

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 3, 2014
7:30 P.M.

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

Absent: Councilman Martucci

Attendance: 10

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: November 19, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the November 19, 2014 Regular Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Wegfahrt, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

Reports:

1. Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager

1. As the Board will note, correspondence has been sent to J. P. Mascaro and Sons with respect to the extension of the Waste Removal/Recycling Contract for the year 2015.
2. The Township Manager advised the Board that she had been contacted by the PennDOT District 5 Executive, Mr. Michael Rebert. Mr. Rebert inquired regarding the current status of the Land Development of Federal Express in Allen Township in terms of where that matter stands with Hanover Township, Lehigh County. The Township Manager noted that she provided Mr. Rebert with an update regarding the Township's involvement and noted that there was intent to get together with the Developer to review the Township's concerns. Mr. Rebert advised that he on behalf of PennDOT would be more than happy to sit down with the Township Officials to review this matter in detail and asked that the Township Manager bring this to the Board's attention for the scheduling of a meeting with the Board.

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

1. The Township Engineer advised that his office has reviewed the bids of Joao and Bradley with respect to the Catasauqua Road Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project. He indicated that as soon as the contracts are executed the construction can be started.
2. With respect to the Catasauqua Lake, the Township Engineer indicated that the lake is finally stabilized but as of yet the contractor has not done the grouting for the second time but will do so in the near future. Vice Chairman Heimbecker questioned what the cost to date has been for the work and the Township Engineer indicated between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

Vice Chairman Heimbecker indicated to the Township Engineer that as he may be aware he lives in the 1800 block of Sherwood Street and the water pressure in the area continues to fluctuate. Vice Chairman Heimbecker acknowledged that the problem on Troxell Street had been repaired but the Sherwood Street problem continues. Vice Chairman Heimbecker also indicated that residents have been experiencing brown water. The Township Engineer noted that could come from the fact that the City of Bethlehem doesn't flush their lines. The Township Attorney indicated that general maintenance of the water system in the Township which is owned and operated by the City of Bethlehem is the responsibility of the City of Bethlehem. However, if there is a problem which appears to involve public health and safety, then the Township can get more involved. The discussion was concluded with the Township Engineer indicating that the Township would call its contacts in the City of Bethlehem to discuss this problem.

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

1. The Township Attorney offered no oral report at this time. Chairman Paulus noted that there is a personnel issue which the Board would like to discuss with the Township Solicitor after the regular meeting.

Unfinished 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" (Public Hearing)

Chairman Paulus opened the Public Hearing relative to Bill No. 2014-17. The Township Manager noted that this Ordinance is for the purpose of correcting an issue in the Codification with regard to the proper naming of Ulster Road. All references to Ulster Street have been eliminated. Chairman Paulus closed the Public Hearing relative to Bill No. 2014-17 and in resolution of this matter, the Board made the following Motion:

Motion: I move that 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", be adopted as Ordinance No. 570.

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

New Business:

1. Resolution No. 2014-40, Budget Amendments (Vote)

The Township Manager noted that Resolution No. 2014-40 contains all the amendments to the Township's 2015 Budgets. Mrs. Pudliner noted that all such amendments have been properly advertised as required by the Charter. In resolution of this matter, the Board made the following Motion:

Motion: I move that Resolution No. 2014-40, Budget Amendments, be adopted as presented.

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

2. Resolution No. 2014-41, Amendment of the Five Year Capital Program (Vote)

The Township Manager noted that Resolution No. 2014-41 amends the Five Year Capital Program to include surplus funds which became available through the budgeting process. As the Board will recall, those funds were placed in the Program for Future Road Construction Projects. In resolution of this matter, the Board made the following Motion:

Motion: I move that Resolution No. 2014-41, Amendment of the Five Year Capital Program, be adopted as presented.

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

3. Ordinance No. 571, An Ordinance Adopting the Budget of Hanover Township for the Year 2015 (Adopt)

In resolution of this matter, the Board made the following Motion:

Motion: I move that Ordinance No. 571, An Ordinance Adopting the Budget of Hanover Township for the Year 2015, be adopted as presented.

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

Courtesy of the Floor:

At this point in the meeting, Clarke Machemer, representing the Rockefeller Group, approached the Board questioning their correspondence dated November 18, 2014 regarding moving forward with the concerns of Hanover Township relative to the FedEx Development in Allen Township. Mr. Machemer noted that correspondence sets forth a formal response to the Township's list of items which total 21 separate issues. Mr. Machemer indicated that he feels that his company has attempted to address nine of 21 of the items and is looking forward to feedback from the Hanover Township Council. Mr. Machemer questioned whether or not the Township Council had an opportunity to review his correspondence and whether or not there were any outstanding questions. Chairman Paulus indicated that the Board did not as a whole get together to discuss the matter but will do so and after that time will sit down with the Rockefeller Group. Chairman Paulus also noted that he felt the Board would like to sit down with PennDOT prior to further discussions regarding this matter.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Robert Nappa of Allen Township appeared before the Board and indicated that he and his wife had recently performed an experiment on a Saturday afternoon driving on I-78. He noted that they watched oncoming traffic in the opposing direction. He indicated when you see a Federal Express trailer, the sighting occurs every 45 to 60 seconds. He also indicated that pretty well holds true with respect to the direction they were going and that the trailers could be seen in the same time frame. He noted that when the proposed facility in Allen Township gets built, you won't see any trailers, you'll see all tandems. He indicated that if anyone had the opportunity to drive on I-78 on a Saturday afternoon they can check it out for themselves. He indicated that the Board should try to imagine 1,800 of these on Route 22, getting off on Airport Road.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager