

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

August 4, 2015
6:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Heimbecker, Paulus, Wegfahrt; Sandra A. Pudliner; Vicky Roth

Absent: Councilman Woolley

Attendance: 0

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

New Business:

1. Public Hearing – Five Year Capital Program 2016-2020 (Review and Discussion)

At this point in the meeting, Chairman Paulus opened the Public Hearing relative to the proposed Five Year Capital Program. In that regard, the Township Manager reviewed with the Board each individual Program at this time. Mrs. Pudliner noted that the Program titled Miscellaneous Stormwater Projects shows monies in escrow of approximately \$442,000. The appropriation for the five-year period is set at \$150,000 per year. With respect to the Program titled Traffic Congestion Improvements, the Township Manager noted that monies in escrow at this time are in the approximate amount of \$116,000 and the Program shows a \$25,000 per year appropriation for the five-year period. The Program titled Future Road Construction Projects, the Township Manager noted, is the major appropriation Program largely due to the fact that this Program accounts for all the road work done on Township roads which can be very costly. The monies currently in the Future Road Construction Program are approximately \$1,400,000. The Program shows a \$500,000 per year appropriation for the years 2016-2020. It was noted that the Township's current 2015 Road Program will mostly likely be awarded at the meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening. The Program titled Catastrophe Fund shows a balance in escrow of approximately \$172,000 with a five-year appropriation of \$25,000 each year for the five-year period. The Program titled Township Parks shows monies in escrow of approximately \$169,000. In the year 2016, a major appropriation of \$150,000 is shown to accommodate the new tennis court proposed for the Sherwood Park area including fencing which is estimated to cost near \$100,000. For the balance of the five-year period the Program shows a \$50,000 per year appropriation for the years 2017 through 2020. The Program titled Pump Station Upgrades/Sewer Line Upgrades shows monies in escrow of approximately \$570,000. The appropriation for the year 2016 is shown at \$300,000. For the years 2017 through 2020, a \$250,000 per year appropriation is shown. There was some discussion regarding the revenues forthcoming to the Township regarding the FedEx matter as same relates to sewer allocation. The Township Manager noted that all those funds would eventually go into the sewer account and can be appropriated into the Capital Program at that time. The Program titled Allentown Water System

Improvements, shows monies in escrow of approximately \$252,000 and a five-year appropriation across the Board of \$50,000 each year. With respect to the Program titled Municipal Building Construction/Renovation, the Township Manager noted that the balance in that Program of nearly \$22,000 is remaining and being held for a period of time as a result of a conflict between the contractor and the Township regarding damages and outstanding invoices. However, it appears that those issues will not be addressed any further and accordingly Council, after discussion, determined that the Manager should expend those funds and this Program can then be closed. With respect to the Program for Fire Apparatus, the Township Manager advised that currently monies in escrow are approximately \$129,000 and this five-year Program appropriates \$125,000 each year for the five-year period to be used towards the purchase of new fire equipment. The final Program of the five-year Capital Program titled Public Works Vehicle Replacement as the Manager noted is a relatively new Program. The Township has already purchased a leaf collector with monies from this Program. Currently in escrow there is approximately \$53,000 and this Program projects a five-year appropriation of \$100,000 each year for the five-year period.

The Township Manager advised the Board that in essence these are the proposals as noted and Council acknowledged their acceptance of the recommendations in this Program and made the following Motion:

Motion: I move we accept the recommendations from the Township Manager regarding the Township's Five Year Capital Program for the Years 2016-2020.

Heimbecker, Wegfahrt: Moved and Seconded
Heimbecker, Wegfahrt, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager