

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 3, 2016  
7:30 P.M.

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

Absent: Councilman Wegfahrt

Attendance: 3

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: January 20, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the January 20, 2016 Regular Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

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

Reports:

1. Sandra A. Pudliner  
Township Manager

1. The Township Manager requested a brief Executive Session after the meeting to discuss a pending litigation matter with the Board.

Chairman Paulus noted that a meeting will be held tomorrow with representatives of the Days Hotel regarding various issues involving parking violations, occupancy loads and other violations of the Building Code. Chairman Paulus noted that he as well as Vice Chairman Heimbecker, the Township's Fire Chief, the Township's Building Inspector and the Township Manager will be attending said meeting. A discussion ensued initiated by Vice Chairman Heimbecker regarding what the Township's goals are regarding this meeting. The Township Manager noted that as the Board will recall she sent correspondence to the Days Hotel indicating that the Township is aware of the violations and offering them the opportunity to meet with Township representatives to hopefully resolve the problems. Of course, if the matters continue as they are presently the Township will issue citations against the Days Hotel. Vice Chairman Heimbecker noted that in his opinion he thought it would not be a bad idea to have the Township Solicitor also attend this meeting. Attorney Eaton noted that he is available for such a meeting. In resolution of this matter, the Board made the following Motion:

Motion: I move that the Board authorize the Township Solicitor to be present at the scheduled meeting with the Days Hotel to be held on Thursday, February 4, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. at the Days Hotel in the event that it becomes necessary to

explain the legal ramifications of the conduct of the Days Hotel which would reflect on the Township.

Heimbecker, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

2. Al Kortze, P.E.

Township Engineer

1. With respect to the Willowbrook Sanitary Interceptor project, Mr. Kortze noted that his office has received back the agreements from the contractor, Doli Construction and has sent out a letter indicating that the effective date with respect to the notice to proceed will be tomorrow, February 4, 2016. The Township Engineer indicated that he felt the project would start fairly soon and would not take too long until completion.
2. The Township Engineer advised that his office has completed the engine retarder restriction engineering and traffic study for Race Street and Airport Road. The study has been sent off to PennDOT and I have provided the Township Manager with copies of the reports for the Township's records. The Township Engineer commented that based on what they see he doesn't feel that PennDOT would not approve their request. However, Mr. Kortze noted that it could take a couple of months to hear back from PennDOT.

Councilman Woolley questioned the Township Engineer as to the status of Catasauqua Lake. Mr. Kortze noted that as the Board is aware the lake has been going up but his office has not checked on the status of the lake for about two weeks since the big snowstorm. There was a discussion with respect to the overall depth of the lake and Mr. Kortze felt that at its deepest point it is between seven to eight feet with an average depth of six feet. Vice Chairman Heimbecker questioned the survival of the fish in the lake at the current depth. The Township Engineer commented that the fish survived last year under similar conditions. There was discussion regarding turning over control of the fish to the state. It was noted that they would have the ability to regulate fishing and cite violators. It was noted that such turnover has not been finalized and the status of this matter should be discussed with the Township's Maintenance Supervisor.

3. J. Jackson Eaton, III, Esquire

Township Attorney

1. As Council will recall, there have been ongoing discussions between Vice Chairman Heimbecker and myself regarding NFPA and the inspection process. Attorney Eaton noted that he has had discussions with Vice Chairman Heimbecker, the Township's Fire Chief and the Township's Fire Marshal and that he is still researching this matter.
2. The Township Attorney advised the Board that it appears that the FedEx matter is moving toward resolution. The Fuller matter, he has been lead to understand, is on the verge of completion. He advised the Board that the agreements are back

again with final comments. The sewer situation is back on track. The Township Engineer has reviewed plans and offered comments.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Courtesy of the Floor:

Mr. Thomas Lerch, a resident of the Chestnut Grove Towne Garden Development, wished the Board a Happy New Year since the Chinese New Year will be on Monday of next week.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Pudliner  
Township Manager