

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 20, 2016
7:30 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Heimbecker, Lawlor, Paulus, Wegfahrt, Woolley; Kimberly Spotts-Kimmel, Esquire; Al Kortze, P.E.; Sandra A. Pudliner; Vicky Roth

Absent: J. Jackson Eaton, III, Esquire

Attendance: 3

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: April 6, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the April 6, 2016 Regular Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Woolley, Paulus:

Wegfahrt:

Aye

Abstained

Reports:

1. Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager

The Township Manager offered no oral report at this time.

2. Al Kortze, P.E.
Township Engineer

1. The Township Engineer advised the Board that the second phase of the Sanitary Sewer Project in the Chestnut Grove Towne Garden Development which encompasses the part of the property in Chestnut Grove adjacent to the Days Hotel parking lot is out to bid. Mr. Kortze noted that a pre-bid meeting will be held next Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
2. The Willowbrook Rd. Interceptor Project has been completed. The only items left are seeding and stabilization. The Township Engineer stated that it took a little while for them to get started but once the materials arrived completion of the project took about two weeks.
3. The Township Engineer advised the Board that the tennis court renovation project will commence next Thursday, April 28, 2016. He noted that some of the prep work had been done and material has been ordered. Councilman Wegfahrt

questioned the Township Engineer as to how long he anticipated the project would take and Mr. Kortze noted that he thought that within a month completion should occur. The Township Engineer indicated that the contractor will put the surface down and then the finishing course. Councilman Wegfahrt questioned whether there would be any danger with kids running over the court while the initial course is settling for the approximate two weeks necessary. The Township Engineer didn't feel that kids running over it could damage the court. The Township Engineer equated it to being very similar to an individual getting his driveway sealed. He did note that the contractor will fence it off before the actual fence goes in.

Chairman Paulus initiated discussion with respect to the tennis court. He noted that the Maintenance Supervisor should secure when the project is done and completed a chain on the gate so that it only opens so far and keeps out bicycles, etc. Jeff Mouer, Township Maintenance Supervisor who was in attendance at the meeting noted that he has a fence company looking into that. Returning to a discussion regarding the Chestnut Grove Interceptor Project. Chairman Paulus questioned the Township Engineer regarding this project. Mr. Kortze noted that the Days Hotel is the only lateral going into it. He also noted that the Township will put back a six foot solid fence in that area and not replace the bushes which will need to be removed.

At this point in the meeting, Vice Chairman Heimbecker questioned the proposed chain on the gate at the Sherwood Park Tennis Court Project. He questioned any problems with ADA or EMS regarding such an installation. The Township's Maintenance Supervisor indicated that he needs to talk to the Township's fence people. Chairman Paulus noted that the chain would be on the top of the door. Kimberly Spotts-Kimmel, Esquire present at the meeting in the absence of the Township Attorney noted that her office would have to look at it to see if there is any issue with accessibility. Chairman Paulus indicated that he is of the opinion that all the tennis courts have this type of chain. Councilman Woolley questioned whether the Township by installing such a chain could put themselves in a situation where they could be sued for discrimination. Attorney Kimmel noted that she would need to look into that in terms of whether or not there is an ADA issue. The Township's Maintenance Supervisor reiterated that he would be checking with the fence company. He noted that the gates are ADA compliant for wheelchairs. There is a little bit of a ramp on the one side. Vice Chairman Heimbecker questioned the Township Engineer regarding the necessity to build up the one section of the tennis court area and the Township Engineer noted that there is just a little bit on the ball field side where it is four to six inches higher. Councilman Woolley questioned whether or not there would be any puddling on the tennis court and the Township Engineer indicated that there would be a 1% slope and there should be no deep puddling on the court.

3. Kimberly Spotts-Kimmel, Esquire
For Jackson Eaton, III, Esquire
Township Attorney

1. Attorney Kimmel advised the Board that with respect to the litigation involving the Lehigh County Authority, the municipalities are still working on finding an attorney and they have not done so yet.
 2. With respect to Attorney Eaton's meeting with the Township's Fire Chief, Fire Marshall and Building Inspector, Attorney Kimmel noted that Attorney Eaton will report on that matter at the next meeting.
 3. Rockefeller/FedEx is moving forward. Attorney Eaton is working with the solicitor for Allen Township on the sewer agreement.
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.

The Township's Maintenance Supervisor in attendance in the meeting brought the Board up-to-date with respect to issues regarding the Township's HVAC system. The rep from Elliott-Lewis has made some corrections in the computer system. The I-Vue system has been dead-lined and the system is only running on Mitsubishi. Mr. Mouer noted that he had sat down with the Elliot-Lewis people and they have come up with a plan to evaluate the system. Mr. Mouer also noted that there is a difference in the system since it has been set up for sleeping. Vice Chairman Heimbecker questioned the Maintenance Supervisor as to the new truck chassis and Mr. Mouer indicated it is not started yet. There is a mid-June date for the expected delivery. Vice Chairman Heimbecker questioned Mr. Mouer as to the color of the vehicle and Mr. Mouer indicated it is blue falling in line with other municipal vehicles of the Township.

With respect to the Fire Company report, Mr. Heimbecker indicated that the Township Fire Chief should be reminded that his reference in his report to a CO2 detector should be CO detector. Vice Chairman Heimbecker also indicated that he is aware that the Township's Code Enforcement Officers can now secure license plate information from the County and due to issues with respect to drug paraphernalia, etc. in the Township, he thought it would be a good idea that the Code Enforcement Officers keep a catalog of the vehicles' license plates when they come upon such vehicles, for example, in one of the parks illegally, etc. Attorney Kimmel indicated that she thought that such a procedure is totally within the Township's rights.

8. Treasurer's Report (Written)

Motion: I move we accept the computer printouts dated April 20, 2016, for the General Fund Account, Capital Reserve Account, Escrow Account, Liquid Fuels Account, Sewer Account and Water Account subject to audit.

Paulus, Wegfahrt: Moved and Seconded

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

Unfinished Business:

1. Bill No. 2016-01, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, Part 2 of the Statutory Code of Hanover Township to Declare the Operation of an Engine Brake Installation Upon or in a Motor Vehicle not Equipped with Exhaust Mufflers or Equipped with Inoperable or Modified Exhaust Mufflers so as to Permit the Creation of Excessive Noise Through the Employment of said Engine Brake to be a Nuisance in Fact; to Establish Penalties for the Violation of said Ordinance and to Establish Exceptions to the Enforcement of said Ordinance in Emergency Situations (Public Hearing)

Chairman Paulus opened the Public Hearing relative to Bill No. 2016-01. A discussion with respect to this proposed Ordinance occurred regarding the adoption of same being the final step in securing the ability to place signage which has been approved by PennDOT per the Township's study in locations on Race Street and Airport Road declaring that the operation of engine brake installations on a motor vehicle not equipped with exhaust mufflers or equipped with inoperable or modified exhaust mufflers and creating excessive noise as a result thereof is a nuisance. The proposed Ordinance prohibits same and declares such activity a nuisance and establishes penalties for the violation of said Ordinance as well as exceptions. Chairman Paulus closed the Public Hearing relative to this matter and the following Motion was made:

Motion: I move that Bill No. 2016-01, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, Part 2 of the Statutory Code of Hanover Township to Declare the Operation of an Engine Brake Installation Upon or in a Motor Vehicle not Equipped with Exhaust Mufflers or Equipped with Inoperable or Modified Exhaust Mufflers so as to Permit the Creation of Excessive Noise Through the Employment of said Engine Brake to be a Nuisance in Fact; to Establish Penalties for the Violation of said Ordinance and to Establish Exceptions to the Enforcement of said Ordinance in Emergency Situations be adopted as Township Ordinance No. 579.

Wegfahrt, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded

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

2. Bill No. 2016-02, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, Part 4 of the Statutory Code of Hanover Township to Adopt the International Property Maintenance Code, 2015 Edition (Public Hearing)

Chairman Paulus opened the Public Hearing relative to Bill No. 2016-02. The Township Manager noted that this proposed Ordinance is a result of the request of the Township's Building Inspector to adopt the latest version of the International Property Maintenance Code. The Township had been operating upon the 2003 version because subsequent versions omitted certain language that the Building Inspector felt was necessary. The 2015 Edition, however, put said language back into the Code. Chairman Paulus closed the Public Hearing relative to Bill No. 2016-02 and the Board made the following Motion:

Motion: I move that Bill No. 2016-02, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, Part 4 of the Statutory Code of Hanover Township to Adopt the International Property Maintenance Code, 2015 Edition be adopted as Ordinance No. 580.

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

New Business: None.

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Payroll (03/25/16), Payroll (04/08/16), ADP Fees (03/25 & 04/08/16), Voucher Nos. 21846-21862 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 21863-21921, from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$220,281.18; Voucher Nos. 4247 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 4248-4253 from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$11,030.69; Voucher No. 130 from Liquid Fuels in the amount of \$5,932.95; Voucher Nos. 4339-4340 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$9,108.00; Voucher No. 4033 (Prepaid), Voucher Nos. 4034-4038 from Water Account in the amount of \$1,317.66; Voucher Nos. 5368-5370 (Prepaid), Voucher Nos. 5371-5377 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$106,454.05 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$354,124.88.

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

Courtesy of the Floor:

The Township Clerk opened a discussion with the Board with respect to CPR courses which are available to the Township through Northampton Regional Emergency Medical Services. Mrs. Roth indicated it would take a couple of hours to do so and the Board advised of their availability or unavailability basically during the month of May. The Township Clerk indicated she would proceed to attempt to schedule the classes. There was some discussion with respect to the State Police Appreciation Day which is

upcoming in the beginning of May. The Township Manager noted that she has advised the State Police of the Township's attendance at same.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager