

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 7, 2015
7:30 P.M.

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

Absent: Sandra A. Pudliner

Attendance: 4

Courtesy of the Floor:

Chief Robin Yoder of Han-Le-Co Volunteer Fire Company appeared before the Board and presented two trophies which Han-Le-Co received at the State Convention. These trophies were for the Best Appearing Fire Police as well as the Best Appearing Aerial Ladder. Chief Yoder stated one of the reasons they received this trophy was for having the proper equipment on the proper vehicle per the NFPA and the ISO regulations. There are also criteria in the cleanliness of the vehicle as well as the type of equipment. At this point in the meeting, the Board at the direction of Vice Chairman Heimbecker extended their congratulations to Han-Le-Co and Chief Yoder and gave them a standing ovation.

Chief Yoder stated he attended the Spirit of Courage Award ceremonies at Coca Cola Park which was sponsored by the Burn Foundation. This was held on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 and was open to firemen, policemen as well as EMS staff. There were more than 1,000 people who attended this event and Han-Le-Co Fire Department was given the privilege of flying the flag at the entrance of Coca Cola Park for this event.

Chief Yoder stated he placed handouts in the Township lobby as well as a poster near the Council Room area in recognition of Fire Prevention Week.

Approval of Minutes: September 16, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the September 16, 2015 Regular Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded

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

Reports:

1. Vicky Roth

Township Clerk

1. In the absence of the Township Manager, Sandra Pudliner, the Township Clerk stated the Board had been given the proposed 2016 Operating Capital, Liquid Fuels, Water and Sewer Budgets and would need to schedule said meetings. Vice

Chairman Heimbecker felt that the meetings should be two hours long. In that regard, the Board set the Budget meetings beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Mondays, October 26, November 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2015, to be held at the Township Building.

2. With respect to the violators who do not presently have permits for the signage at various locations in the Township, the Board was advised approximately 20 letters have been mailed out and we have been in contact with approximately five of these businesses to date to rectify the situation.
3. With respect to the property owner at Ulster Rd., the Township Clerk apprised the Board that the Building Inspection office is moving forward with filing a citation for having an inoperable vehicle on this property which the owner had moved to the rear and covered with a tarp. Said vehicle may have additional violations of the Property Maintenance Code.

2. Ryan Christman
Township Engineer

1. The Township Engineer stated the Chestnut Grove Sewer Replacement Project has been completed with the exception of the permanent pavement restoration. The sewer lines are completed and have been tested.
2. The Township Engineer advised that the Township's Road Program should commence at the end of this week or the beginning of next week.
3. The Township Engineer apprised the Board that his office will be installing right-of-way monumentation in the area of Sherwood Park in aiding the contractors for cutting the grass along the berm area near Carmike Cinemas. He stated the Public Works Department will be cutting the grass near the berm in the Sherwood Park area to aid in the installation of the right-of-way monumentation.

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

1. With respect to the citation for the mobile home located at Airport Rd. near Weaversville Rd., A. Airport Auto, has entered a guilty plea and paid the cost. He has sixty days to complete the anchoring of the mobile home and will be in contact with the Building Official for inspection of this work per the Building Code.
2. With respect to the property owner at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue, Attorney Eaton stated the owner has requested a continuance of the hearing with the Magistrate. The Magistrate granted a continuance until Friday, November 6, 2015 at 9:45 a.m. Attorney Eaton stated he would be working with the Township Manager to see what other steps can be taken for other violations prior to the court appearance on November 6.

3. The Attorney has completed the easement documents for the Chestnut Grove Association Sewer Project and is awaiting the signature of the Homeowner's Association.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1. Vice Chairman Heimbecker questioned the Township Engineer whether he had any information concerning the tractor trailer traffic along Route 329 in respect to Bullshead Road. Ryan Christman stated major structural work would be required along Bullshead Road in respect to the bridge. Mr. Heimbecker stated they are anticipating up to 1,800 vehicles per day per The Morning Call article.
2. Chairman Paulus stated the City of Allentown and Hanover Township, Northampton County, is developing a Jake Brake Ordinance or a compression of the engine for braking. He felt this might be something which may aid Hanover Township. Attorney Eaton will investigate this Ordinance, however, he stated there could be difficulty with the enforcement of said Ordinance. He will check the state laws to see if the Township can adopt this.

There was a discussion concerning Trick or Treat Night in Hanover Township. The Township Clerk stated we generally have it on the last Friday of October which has been the same night which Catasauqua has it. The Board set Trick or Treat on Friday, October 30, 2015, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. with no rain date.

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicky Roth
Township Clerk