

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 17, 2014
7:30 P.M.

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

Absent: Councilman Heimbecker

Attendance:

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: December 3, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

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

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

Reports:

1. Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager

1. The Township Manager advised Council that in her discussions with Michael Rebert, Chief Executive of PennDOT District 5, regarding a meeting to discuss the proposed FedEx Development, Mr. Rebert has advised that his people are willing to come to an evening meeting. I was directed to secure several dates around the middle of January for such meeting. There was some discussion regarding the meeting time being either 6:00 or 7:00 P.M. The Township Attorney commented that if the purpose of the meeting is merely for discussions and no action or any determinations would be made by the Council, he felt that this would not qualify as a duly advertised meeting. In any event, the Board determined that the dates in January to provide to Mr. Rebert would be January 14, 20, 27 or 28, 2015. The time for the meeting would be either 6:00 or 7:00 P.M. in the evening.
2. The Township Manager advised Council that she as well as Chairman Paulus and Vice Chairman Heimbecker attended a meeting today at the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission relative to the Lehigh Valley Transportation Improvements Program. Council has been provided with a handout detailing the highway and bridge projects in the plan for the time period 2015 through 2018. The Township Manager indicated that the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission has advised that they will provide the Township with a PDF of the presentation and when same is received Mrs. Pudliner indicated she would provide Council with same. Vice

Chairman Heimbecker noted that during the discussions it was stated that this area has air quality issues. It was also noted that when reviewing the information provided, Council will note that no actual construction regarding the 22 widening project is shown through the year 2018.

3. The Township Manager advised the Board that the Reorganization Meeting of the Board would be held on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

There was some discussion regarding the upcoming PSATS Convention and a new registration process. The Township Attorney commented that the Board will need to make a motion listing the attendees authorized to attend the Convention.

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

1. With respect to the Catasauqua Lake issue, the Township Engineer indicated that the additional grouting and original grouting appears to have worked and that it appears there are no further leaks and that the Lake is actually up and is not losing any additional water.
2. With respect to Vice Chairman Heimbecker's concern regarding water pressure, the Township Engineer noted that his people have checked all the hydrants in the area and that they are reading 30 to 35 psi which is normal.

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

Attorney Eaton advised that all his items are on the Agenda.

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, Jeff Mouer, Township Maintenance Supervisor, addressed the Board and indicated that the solar panel issue has been resolved. We will now start putting power back into the grid. We will be getting credits, but don't expect anything big at this time. However, this coming year, the Township will be curtailing our usage in the building and conserving energy. We should have a pretty good gauge on savings by July, 2015.

8. Treasurer's Report (Written)

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

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

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1. Resolution No. 2014-42, A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Sandra Pudliner as Deputy Tax Collector for Hanover Township, Lehigh County (Vote)

The Township Attorney advised that recently the Legislation has amended the Tax Collection Law. The Law was provided that a Tax Collector could appoint a Deputy, but recent amendment requires a standby Deputy. The Township Clerk makes the appointment and Council has to approve same. In resolution of this matter, the Board made the following Motion:

Motion: I move that Resolution No. 2014-42, A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Sandra Pudliner as Deputy Tax Collector for Hanover Township, Lehigh County, be adopted as presented.

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

The Township Attorney further commented that by next October the Tax Collector will be required to have six hours of continuing education and that the Deputy Tax Collector may also be subject to same. The Township Attorney also noted that the Township should contact Berkheimer Associates, the Township Tax Collector and the Earned Income Tax Collector, to determine how they are handling the appointment of Deputy Tax Collectors.

2. Resolution No. 2014-43, A Resolution Adopting Budget Transfers for the Year 2014 (Vote)

The Township Manager advised that in accordance with Charter requirements it is necessary to adopt this Resolution so that the Department in question does not go under. In resolution of this matter, the Board made the following Motion:

Motion: I move that Resolution No. 2014-43, A Resolution Adopting Budget Transfers for the Year 2014, be adopted as presented.

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

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Payroll (11/21/14), Payroll (12/5/14), Voucher Nos. 20757-20779 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 20780-20832, from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$138,199.87; Voucher Nos. 4162-4163 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 4164-4167 from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$43,500.43; Voucher Nos. 4193 (Prepaid), Voucher Nos. 4194-4195 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$7,780.00; Voucher No. 3955 (Prepaid), Voucher Nos. 3956-3958 from Water Account in the amount of \$629.91; Voucher Nos. 5208-5211 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 5212-5216 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$25,369.10 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$215,479.31.

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

Aye

Unan.

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager