

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 18, 2015
7:30 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Heimbecker, Lawlor, Wegfahrt, Paulus, Woolley; J. Jackson Eaton, Esquire; Al Kortze, P.E.; Sandra A. Pudliner; Vicky Roth

Absent: 0

Attendance: 4

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: November 4, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the November 4, 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 noted that the Board should be aware that with respect to compliance regarding the temporary sign issues the Township has been experiencing most of the businesses have complied. Four citations have been filed, two of those individuals plead guilty and the other two the Township withdrew due to a disconnect between the Code Enforcement Officers and myself. The flags on those properties had been removed prior to the citations being issued.
2. The Township Manager advised the Board that as they may recall, the property on East Race Street which had been the subject of Citations, had cleared the rear of the property of unregistered vehicles and the Citation had been withdrawn. However, since that time it has become necessary to file new Citations since the individual now has unlicensed vehicles in the front yard of the property. We will keep the Board apprised of further action in this matter.

The Township Clerk advised the Board that it will be necessary to schedule the end-of-year bill meeting. And in that regard, the Board determined that meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

2. Al Kortze, P.E.
Township Engineer

1. The Township Engineer advised the Board that the Road Program has now been completed except for a short section of line striping on Postal Road where they came back to do the transition fix in that area.
2. The Township Engineer advised that his office is putting together plans and specifications for the Race Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement and it is our intent to go out to bid for winter construction.

Vice Chairman Heimbecker questioned Mr. Kortze as to whose heavy equipment is still located at the intersection on Willowbrook Road. Mr. Kortze indicated he would look into that matter. The Township Manager commented she believed that the equipment still involves the work that UGI was doing in the area with respect to a gas line installation. With respect to a discussion regarding the status of the FedEx Development, the Township Engineer noted that they still need an NPDES Permit and that indications were that they would be starting in the summer of 2016 if they can resolve the Fuller/Rockefeller issue. In that regard, it's been indicated that those parties won't be sitting down until early December 2015. The Township Attorney commented that he has had some communications from time to time with Rockefeller and he feels that once the issue involving Fuller is resolved they would move forward quickly.

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

1. The Township Attorney advised the Board that with respect to the A. Airport Auto matter, pursuant to the settlement, they had entered a guilty plea and paid a fine. They needed to submit plans from an architect and engineer with respect to the installation of steps up to the trailer in question. Those plans were just submitted to the Building Inspector on November 3. The Building Inspector got back to them on November 17 with some corrections. That matter is back in the property owner's hands.
2. As Council will recall, the Township Attorney noted that at the last meeting there was a discussion with respect to Attorney's fees for prosecution of the citations being charged against defendants. In order to collect them, the Township Attorney noted you must provide for same in the ordinance. In reviewing the Township's Ordinances, it appears that some of them provide for the collection of attorney's fees but some do not. There is a disparity in the penalty portion since some of these matters have been in place for many, many years. The Township Attorney noted he would like to get together a schedule of the various ordinances and penalties for Council to review and possibly update. We do not necessarily want to make them all the same but we want to make them consistent. Council agreed with the Attorney's assessment and asked him to proceed in that regard.

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.

8. Treasurer's Report (Written)

Motion: I move we accept the computer printouts dated November 17, 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, Lawlor, Wegfahrt, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

Unfinished Business:

Vice Chairman Heimbecker questioned the Township Manager as to the status of the issues involving the Carmike berm and the cutting of same in a timely fashion. The Township Manager noted that as Mr. Heimbecker may recall there had been a meeting on site with the maintenance contractor and it was attended also by myself as well as the Maintenance Supervisor and Chairman Paulus. There had been an agreement to open an access on Hoover Avenue and furthermore Carmike has basically agreed to cut the berm as often as the Township feels is necessary. Vice Chairman Heimbecker felt that a compliance letter should be prepared setting forth the understanding of the parties. There was a discussion that the berm should be cut at least once every three weeks and additionally the Township will provide a time table to the contractor and Carmike with respect to the Township's opening of an area for them to access the berm. That letter would be sent out in the near future and notice of the settlement terms should also be provided to the residents in that area.

New Business: None.

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Payroll (10/23/15), Payroll (11/6/15), Voucher Nos. 21498-21509 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 21510-21557, from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$90,715.74; Voucher No. 4217 (Prepaid), Voucher Nos. 4218-4222 from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$87,941.15; Voucher No. 128 from Liquid Fuels in the amount of \$6,241.97; Voucher Nos. 4322-4324 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$12,754.00; Voucher No. 4012-4014 from Water Account in the amount of \$3,275.50;

Voucher Nos. 5321-5322 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 5323-5329 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$18,262.40 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$219,190.76.

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

Courtesy of the Floor:

Councilman Woolley questioned the Township Engineer as to the status of Catasauqua Lake. Mr. Kortze noted that the last time he spoke to Ryan Christman the levels were coming up but that he would check into that matter.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager