

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 4, 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: 8

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: February 18, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the February 18, 2015 Regular 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 that the Board has been provided with a copy of correspondence forwarded to a property owner on Ulster Road with respect to a current violation of the International Property Maintenance Code. The Township will proceed with the enforcement of this violation as necessary.
2. The Township Manager advised the Board that she has provided them with a copy of the Notice of the upcoming Zoning Hearing Board Hearing to be held March 26, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. The Township Manager/Zoning Officer indicated to the Board that it is the intent of the Applicant to seek relief regarding the installation of a cell tower on the property in question. Vice Chairman Heimbecker questioned whether or not there were any issues regarding height or interference with Airport equipment as perceived by the Lehigh Valley International Airport. The Township Manager noted that the airport has received notice of the hearing and if there are any issues they have the right to object as do all the adjacent property owners who have also received notice of this hearing. The Board determined that the Council will take no action regarding this matter and deferred to the Hanover Township Zoning Hearing Board regarding its Resolution.
3. The Township Manager advised the Board that she has provided them with a copy of the 2014 Activity Report which is annually provided to the Township by the

Township's ambulance service provider; namely, Northampton Regional Emergency Medical Services, Inc.

4. The Township Manager advised Council that she has provided them with a copy of the response of PennDOT with respect to the Township's inquiries forwarded to them in mid-January, 2015 as same relates to the proposed FedEx Development in Allen Township. The Township Manager noted that she is aware that the Board just received this communication yesterday and most likely will need some time to review same prior to any further discussions.
2. Ryan Christman
Township Engineer
 1. The Township Engineer advised the Board that his office is currently working on the 2015 Road Program and is in the process of getting together a plan for same.
 3. J. Jackson Eaton, III, Esquire
Township Attorney
 1. The Township Attorney noted that with respect to the PennDOT letter which has just been received by the Board, as Council will recall, the Board had decided to defer determination as to how to resolve this matter whether by discussions with the developer or through the land development process. Before sitting down with the developer or determining that the matter would be handled through land development, PennDOT had offered to attend a meeting of the Board. The meeting with the developer was deferred until after the PennDOT meeting was held. The Township Attorney suggested that while the Board is reviewing the contents of the PennDOT response, it might be a good idea to schedule time for the developer to meet with the Board. Chairman Paulus indicated that he thought that the Board should set a date for a meeting. Vice Chairman Heimbecker indicated that he would like to consider a workshop with Keystone prior to meeting with the developer. Attorney Eaton indicated that the Board could have a workshop but as a workshop the Board cannot deliberate on any issues since if deliberations take place then it becomes a public meeting. Councilman Wegfahrt indicated that he thought that the workshop could be for just questions and answers from Keystone and Amy Kaminski of Gilmore and Associates. It was also noted that a meeting should be scheduled with the Rockefeller Group after the workshop takes place. There was some discussion with respect to also having the Airport attend such a meeting with the Rockefeller Group. The Township Attorney felt that would be up to the developer whether or not they would like the Airport to be part of that meeting. In any event, it was determined a workshop meeting would be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. and a Special Meeting with the developer would be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1. Resolution No. 2015-27, A Resolution Authorizing the Township Manager to Apply for Community Block Grants (Vote)

The Township Manager noted that the Resolution is part of the packet of information to be forwarded to Lehigh County with respect to the Township's intent to apply for the Community Block Grant for the year 2016. As was discussed with the Board, the Township is only applying for a small portion of the work which is not as crucial for safety reasons as the project which will be accomplished in the year 2015 with respect to the sewer replacement in the Chestnut Grove Towne Garden Development. In resolution of this matter, the Board made the following Motion:

Motion: I move that Resolution No. 2015-27, A Resolution Authorizing the Township Manager to Apply for Community Block Grants be adopted as presented.

Wegfahrt, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded

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

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager