

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 21, 2015
7:30 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Heimbecker, Martucci, Paulus, Wegfahrt, Woolley; J. Jackson Eaton, III, Esquire; Ryan Christman; Sandra A. Pudliner; Vicky Roth

Absent: 0

Attendance: 7

Courtesy of the Floor:

Albert Kortze, P.E., appeared before the Board at this time and advised Council that he is the President of Keystone Consulting Engineers and has held that position since 2009. He thanked the Board for allowing him this opportunity to provide them with an informational packet regarding their company. He expressed his feeling that Fred was a competent engineer and he is aware was a very close friend to many of the individuals in the Township with whom he worked for the past 19 years. He noted to the audience that Fred enjoyed his work for Hanover Township and was somewhat passionate about it. As far as Keystone Consulting Engineers is concerned, Mr. Kortze indicated that Keystone represents 26 municipalities in the Lehigh Valley composed of townships, boroughs and authorities. Keystone's intent with respect to Hanover Township would be to have the same representative, in this instance, Ryan Christman, come to the Township's meetings. However, employing Keystone, Mr. Kortze noted, does not mean you are employing just one person but rather that you are securing a team of support comprised of construction inspectors, other professional engineers as well as other support staff. Mr. Kortze advised that Ryan Christman has been with their company for 12 years and worked closely with Fred Hay and helped out with Hanover Township. He also stated that Keystone construction inspectors assigned to the Township have basically spent their careers in Hanover Township. Besides that, Keystone offers traffic engineers and has a GIS staff which provides a valuable tool to the Township. Finalizing the discussions, Al Kortze noted that as he previously stated Ryan Christman would be the Township's primary representative and that he is certain that he would do a tremendous job for the Township. He noted that it is his understanding that the Township is looking for RFPs relative to engineering services. With respect to same, Mr. Kortze advised the Board that he is aware that it is their prerogative to do so but it is his hope that the 19 years of experience that Keystone has with the Township and the good working relationship which has been established with the Board and staff would be given serious consideration. Chairman Paulus commented as to whether or not Keystone offers the necessary water and sewer certifications the Township is required to have and Mr. Kortze noted that Ryan does not have those certifications, but Keystone has people available regarding those matters. Vice Chairman Heimbecker questioned the status of the sinkhole in Catasauqua Lake and Mr. Christman noted that the sinkhole has been taken care of through a geotechnical engineer and the lake is currently filling up. There was discussion as to whether or not Keystone had additional traffic engineers in addition to

Mr. Lawler with whom the Township had dealt. Mr. Kortze noted that Keystone has five traffic engineers on staff, four of whom are out of their Wescosville office. There was a discussion as to who worked on 100 and 78. Mr. Kortze indicated that Keystone was the traffic engineer and performed the traffic study in that area. On further discussion, Vice Chairman Heimbecker questioned when the work was done with respect to 100 and 78 and Mr. Kortze indicated to his recollection it was in the year 2005 or 2006. Mr. Woolley questioned whether or not there were double ramps put in place and Mr. Kortze indicated there were. Councilman Martucci questioned Mr. Kortze as to whether or not Keystone has recommended installing traffic lights to PennDOT and Mr. Kortze indicated that they have on several occasions, however, he noted that PennDOT has these series of warrants that must be met. Sometimes the warrants are met and other times the warrants are not met and PennDOT will not allow signal installations in those cases. Finalizing the discussions, Mr. Kortze expressed his desire that the Board consider giving Keystone a chance to maintain the continuing relationship with Hanover Township as Township Engineers.

Approval of Minutes: January 12, 2015 Special (Reorganization) Council Meeting
January 12, 2015 Special Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the January 12, 2015
Special (Reorganization) Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Wegfahrt: Moved and Seconded

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

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the January 12, 2015
Special Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded

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

Reports:

1. Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager

1. The Township Manager advised the Board that they have been provided with a copy of correspondence recently mailed to Mr. Rebert, the District 5 Executive of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation setting forth the concerns raised by the Township at the recent meeting with PennDOT regarding the FedEx Development. As you will note in reviewing the correspondence, the Township has expressed the areas of concern and requests PennDOT's response to those issues.

Council brought to the Manager's attention correspondence they have received individually from an organization known as Rettew wherein they are inviting individuals from the Township to apply for consideration as Section 106 consulting parties for the FedEx ground distribution center and associated roadway improvements project. It

appears they are requesting that the Township make an application and do so by the end of January, 2015. No action was taken on this matter at this time.

2. Ryan Christman
Township Engineer

1. Mr. Christman advised the Board that the Catasauqua Road Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project has been concluded with the final paving to take place in spring, 2015. Mr. Christman noted that there were issues with respect to rock and concrete which were discovered during the course of the project.

Councilman Wegfahrt brought to the Engineers attention a depression at the corner of Troxell and Taft Streets. He requested that someone look at that and make sure there is not a problem.

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

1. The Township Attorney advised that after the last meeting, Attorney Fitzpatrick, representing the Rockefeller group had inquired of him as to the status of the FedEx matter. As Council will recall, it appeared that the Township was about to issue a letter regarding the development being land development within the Township but the Township was asked to hold off doing so by the Developer. Almost immediately after that the Township received an offer from PennDOT to sit down and have a meeting with the Township. Because of the PennDOT meeting further discussions with the Developer were put on hold. In any event, Attorney Eaton questioned the Township as to whether at this point in time they have some sense as to how they wish to proceed. As the Board will recall, it was the Developer's suggestion that the matter could be resolved more quickly through discussions rather than land development. Vice Chairman Heimbecker commented that his recollection is that the Developer simply wanted to handle everything through a permitting process. The Township Attorney noted that as the Board will recall it was my position that the Township could consider the matter a land development and I had provided the Board with the reasons why. Councilman Wegfahrt commented that even after the PennDOT meeting he was of the opinion he did not get the answers he was seeking and currently is awaiting clarification from PennDOT. That is the reasons the Township sent out the recent letter to Mr. Rebert regarding this matter. He felt the Township should defer taking any action until we hear back from PennDOT. The Board as a whole had the same opinion regarding the matter.

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.

There was some discussion with respect to Catasauqua Lake being up two feet and waiting until spring to see what happens but no foreseeable problem appears to exist at this time. There was a discussion with respect to the water pressure situation in the area of Vice Chairman Heimbecker's residence. That matter is an ongoing investigation.

8. Treasurer's Report (Written)

Motion: I move we accept the computer printouts dated January 15, 2015, for the General Fund Account, Capital Reserve Account, Escrow Account, Liquid Fuels Account, Sewer Account and Water Account subject to audit.

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

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Payroll (01/02/15), Payroll (01/16/15), Voucher Nos. 20862-20873 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 20874-20929, from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$172,642.28; Voucher Nos. 4171-4172 from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$19,501.75; Voucher Nos. 4196-4198 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$23,256.30; Voucher No. 3962-3966 from Water Account in the amount of \$59,018.50; Voucher Nos. 5223-5229 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$54594.86 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$329,013.69.

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

Courtesy of the Floor:

Mrs. Kim Nappa of Allen Township questioned whether or not the Township had any information regarding the \$300,000 the airport had borrowed from the Developer of the FedEx project for the environmental study and as to whether or not anyone has seen the results of that study. Council indicated to her that no one has any information regarding that matter. Mrs. Nappa also noted that the Board should be aware that there is an 822,000 square foot warehouse known as IDI which will operate 24 hours, seven days a week, situated off of Route 33. This would produce many more trucks going off 191.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager