

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 15, 2016
7:30 P.M.

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

Absent: Councilman Lawlor, Councilman Wegfahrt

Attendance: 5

At this point in the meeting, Chairman Paulus observed a moment of silence in respect for the tragedy which had occurred in Orlando, Florida. Vice Chairman Heimbecker thanked the Chairman for the observance of a moment of silence in honor of the 49 Americans killed in the Orlando tragedy. He noted that his heart goes out to the families of the victims.

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: June 1, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the June 1, 2016 Regular Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded
Heimbecker, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye Unan.

Reports:

1. Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager

1. The Township Manager advised the Board that she scheduled the State Police for a presentation at the July 6, 2016 Council meeting with respect to drug abuse issues. Vice Chairman Heimbecker indicated to the Township Manager that he felt a private meeting with Captain Tobin and Trooper Allen, the Community Relations Officer for the State Police, would be advisable prior to the scheduling of a meeting. Vice Chairman Heimbecker felt that possibly a large venue will be necessary depending on the issues involved and the need for the Township to advertise the meeting and also advise the Township residents of same. The Township Manager noted that she was unaware of the desire of the Board for a large venue and accordingly she would contact the State Police to discuss a private meeting.

2. Al Kortze, P.E.
Township Engineer

1. With respect to the Chestnut Grove Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project, Phase 2, the Township Engineer noted that the project was started last week. He indicated they are digging across the parking lot. He also noted there was a close call with respect to an undocumented water main in the area.
2. With respect to the Sherwood Park tennis courts, the Township Engineer noted that the contractor has made a request for payment which is being reviewed at the present time. He indicated that they are getting ready to do the court painting and that would be followed by putting the posts and the nets up. Chairman Paulus questioned whether or not they have filled in the water puddle areas. The Township Engineer indicated that has been done and that a primer has been put down for the final coat. Fillers are also applied.

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

1. The Township Attorney advised that with respect to a tax assessment appeal involving the Red Roof Inn brought by the school district, the school district has agreed to a proposed settlement which would change the assessed value from \$3,829,400 to \$4,300,000 as a proposed settlement. Attorney Eaton indicated that he felt the Township should go along with that and in that regard, the Board made the following Motion:

Motion: I move we, as Hanover Township, agree to the tax assessment appeal settlement involving the Red Roof Inn at an assessed value of \$4,300,000.

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

Aye

Vice Chairman Heimbecker also questioned the Township Attorney as to the status of actions before the local Magistrate. The Township Attorney noted that on June 22, the fire company has a hearing scheduled regarding the cleanup after an oil spill and on July 20, as the Board may recall, an arbitration will be held with respect to the appeal taken by the resident on East Race Street.

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, Jeff Mouer, was in attendance at the meeting and advised the Board that with respect to the depression on Troxell Street, it appears that matter has been resolved. The City of Bethlehem patched that area and it appears there is nothing leaking. With respect to the new Public Works vehicle, Mr. Mouer advised that the vehicle is currently in Milwaukee at the Mack plant where they are doing something with the transmission to block out the sixth and seventh gears which are unnecessary for Township purposes. Mr. Mouer noted that he anticipates hearing in the next couple of weeks regarding the status and delivery should be within a month. Vice Chairman Heimbecker questioned the Public Works Maintenance Supervisor regarding the painting of the lines on roadways and fire hydrants. Mr. Mouer noted that Guidemark is the firm which the Township hires to do line painting and that should be accomplished in August. With respect to the ongoing situation with Carmike regarding storm drainage issues at the fence line between Carmike and U.S. Foods, Mr. Mouer noted that the problem appears to have been caused by a dumpster without a lid on the Carmike property. Products are being blown by the wind and located in that corner by the fence. Mr. Mouer noted he took pictures and he also spoke to the manager of the Carmike facilities, Steven Irving. Mr. Irving has indicated that the Carmike Cinema people will clean the area and the dumpster situation will be corrected. There was some discussion with respect to the houses on Troxell Street up for Sheriff's Sale. It was noted that the one Sheriff's Sale has been rescheduled to July. The other is up for Sheriff's Sale in June.

8. Treasurer's Report (Written)

Motion: I move we accept the computer printouts dated June 15, 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, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye Unan.

Unfinished Business:

At this point in the meeting, Patricia Paulus presented to the Township's Fire Chief the proceeds from the Troxell Street Garage Sale in excess of the expenses in the form of a check for \$246. Mrs. Paulus was the organizer of the Troxell Street Garage Sale and as in past years the profits from the sale have been given to the Township's Fire Company. Mr. Yoder expressed his appreciation and noted that the funds would be put to good use.

New Business:

1. Bill No. 2016-04, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, Part 4, Section 404, Subsections (3) and (4) to Prohibit Motor Homes and Motor Homes and Trailers in Combination with Registered Gross Weight in Excess of Eleven Thousand Pounds from Parking on Certain Streets (Introduce)

Bill No. 2016-04 was introduced at this time with a Public Hearing on same to be held on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

2. Resolution No. 2015-31, A Resolution Amending the Fee Resolution for Hanover Township (Vote)

Vice Chairman Heimbecker presented a Motion on the floor regarding the adoption of this Resolution. Chairman Paulus indicated that he had some comments regarding such adoption as a result of discussions with staff. Chairman Paulus noted that he has been advised that the parks are currently rented right now through the Second week of October. Chairman Paulus further indicated that according to the Township's Administrative Assistant, Pina Romano, she gets calls frequently from people who would like the Township to give them special consideration and not charge fees for rental of the park. She usually indicates that it is not our practice and the only reason the person came to the Board at the last meeting was because she was extremely persistent and insisted on talking to Council. Chairman Paulus was of the opinion that the parks should not be given for free and that such conduct is taking away from the residents. The Township Manager, Township Clerk and Public Works Maintenance Supervisor also seem to be in agreement. Chairman Paulus also noted that the Township, as part of the Budget process, has a list of charitable contributions which are made on a yearly basis. At this point in the meeting, Vice Chairman Heimbecker indicated he would like to withdraw his Motion and table this matter until there is a full five member Board for discussion. Accordingly, the matter was tabled to the next Council Meeting to be held Wednesday, July 6, 2016, at 7:30 p.m.

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of ADP Fees (5/6 & 5/20), ADP Fees (6/3), Payroll (05/20/16), Payroll (06/03/16), Voucher Nos. 21996-22007 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 22008-22052, from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$579,009.63; Voucher Nos. 4263-4264 from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$16,683.26; Voucher Nos. 131 (Prepaid), Voucher No. 132 from Liquid Fuels Account in the amount of \$11,707.48; Voucher Nos. 655-656 from the Distribution Account in the amount of \$36,015.14; Voucher Nos. 4358-4368 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 4369-4376 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$20,446.75; Voucher Nos. 4044-4045 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 4046-4050 from Water Account in the amount of \$68,668.02; Voucher Nos. 5389-5391 (Prepaid), Voucher Nos. 5392-5397 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$320,544.24 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$1,053,074.52.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded
Heimbecker, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

Courtesy of the Floor:

The Township's Fire Chief advised the Board that the F-150 pickup truck had been picked up today. Vice Chairman Heimbecker commented on information that he had noted on May 22, 2016 regarding Hershey Park going with gender identity. Vice Chairman Heimbecker indicated he is interested in whether or not the Hershey Corporation would be following suit. Mr. Heimbecker indicated he found the information on PA Competes. He noted that he would appreciate if the Township Attorney could get some sort of read on this. He would really like to be aware as to whether or not the Hershey Resorts will have all their restroom facilities utilized by gender identity.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager