua Rd. Sanitary Sewer Replacement

Chairman Paulus proceeded to open the two bids received relative to Bid No. 2014-3. The bid of Dirt Works Solution of Slatington, PA included a 10% Bid Bond and was in the amount of \$161,700. The bid of Joao & Bradley Construction Co. of Bethlehem, PA also had a 10% Bid Bond and was in the amount of \$154,960. In resolution of this matter, the Board made the following Motion:

Motion: I move we accept the bid of Joao & Bradley Construction Co. of Bethlehem, PA in the amount of \$154,960 subject to the review and approval of the Township Engineer.

Paulus, Martucci: Moved and Seconded
Heimbecker, Martucci, Wegfahrt, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: November 4, 2014 Special Council Meeting
November 5, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the November 4, 2014 Special Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded
Heimbecker, Martucci, Wegfahrt, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the November 5, 2014 Regular Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Martucci: Moved and Seconded
Heimbecker, Martucci, Wegfahrt, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

Reports:

1. Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager

1. The Township Manager advised Council that she has provided them with a copy of correspondence from the Chestnut Grove Homeowner's Association requesting the use of the Township Municipal Building and in particular the meeting room for their meeting which will be held on December 2 in the evening hours. It was noted that there seems to be a discrepancy between the date being either a Monday or a Tuesday and the Township Manager advised that she would check on that with the President of the Association. However, the Board had no issue with the Homeowner's Association meeting in the Township Building and the Township Manager was directed to see that the Code Enforcement Officers provided them with access to the building on December 2.
2. The Township Manager advised Council that she has provided them with a copy of correspondence from J. P. Mascaro setting forth their desire to extend the current garbage/recycling contract through 2015. J. P. Mascaro provided the Township with correspondence dated November 10, 2014 outlining their disposition of the extension of the contract by way of having recycling on a weekly basis rather than every other week as it currently is as well as providing Township residents with larger recycling containers to hold all recyclables including cardboard and newspapers, etc. The price of the contract would not change. Chairman Paulus also noted that the Township would request that Mascaro provide the Township with additional recycling containers for use by the Township as replacement containers when those situations occur. In resolution of this matter, the Board made the following Motion:

Motion: I move we accept the extension of the garbage/recycling contract by J. P. Mascaro and Sons for the year 2015 as noted in Mascaro's letter to the Township dated November 10, 2014.

Wegfahrt, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded

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

3. The Township Manager advised Council that she has provided them with notice of an upcoming Zoning Hearing to be held on Wednesday, November 26, 2014 with regard to the appeal of Shammy Shine located on Airport Rd. The applicant is requesting a side yard setback variance. The Township Manager advised that property owners in the area have received proper notice and that she was of the opinion that the Township need not take a position in this matter. The Board as a whole agreed that the matter proceed without any Township intervention.
4. The Township Manager advised Council that she has provided them with a copy of correspondence and materials attached thereto dated November 18, 2014 from the Rockefeller Group to the Township setting forth their understanding of the items discussed between the developer and the Township on numerous occasions. The Township Manager noted that since the Township received this material

earlier today that the Board take time to review same for discussion at a future meeting.

5. The Township Manager advised that everything has been put in place for the adoption of the Township's Budget at the first meeting in December; namely, December 3, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. With respect to the end-of-year meeting as required by the Township's Charter for the payment of end-of-year bills, the Board determined that the meeting would be held on Tuesday, December 30, 2014 at 4:00 P.M.

At this point in the meeting, there was a discussion regarding the information received from the Rockefeller Group as noted by the Township Manager. The Township Attorney commented that it is his intent to send a letter around to all the Board members recommending a procedure to utilize going forward in this matter. Councilman Wegfahrt questioned whether or not there is a guarantee that Route 22 will be widened. Attorney Eaton indicated that there is no guarantee but that the widening is part of the Lehigh Valley transportation plan ultimately to be approved by PennDOT.

There was also some discussion with respect to recent transfer involving a property in the Township. To date, no deed transfer tax has been forthcoming. The Township Attorney noted that the new corporation could have bought the stock, they could have bought the assets, but that he was unsure as of this time as to how the matter was handled but would look into the matter.

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

1. The Township Engineer advised the Board that he has provided them with an aerial photograph depicting a proposed gas line which is part of a 2.9 plus/minus mile extension west from Willowbrook Rd. across the Lehigh River to Hockendaqua, PA, with property in Hanover Township which would be involved in the matter labeled as parcel "F". UGI Utilities Inc. is asking for a permanent easement through a portion of Township property along 1960 Dauphin Street for construction of a new gas line. After discussion, Council indicated they had no issue with the easement request.
2. With respect to Catasauqua Lake, the grouting appears to have been partially successful, but the contractor will be coming back in next week to do more grouting. The Township Engineer noted that the geologist thinks there are some fissures and they will proceed to grout the areas where bubbles came up during the original process. The Township Engineer noted that the fish are still fine and are in the deep pockets of the lake. There was some discussion as to the cost of the lake restoration initially and the Township Engineer indicated that it was over \$400,000 with the stocking of the lake with fish, an extra cost on top of that. Chairman Paulus questioned how the Township could go about restoring water in the lake and the Township Engineer indicated that he thought the best thing to do is to rely on rainfall. He noted that when the restoration of the lake work had been done, due to natural rainfall, the lake had been filled within 28 days.

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

The Township Attorney offered no oral report at this time.

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

With respect to the Maintenance Report, the Township's Maintenance Supervisor, Jeff Mouer, was in attendance at the meeting. He advised the Board that the Township's salt allocations had been delivered. He noted that tomorrow the Lehigh County Conversation District would be giving final approval and sign off on the permit with respect to the pond located in front of the Municipal Building. Mr. Mouer noted that with respect to the new FOG Ordinance that process is moving forward. A presentation to the businesses involved had been held and the application forms are to be submitted by January 31, 2015. There was also some discussion with respect to the Township's current leaf machine which has been repaired with new bearings and an impeller. The radiator has also been repaired. It is up and running but it was noted that the machine, purchased in 1996, is currently 18 years old. The Township Manager commented that if the Township were to consider the purchase of a new machine the current machine in its repaired condition would have a better value to be sold at this time. Certain Councilmen appeared interested in the purchase of new equipment. The Maintenance Supervisor indicated he would look into the matter further but that current indications are that a larger leaf machine than the one the Township currently has would be approximately \$40,000. He did note to the Board, as they will recall, a Capital Program has been put in place for equipment replacement and that same would be funded in 2015. There was also discussion with respect to the inverter located in the municipal garage. It was noted that to bring same up to code would involve a wrapping of the pipe with a metal wrap approved by Code and the square junction boxes would have aluminum boxes built for them. There would be a little work in the breaker box by an electrician. However, hopefully, in a few weeks the Township will have the cut card to send to PPL to start the credit going with them. Also, Mr. Mouer noted that two safety ballards would be put in place by this piece of equipment. There was some discussion with respect to the fire alarm system not to be touching the pipes and Mr. Mouer indicated that Public Works will make sure that does not occur.

8. Treasurer's Report (Written)

Motion: I move we accept the computer printouts dated November 19, 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: None.

New Business:

1. Bill No. 2014-17, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 of the Statutory Code of Hanover Township to Change all References From "Ulster Street" or "Ulster" to "Ulster Road" (Introduce)

Bill No. 2014-17 was introduced at this time with a Public Hearing on same to be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.

2. Resolution No. 2014-38, A Resolution Authorizing a Holiday Dinner for Recognition and Appreciation for Service Rendered (Vote)

Motion: I move that Resolution No. 2014-38, A Resolution Authorizing a Holiday Dinner for Recognition and Appreciation for Service Rendered, be adopted as presented.

Paulus, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded
Heimbecker, Martucci, Wegfahrt, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

3. Resolution No. 2014-39, A Resolution Adopting Budget Transfers for the Year 2014 (Vote)

The Township Manager noted that in accordance with the Township's Charter a department cannot go under and accordingly since Municipal Building requires additional funds a transfer must occur from another department to accommodate the expenditures in the Municipal Building Department. Resolution No. 2014-39 accomplishes such transfer. In resolution of this matter, the Board made the following Motion:

Motion: I move that Resolution No. 2014-39, A Resolution Adopting Budget Transfers for the Year 2014 be adopted as presented.

Paulus, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded
Heimbecker, Martucci, Wegfahrt, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Payroll (10/24/14), Payroll (11/07/14), Voucher Nos. 20689-20702 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 20703-20756, from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$138,636.75; Voucher Nos. 4156-4161 from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$16,454.97; Voucher No. 648 from Distribution Account in the amount of \$5,000.00; Voucher Nos. 4187-4189 (Prepays); Voucher Nos. 4190-4192 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$47,339.02; Voucher Nos. 3951 (Prepaid), Voucher Nos. 3952-3954 from the Water Account in the amount of \$63,456.47; Voucher Nos. 5196-5200 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 5201-5207 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$20,987.76 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$291,874.97.

Paulus, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded
Heimbecker, Martucci, Wegfahrt, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager