

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 6, 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: 6

Courtesy of the Floor:

Chairman Paulus advised all in attendance that Nicholas Horn, a boy scout from Orefield, PA, who is in the process of earning a badge is present at the meeting to learn how a Township meeting is run. Nicholas indicated that he is with Boy Scout Troop 150 and is in the process of earning a Communication Merit Badge. His attendance at this Township meeting will help him to do so.

Approval of Minutes: June 15, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the June 15, 2016 Regular Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Wegfahrt, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Wegfahrt:

Abstained

Reports:

1. Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager

1. The Township Manager advised the Board that she has provided them with information regarding the Lehigh County Association of Township Officials 2016 Summer Convention which will be held on August 5, 2016 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Schnecksville Fire Company in Schnecksville, PA. Mrs. Pudliner inquired as to whom from the Board wished to attend the convention. Vice Chairman Heimbecker noted that his company is a vendor at the convention and that he will attend on behalf of the Township. The Township Manager advised all other members of Council that if they wish to attend they should advise her accordingly and she will secure a registration ticket for them.

2. The Township Manager advised the Board that they have been provided with a copy of correspondence from a Township resident in the Allendale Apartments complex relative to her concerns over the intersection of Cedar Hill Drive and

Irving Street which has on one occasion resulted in two brick walls from her patio area being smashed. The resident expressed her concern that the Township determine a possible solution to the safety issues at that location. There was some discussion regarding this matter but the Board noted that there is little if anything the Township can do if PennDOT's regulations are applicable to that location. The Township Manager was directed to correspond with the resident and advise her accordingly.

3. The Township Manager advised the Board that she has provided them with a proposed Five-Year Capital Program for the years 2017 through 2021. In that regard, it would be necessary for the Board to schedule hearings on same. It was determined that the Board would review the Capital Program at two public hearings, one to be held on July 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. and one to be held on August 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Council's regular meeting on that date.

There was some discussion at this point in the meeting initiated by Vice Chairman Heimbecker whereby he requested that the Township Manager advise the Boy Scout in attendance at the meeting of the concept of public hearings in municipal government. Accordingly, the Township Manager advised that a public hearing is held when legislation is introduced by elected officials in the form of a bill and after said bill is introduced, a public hearing is then scheduled for public input and adoption of the legislation. Mrs. Pudliner noted Hanover Township is a Home Rule Municipality and does not follow all the rules of a Second Class Township. The Township is governed by its Home Rule Charter. However, the concept of a public hearing is most likely universal. With respect to the Five-Year Capital Program, the Charter mandates that the Board conduct public hearings on the Five-Year Capital Program before adoption takes place.

2. Al Kortze, P.E.
Township Engineer

1. The Township Engineer advised the Board that the Sherwood Park tennis courts are substantially completed. Chairman Paulus advised that he had been out with the Township's Maintenance Supervisor and Township Engineer to view the project which as the Township Engineer noted is substantially complete. Chairman Paulus noted there is a little grass work and cleanup of stone which will be necessary. He also indicated that there will be a need to reseed a portion of the park where the equipment went in and out.
2. With respect to the second phase of the Chestnut Grove Sanitary Sewer Project, the Township Engineer noted that the project is substantially complete. With respect to backfilling, the Township Engineer noted that since some of the sewer lines were so deep and since the Township has been going in common property lines he felt the final completion should be held off for 30 days until incidental settlement occurs. He felt the project should be completed by the end of August.
3. The Township Engineer advised that the Postal Rd. Culvert is in production. Delivery is anticipated by the end of July. The project will commence after that. Once the culvert arrives, the Township Engineer indicated he would report to the

Township on tentative dates for the road closing. He indicated that he is giving the contractor up to five days for the road closure.

4. The Township Engineer advised that his office is working on specifications for the 2016 Road Program. He indicated he hopes to have it out to bid in August. The Road Program he advised is primarily the roads in the Chestnut Grove Towne Garden Development since the Township is in the process of completion of the Sanitary Sewer Replacement in that area. There will be a milling and overlay of all the roads in that development.
3. Kimberly Spotts-Kimmel, Esquire
for J. Jackson Eaton, III, Esquire
Township Attorney

Attorney Spotts-Kimmel advised the Board that she had nothing to report at this time.

Unfinished 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 (Public Hearing)

Chairman Paulus opened the Public Hearing relative to Bill No. 2016-04. Code Enforcement Officer John Lemos was in attendance at the meeting and indicated to the Board that the property owner which was the cause of the initiation of this proposed Ordinance is currently in violation under the current Ordinance and that Code Enforcement can cite them under the current Ordinance. It was noted that the proposed Ordinance before the Board adds motor homes, specifically, to the current prohibition of trucks and truck tractors with a register gross weight in excess of 11,000 pounds being prohibited from off-street parking on certain streets. The Public Hearing was closed and in resolution of this matter, the Board made the following Motion:

Motion: I move that Bill No. 2016-4, 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, be adopted as Township Ordinance No. 581.

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

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

Chairman Paulus advised all in attendance that he had spoken with all members of the staff regarding potentially permitting the Board to waive or reduce fees for a total covering all parks of up to four events in case of hardship, recognition of

service to the community or other extenuating circumstances. Chairman Paulus advised that no one was in favor of the Township doing so. He noted that the parks are currently rented through October. Chairman Paulus also noted that as far as charitable contributions by the Township, the Township currently is budgeted to contribute \$16,500 to various organizations. He indicated to the Board that in his opinion, the fees should remain as they are. Vice Chairman Heimbecker indicated that he disagreed. He felt that this addition to the Resolution would allow the Board to decide if four worthwhile charities should be given access to the park with either the waiver or reduction of fees. He did not feel this was something that would be considered a big issue and that the Township has never and is not looking for revenue for park rentals. Councilman Wegfahrt indicated that he could look at this either way. He noted that as the Board will recall when the Township was approached for a waiver of fees, the Board granted the one reduction but did not grant the other. In any event, the following motion was placed on the floor.

Motion: I move we adopt Resolution No. 2016-31 as presented. No second was made to this Motion and accordingly the Motion died.

New Business:

1. Substance Abuse in the Lehigh Valley (Discussion)

Vice Chairman Heimbecker opened the discussion regarding this matter. He noted that as the Board will recall there was discussion of having the State Police attend a Township Meeting to review with the Board the subject of substance abuse issues currently in the Lehigh Valley area. Subsequently, it was determined that possibly a larger venue would be necessary and that the Township would like to invite the residents and businesses of the Township. A meeting was held with Lt. Rollins and Trooper Mark Allen of the Bethlehem State Police as well as myself, Chairman Paulus and the Township Manager. At that time, it was determined that the Township would seek a larger venue such as the Days Hotel located adjacent to the Township Municipal Building and that the date for such a meeting would be set for September 14, 2016 in the evening hours. The Township Manager commented that she secured the Days Hotel for the September 14 date. There was discussion by Vice Chairman Heimbecker of bringing in speakers in addition to State Police representatives for the meeting. State Senators and State Representatives would be invited. Vice Chairman Heimbecker noted that he will be able to have Bobby Gunther Walsh talk about it on the radio. In any event, the Board would secure speakers for a presentation to be held on September 14 at a time in the evening yet to be determined. The Township residents and businesses will be invited.

Courtesy of the Floor:

Vice Chairman Heimbecker noted that he received a mailer from Senator Lisa Boscola relative to the Road Transfer Bill transferring Willowbrook Rd. from the Township to PennDOT. He noted that very few such transfers will have such a significant impact as this on the Lehigh Valley. Vice Chairman Heimbecker also noted that the highways and

bridge construction bids from west of 22 won't even be let until 2022. Councilman Wegfahrt commented that in his opinion there is no more important program than the widening of Route 22 which should even be considered by PennDOT.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager