

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 5, 2015
7:30 P.M.

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

Absent: 0

Attendance: 4

At this point in the meeting, Chairman Paulus advised all in attendance that John Martucci has expressed his desire to return to the Hanover Township Zoning Hearing Board rather than remain as a Councilman on this Board. Robert Lawlor currently serving on the Zoning Hearing Board has expressed his willingness to serve on the Hanover Township Council. This scenario does present the Township with an opportunity to retain two qualified people for the benefit of the Township. That being said, Chairman Paulus indicated that the Board would proceed to the items under New Business at this time.

New Business:

1. Resolution No. 2015-30, A Resolution Providing for the Appointment of Robert Lawlor as a Member of the Council of Hanover Township, Lehigh County, Filling the Vacancy Created by the Resignation of John J. Martucci, Jr. (Vote)

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

Motion: I move that Resolution No. 2015-30, A Resolution Providing for the Appointment of Robert Lawlor as a Member of the Council of Hanover Township, Lehigh County, Filling the Vacancy Created by the Resignation of John J. Martucci, Jr. be adopted as presented.

Heimbecker, Wegfahrt: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Wegfahrt, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

2. Resolution No. 2015-31, A Resolution Providing for the Appointment of John J. Martucci, Jr. as a Member of the Hanover Township, Lehigh County Zoning Hearing Board (Vote)

With respect to this matter, the Board made the following Motion:

Motion: I move that Resolution No. 2015-31, A Resolution Providing for the Appointment of John J. Martucci, Jr. as a Member of the Hanover Township, Lehigh County Zoning Hearing Board be adopted as presented.

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

At this point in the meeting, Vicky Roth administered an Oath of Office to Mr. Lawlor who was present at the meeting to take his position as a Council Member on the Board.

Chairman Paulus acknowledged that they would return to the first item on the Agenda regarding the Opening of Bids.

Opening of Bids: Bid No. 2015-02, 2015 Road Program

Chairman Paulus noted that three sets of specs had been picked up but only two have submitted bids. The first bid was from E.J. Brenneman of West Lawn, PA with a 10% bid bond and bid amount of \$373,652.35. The second bid opened was from Recon Construction Services, Inc. of York, PA and was accompanied by a 10% bid bond with the bond amount being \$353,556.20. Chairman Paulus indicated that the apparent low bidder is Recon Construction Services, Inc. and in that regard the following Motion was made:

Motion: I move that the Township award Bid No. 2015-02, 2015 Road Program, to Recon Construction Services, Inc. of York, PA, for the bid amount of \$353,556.20, subject to the review and approval of the Township Engineer.

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

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: July 15, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the July 15, 2015 Regular Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

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

Reports:

1. Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager

1. The Township Manager reported to the Board that with respect to the two Zoning Board Hearing matters held recently the Board should be aware that both those cases were granted relief by the Hanover Township Zoning Hearing Board. The one case in particular was somewhat contentious but an agreement was reached

with potential objectors at the time of the hearing and the matter was resolved amicably with limited relief being granted to the Applicant.

2. Ryan Christman
Township Engineer

The Township Engineer offered no oral report at this time, but upon questioning by the Board he reminded the Board as to what the 2015 Road Program entailed. Mr. Christman noted that there would be paving on Postal Road from the Township Garage to Airport Road, a repair on Grove Road in front of the church located on the roadway and storm sewer work at the ramp on Postal Rd.

Councilman Wegfahrt questioned the Township Engineer as to the status of the sinkhole situation at Catasauqua Lake. Mr. Christman noted that everything appears to be good and no further apparent loss of water has occurred. Councilman Woolley questioned the status of work which is currently going on Troxell Street and the Township Engineer noted that it is his understanding that the City of Bethlehem Water Department is doing permanent repairs. Vice Chairman Heimbecker questioned whether or not there could be any connection between the sinkhole on Troxell Street and the house which had the water damage. The Township Engineer indicated that he did not know if the two were connected.

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

1. The Township Attorney advised that as same relates to Escheat Laws in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the state has in their possession unclaimed property and has advised him that Hanover Township monies are being held and that the amount is over \$100. Attorney Eaton noted that he is filing the necessary paperwork with the state to retrieve the funds.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

3. Resolution No. 2015-32, A Resolution Adopting the Five-Year Capital Program for the Years 2016-2020 (Vote)

It was noted that the current Five-Year Capital Program has been reviewed and approved by the Board. Vice Chairman Heimbecker commented that he appreciated the Township Manager's efforts on their behalf. In resolution of this matter, the Board made the following Motion:

Motion: I move that Resolution No. 2015-32, A Resolution Adopting the Five-Year Capital Program for the Years 2016-2020 be adopted as presented.

Wegfahrt, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded

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

Courtesy of the Floor:

Mr. Yojan Maldonado of Allentown, PA, approached the Board at this time regarding his upcoming wedding which will be held at Canal Park on September 5, 2015. He advised the Board that sunset on that date is 7:45 P.M. and that he is requesting two additional hours for his wedding to include cleanup. Upon questioning by Vice Chairman Heimbecker, Mr. Maldonado acknowledged they would be ceasing the service of alcoholic beverages at 8:00 P.M. In resolution of this matter, the Board made the following Motion:

Motion: I move that the Hanover Township Council agrees to push back the time for the Maldonado wedding at Canal Park on September 5, 2015 to conclude at 9:45 P.M.

Wegfahrt, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Wegfahrt, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

The Township Manager advised Mr. Maldonado that the Township would provide him with a letter indicating that the time for his affair has been extended an additional two hours from 7:45 P.M. until 9:45 P.M.

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager