

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 20, 2016
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

Opening of Bids:

1. Bid No. 2016-01 Willowbrook Interceptor Sanitary Sewer Replacement

Chairman Paulus read aloud the Bids. The results are as follows: Anrich, Inc., Wayne, PA, 10% Bid Bond, with a Bid of \$211,929.50; Doli Construction Corp., Chalfont, PA, 10% Bid Bond, with a Bid of \$182,982.00; Joao & Bradley Construction Co., Inc., Bethlehem, PA, 10% Bid Bond, with a Bid of \$253,550.00; Livengood Excavators, Inc., Walnutport, PA, 10% Bid Bond, with a Bid of \$276,572.10; Pact One, LLC, Ringoes, NJ, 10% Bid Bond, with a Bid of \$255,520.00; RGC Development, Bath, PA, 10% Bid Bond, with a Bid of \$193,708.00; and R-III Construction, Inc., Nazareth, PA, 10% Bid Bond, with a Bid of \$266,335.00.

Motion: I move we award the Bid 2016-1, Willowbrook Sanitary Sewer Project, to Doli Construction Corp., Chalfont, PA in the amount of \$182,982.00, subject to the review of the Township Engineer.

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

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: January 11, 2016 Reorganization Meeting
January 11, 2016 Special Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the January 11, 2016 Reorganization Meeting and accept same as presented.

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

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the January 11, 2016 Special 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 reminded the Board she had given them a copy of the invitation from the Lehigh County Association of Township Officials for their Business Dinner Meeting which will be held on Friday, February 5, 2016 at the Schnecksville Fire Company Fire Hall. It was noted there will be a speaker from LVEDC as well as a speaker from PSATS giving the latest legislative updates. Mrs. Pudliner requested notification from any Board member as soon as possible whether they would be attending same.
2. The Township Manager has given the Board a copy of the recent letter dated January 20, 2016 which was sent to the Days Hotel concerning UCC/IPMA/Statutory Code violations. This letter expresses the great concerns the Township has with respect to the operation and maintenance of this business. On January 16, 2016, the Township Code Enforcement Officer, Robin Yoder, issued at least 22 parking tickets at that facility. Mrs. Pudliner noted there were many issues that evening and the Township Code Enforcement Officer was summoned to report to the Board. The letter states that the Township wishes to sit down with owners and representatives to participate in an undertaking to attempt to amicably resolve the issues in a reasonable time frame.

Councilman Heimbecker requested an update on the mobile home steps which is at a mobile home located in a commercial zoning district. The Township Manager advised that at the present time the steps were not in place and the Township would be following up on this matter.

2. Al Kortze, P.E.
Township Engineer

1. The Township Engineer stated his office is completing the specs for the tennis court construction in Sherwood Park. He feels the construction on same would begin this spring. Mr. Kortze advised that the Catasauqua Lake is still holding its water level and has not receded at this time. The Township Engineer advised the Board that the cost for the study relating to Jake Brakes would be approximately \$1,500 for each study. After further discussion with the Board, he noted that PennDOT would look at the grades at Airport Rd. and Race Street and the grades could not be any steeper than 4%. It was also noted enforcement of a Jake Brake Ordinance would be up to the State Police. The Township Engineer advised the study would have no bearing on the width of the roads and that PennDOT looks at it based on what width is out there at this time. Also, the volume of traffic has no impact on either the cost or whether we would be granted this approval. He stated

they may be able to lump the two studies together and felt it would be maximum cost of \$3,000. At this point, the following Motion was made:

Motion: I move we authorize the study of the brake retardant to be done by Keystone Engineers with a maximum cost of \$3,000.

Heimbecker, Wegfahrt: Moved and Seconded

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

At this point in the meeting, Code Enforcement Officer, Robin Yoder, appeared before the Board to discuss the issues of the facility located at 3400 Airport Rd. Mr. Yoder stated the Fire Company has gone to that facility four times since January 1 of this year to include rescuing two people trapped in an elevator shaft. He spoke to the Building Inspector's office, Base Engineers, which has given no final approval for the elevators to be operating. On January 16, while on patrol, Mr. Yoder noted the entire parking lot of this facility was totally packed. Upon entering the facility, he saw the banquet room held approximately 300 to 400 people. All rooms were sold out and the nightclub was totally packed with people. He witnessed the "No Maximum Load Occupancy" sign had been removed from the wall. He stated there were six foot tables across the banquet doorways, both in front and behind the doors. He did note the small doors were open. Upon inquiry, it was stated there were no managers on the premises at that time as well as no security in the hotel. There was, however, one security person in the nightclub. He stated all of the fire lanes were parked in and at that point he notified both Steve Kosik, Hanover Township Fire Marshall, and the State Police to warn them of possible impending rowdiness when the nightclub let out. Upon issuing 22 tickets in the parking lot for parking in fire lanes and handicap spaces, he was threatened. At that point, he left the premises. The Township Attorney noted that if Code Enforcement Officers have a fear then the Township must go to the State Police. Since we must have a circumstance of safety, the property owner has a responsibility for any guest action. Councilman Wegfahrt felt Mr. Yoder handled the situation properly in de-escalating the situation and stated safety is important for everyone, not just the guests, but the staff, the Code Enforcement Officer and the general public. Mr. Wegfahrt felt we also need to be ready prior to any incident of this type. In that regard, Councilman Heimbecker felt that the Manager should meet with Captain Tobin of the State Police as well as Councilmembers, and the Township Attorney to address this situation.

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

1. Attorney Eaton stated he is still researching the NFPA requirements and which rules are applicable in Hanover Township and will report back to the Board at a later date.

2. The Township has had two hearings with the District Magistrate and the results are that A. Airport Auto was found guilty previously for the violation concerning the mobile home in a commercial district. He stated the Township filed a Non-traffic Criminal Citation and the defendant was found not guilty since said citation should have been a Civil Citation. At this point, it was noted again that the stairs at this location has not been completed and he would be discussing same with the Township

Manager as to how the Township should proceed against this individual. Attorney Eaton reported the second hearing was against Mr. Parnis who is located on Race Street. Said individual has unlicensed vehicles on his property and was found guilty under the IMPC. At this hearing, both Tino Nocchi of Base Engineering, and John Lemos, our Code Enforcement Officer appeared and gave testimony concerning same. A new complaint was just filed (Civil Complaint) against this individual who is operating a business at that location.

Councilman Heimbecker questioned the status of the citation against the vehicle on Ulster Street. The Township has not been notified of any hearing being set up at this time.

4. Maintenance Report (Written)

Mr. Mouer's report stated that the Catasauqua Lake level has gone up a couple of feet.

5. Fire Company Reports (Written)

6. Code Enforcement Officers' Reports (Written)

There was discussion concerning Mr. Yoder's report in which a Federal Express truck was located in the Troxell Street area and was ticketed.

7. Treasurer's Report (Written)

Motion: I move we accept the computer printouts dated January 20, 2016, 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.

8. Building Inspector's Report (Written)

There was a discussion concerning the fire hydrants which are now operable at both 200 Cascade Drive and Fashion Drive. The hydrant at Fashion Drive is behind 1660 E. Race Street and had recently been activated. It was noted there was a high bacteria level in the hydrant.

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.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Payroll (01/15/15), Payroll (12/30/15), Voucher Nos. 21665-21682 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 21683-21730, from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$108,267.70; Voucher No. 4233 (Prepaid), Voucher Nos. 4234-4235 from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$123,747.11; Voucher Nos. 4327-4330 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$10,182.63; Voucher No. 4020-4022 from Water Account in the amount of \$1,291.75; Voucher Nos. 5345-5349 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$7,159.32 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$250,648.46.

Paulus, Wegfahrt: Moved and Seconded

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

Courtesy of the Floor:

Mr. Yoder advised the Board that the street lights on Roble Road as well as street lights on Irving Street are inoperable. PPL has repeatedly been notified. Chairman Paulus questioned the Public Works Supervisor as to receiving any information on the installation of LED street lights. He stated any information he has would be forwarded to Mr. Mouer.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicky Roth
Township Clerk