

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 19, 2015
7:30 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Heimbecker, Lawlor, Wegfahrt, Paulus, Woolley; Kimberly Spotts- Kimmel, Esquire; Ryan Christman; Sandra A. Pudliner; Vicky Roth

Absent: J. Jackson Eaton, III, Esquire

Attendance: 6

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: August 4, 2015 Special Council Meeting
August 5, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the August 4, 2015 Special Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Wegfahrt: Moved and Seconded

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

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the August 5, 2015 Regular Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded

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

Reports:

1. Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager

1. The Township Manager offered no oral report at this time. Upon questioning, Vice Chairman Heimbecker brought to the Manager's attention a situation with the Carmike Cinemas grass cutting efforts regarding the berm which had been created between the residential properties and the cinema. Mr. Heimbecker noted that the entity hired to perform such services for Carmike was utilizing the Township streets and actually utilized a resident's yard to gain access with the equipment to the berm area. The Township Manager advised Mr. Heimbecker that Carmike Cinemas has already received one citation and it is her understanding that a second citation was issued very recently. Mrs. Pudliner indicated that she advised the Code Enforcement Officers very recently to issue a second citation and to then speak to the manager regarding their future handling of the grass cutting situation. The Township Manager advised Council that she would forward correspondence to the Carmike Cinema indicating that the conduct

of utilizing Township streets and private property to access the berm area is unacceptable and that a better solution to clean out the berm area needs to be discussed. She would keep the Board advised regarding the future handling of this matter.

Vice Chairman Heimbecker questioned whether or not there was any holdup regarding the settlement of the issues with the FedEx/Rockefeller Group. The Township Manager as well as Attorney Kimberly Spotts-Kimmel representing the Township Solicitor at this meeting knew of no such holdup. Additionally, the Township Engineer felt that matters were progressing.

2. Ryan Christman
Township Engineer

1. The Chestnut Grove Sanitary Sewer Project is progressing and should be completely concluded within the next two to three weeks. It was noted that there is a notable presence by the State Police up in the Chestnut Grove area which has alleviated any concerns over the construction equipment.

3. Kimberly Spotts-Kimmel, Esquire
For J. Jackson Eaton, III, Esquire
Township Attorney

1. Attorney Spotts-Kimmel noted that Attorney Eaton had indicated to her that the Magistrate's hearing involving the Bartholomew property had been continued as a result of the Magistrate seeking additional testimony. The Township Manager noted that in conversation with the Township's Building Code Official there had been some concern over the wording of the Code with respect to walls. The Building Inspector had indicated that references to walls are based on retaining walls and that the enclosure of the unregistered vehicle does require complete enclosure. Attorney Kimmel noted that the Township Solicitor would give a full report on both cases (the other case scheduled was continued at the request of the Defendant who is seeking legal representation) when he is in attendance at the next meeting.

4. Maintenance Report (Written)

5. Fire Company Reports (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.

The Township's Maintenance Supervisor, Jeff Mouer, was in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Mouer welcomed the newest member of Council, Mr. Lawlor, at this

time. He advised the Board that the summer employee is done. He noted that his employment was cut a little early for personal reasons, but that this individual has been here for two years now and works out very well and is a very nice young gentleman. Mr. Mouer also noted that with respect to Sherwood Park concrete was poured today for the handicap ramp which is being put in place by the Maintenance garage. The portable toilets will go there. He also advised that the new park equipment for Sherwood Park has been ordered with a projected time frame of four to seven weeks until availability. There would be a two week lag until installation and during that time Mr. Mouer indicated that the Public Works Department would demo and excavate for the new equipment. He indicated that the swings that are currently there will stay. There might be a problem with the real tall swings not being able to be kept but he would have to see if they could get them out. With respect to the Catasauqua Lake, Mr. Mouer indicated that they are performing sonar testing to determine the different types, size and how many of each variety of fish are located in the lake. After that is accomplished, then Council will have to decide if they wish to go from a private lake to a waterway through the Fish Commission. Through the Fish Commission, it would open the lake up for harvesting of fish and fishing. The Fish Commission will then do the enforcement. Vice Chairman Heimbecker questioned the cost for the electro fishing process and Mr. Mouer indicated that he thought it was in the area of \$2,000 a day.

With respect to the Fire Company Report, it was noted that the Fire Company had 20 calls in the month of July.

With respect to the Code Enforcement Officers' Reports, there was a discussion regarding a horse in Sherwood Park. Councilman Wegfahrt noted that there were actually two horses in Sherwood Park for a party being held on a Saturday. Councilman Wegfahrt warned the individuals that the Code Enforcement Officer had been called. Code Enforcement Officer Robin Yoder came upon the scene and they were loading the second horse into a trailer at that time. There was a claim made that they had received permission for the horse from the Township's Secretary/Bookkeeper, Pina Romano. The Township Manager noted that permission has not been given by Mrs. Romano for the horses to be in place. There was also discussion initiated by Vice Chairman Heimbecker regarding the Code Enforcement Officer John Lemos' Report. In particular, his observation of three males in a metal filled dumpster behind the old Bottom Dollar Store was discussed. The individuals were removing metal probably to sell as scrap. The Code Enforcement Officer noted he called the State Police, but they indicated that if the area is not posted "No Trespassing" it is not illegal. In any event, Vice Chairman Heimbecker indicated he would like the Township Attorney to look into whether or not this type of activity is indeed legal.

8. Treasurer's Report (Written)

Motion: I move we accept the computer printouts dated August 19, 2015, for the General Fund Account, Capital Reserve Account, Escrow Account, Liquid Fuels Account, Sewer Account and Water Account subject to audit.

Paulus, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded

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

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Payroll (07/17/15), Payroll (07/31/15), Payroll (08/14/15), Voucher Nos. 21291-21307 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 21308-21364, from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$202,847.54; Voucher Nos. 4198-4199 (Prepaid), Voucher Nos. 4200-4206 from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$432,710.12; Voucher Nos 652 (Prepays) from Distribution Account in the amount of \$4,000.00; Voucher No. 125 from Liquid Fuels in the amount of \$5,890.00; Voucher Nos. 4267-4282 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 4283-4285 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$24,781.04; Voucher No. 3996-4000 from Water Account in the amount of \$6,761.26; Voucher Nos. 5285-5287 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 5288-5297 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$46,535.19 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$723,525.15.

Paulus, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, 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