

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 18, 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: 9

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: March 4, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the March 4, 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 offered no oral report at this time. However, there was a discussion initiated by Vice Chairman Heimbecker regarding the status of the PSATS Convention coming up in April, 2015. The Township Manager noted that everything appears to be in order to move forward with the Convention. There was also a brief discussion regarding the upcoming Zoning Hearing which will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. The Township Manager/Zoning Officer noted that all interested parties have been notified and that it appears that there are some concerns which may be raised at the hearing.

2. Ryan Christman
Township Engineer

1. The Township Engineer advised the Board that the Community Block Grant Application has been filed with Lehigh County as same relates to the sewer replacement project in the Chestnut Grove Towne Garden Development.

Vice Chairman Heimbecker commented that the water line has been repaired on Troxell Street and that there is a depression in the area. There was some discussion about the City of Bethlehem bringing a leg from Pennsylvania Avenue to Troxell Street.

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

The Township Attorney offered no oral report at this time. Vice Chairman Heimbecker questioned the Township Attorney as to whether the Board will get a draft of his discussions with the Rockefeller Group before the next meeting. The Township Attorney noted that he will be leaving on a two week vacation as of next week but that the Board would definitely be kept up with the matter as it progresses. Councilman Wegfahrt questioned whether the Township Solicitor is looking into PennDOT's response to the Township's recent letter and the Township Attorney indicated he was.

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 Code Enforcement Officers' Reports, and written Building Inspector's Report and same were noted for the record. No Fire Company Report was received at this time.

With respect to the Maintenance Report, the Township's Maintenance Supervisor, Jeff Mouer, present at the meeting, indicated that since repairs have been made to Catasauqua Lake, the lake is still low but it seems to be getting a little higher. There was also some discussion with respect to an item listed on the Building Inspector's Report regarding the Days Inn facility and the Township Manager indicated she would check with the Building Inspector regarding same.

8. Treasurer's Report (Written)

Motion: I move we accept the computer printouts dated March 18, 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:

The Township Clerk advised the Board that she had checked on the State Police Memorial Day Celebration which is held in May each year and has determined that this year it will be held on May 4, 2015. With respect to providing lunch for that occasion, Vice Chairman Heimbecker made the following Motion:

Motion: I move that Hanover Township, Lehigh County, provide lunch for the Pennsylvania State Police Memorial Day to be held at the Troop M, Bethlehem Barracks, on May 4, 2015.

Heimbecker, Wegfahrt: Moved and Seconded

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

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Payroll (02/27/15), Payroll (03/13/15); Voucher Nos. 20986-20992 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 20993-21029, from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$356,636.83; Voucher No. 4176 from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$690.00; Voucher Nos. 120 from Liquid Fuels in the amount of \$6,070.35; Voucher Nos. 4208 (Prepays), 4209-4212 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$47,405.87; Voucher Nos. 3974-3977 from the Water Account in the amount of \$1,472.97; Voucher Nos. 5235-5244 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$435,466.89 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$847,742.91.

Paulus, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded

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

Courtesy of the Floor:

Mr. Robert Nappa approached the Board at this time. He indicated to Council that he visited a FedEx Mega Hub in New Jersey recently. He noted that he had gone there in the morning and the evening to get a perspective of the traffic situation. He advised that the local road there is known as Industrial Road and it is about a two mile stretch of road coming off of 287. Mr. Nappa also indicated that there is nothing there but warehouses. There is no commercial and no stores. The super hub consisted of a 340,000 square foot building. Mr. Nappa noted that he thought that when he viewed same that this was the type of environment such a super hub should be in. This entity utilized the highway system and the only cars on Industrial Road are employees going to work. Mr. Nappa noted that in the morning on a Monday between 7:00 and 9:00 A.M., he observed 152 small and large box trucks. When he went back at night, between 8:00 and 9:00 P.M., he noticed approximately 87 tractor trailers. He advised the Board that it is his understanding that they are pushing for triples. He also noted that he feared that if they were successful that someday it will happen in Pennsylvania.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager