

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 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: 8

Courtesy of the Floor:

Robin Yoder, 2724 Diane Blvd., appeared before Council regarding the recent sewer line replacement project in Chestnut Grove Towne Garden Development located directly behind his property. He reviewed with the Board the history of that area noting that the current Days Hotel had originally been built as a Ramada Inn but was never completed and left there until three years went by and it was bought and made a Sheraton. The Township required two rows of arborvitae six to eight foot high as a buffer between the hotel and the townhouses where Mr. Yoder resides. Shortly thereafter, problems developed with kids in the area and there were robberies and as a result thereof a fence was also put in place. Mr. Yoder indicated to the Board that those original trees were 20 to 30 feet high but were removed for the replacement of the sewer line in that area. Mr. Yoder noted that he has been told that the trees will not be replaced. He is aware that a new tree line would take time to grow but felt that the Township should replace the shrubbery in the area in addition to their proposed vinyl fencing at that location. Chairman Paulus commented that it is his understanding that the trees were taken down because of the sewer line. The Township Engineer, Al Kortze, noted that the existing sewer line is directly underneath the location where the trees existed. As the Board knows, Mr. Kortze indicated that the sewer line was replaced because of the necessity to do so and that when they began digging they were digging up roots that were growing into the pipe. The Township Engineer also advised that there is a narrow easement partly in the parking lot for the townhouses at that location and partly on the hotel's property. He noted there is no way you can replant trees there and not be on top of the sanitary. He stated that there may be no impact for 20 to 30 years, but from an engineering standpoint he advised the Board that he could not recommend placing arborvitae or other shrubbery on top of an active utility line. The Township Engineer also indicated that there are laterals from the backs of the houses going into there and there may be issues with the need to replace laterals in that area. Councilman Wegfahrt questioned whether there are any types of trees without deep roots. The Township Engineer noted that the only thing he could think of would be something like a very high fence or acoustic panels eight foot high. He noted that if the Board is interested in acoustic panels he would look into same and come up with a price. There was also some discussion with respect to the need to raise the height of a hydrant in that area and the Township Engineer indicated that he would have the contractor restabalize the hydrant at that location.

Lydia Feliciano of Easton, PA, appeared before the Board and advised Council that she had rented Canal Park for her 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 20, 2016. Sunset on that date is 7:51 p.m. and she requested an extension of time for cleanup after the celebration between 9:00 and 9:30 p.m. Additionally, Mrs. Feliciano advised that alcohol will be served and that there will be between 100 and 120 people at the party. In resolution of this matter, the Board made the following Motion:

Motion: I move that Lydia Feliciano be permitted to extend her reservation of Canal Park on August 20, 2016 until 9:00 p.m.

Paulus, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded

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

Approval of Minutes: July 6, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

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

Paulus, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded

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

Reports:

1. Sandra A. Pudliner  
Township Manager

1. The Township Manager advised the Board that their first Capital Program Hearing will be held on Monday, July 25 at 6:00 p.m.

There was discussion with respect to the Township's upcoming substance abuse forum which is being scheduled to be held at the Days Hotel in September, 2016. Chairman Paulus noted that he has contacted Senator Lisa Boscola who put him in touch with Lehigh County Drug and Alcohol Abuse. The Center for Humanistic Change will be setting up a table with literature at the event. Vice Chairman Heimbecker noted that he has spoken with the new Chief of Police for the City of Allentown who would like to participate. The Township Manager noted that the venue for the event has been secured and through State Representative Dan McNeill she will be provided with information regarding the notification process for Township residents and businesses as well as scheduling speakers for the event.

2. Al Kortze, P.E.  
Township Engineer

1. With respect to the Postal Rd. culvert project, the Township Engineer noted that the road closure will commence on Monday. He indicated that he is meeting with the contractor tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. and that they would review the procedure for detour routes. They have up to six days by contract to keep the road closed. After the major work is done, there may be a need for some temporary controls, i.e. the need for one lane for a period of time.
2. With respect to the 2016 Road Program, the Township Engineer indicated that the bid opening will be August 3, 2016. A pre-bid meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 27 at 10:00 a.m. The Road Program consists of milling and overlay of the roads in the Chestnut Grove Towne Garden Development, a new parking space at the firehouse, and work at the Township's garage on Postal Rd.
3. The Township Engineer advised the Board as they will note he has provided them with a Google map of the Irving Street/Cedar Hill Drive intersection. The Township Manager had asked him to look into this matter and in doing so he discovered a prior traffic count for that area to justify a four-way stop. That traffic count was very close and given the time which has passed, the Township Engineer felt that a new traffic count would probably verify the four-way stop at that location. The Township Engineer felt that if the Township Board would agree he would like to do a new traffic study of that area by way of automatrip which would measure the volume at that location. Chairman Paulus questioned whether or not we had an accident report from the State Police and Mr. Kortze said not as of yet. The Township Engineer felt that we should look to see if it meets the warrants and then look at any possible reconfiguration of the area. There was some discussion with respect to signalization but of course if the traffic signal were considered it would need to meet PennDOT warrants for a traffic signal. In resolution of this matter, the Board made the following Motion:

Motion: I move that we authorize the Township Engineer to do a traffic study of the intersection of Irving Street and Cedar Hill Drive.

Heimbecker, Wegfahrt: Moved and Seconded

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

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

In the absence of the Township Attorney, J. Jackson Eaton, III, Esquire, Kimberly Spotts-Kimmel, Esquire advised the Board that she had no report to offer at this time.

4. Maintenance Report (Written)

5. Fire Company Report (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, who was in attendance at the meeting, advised the Board that with respect to the new truck he anticipates delivery Friday of next week. With respect to the Sherwood Park tennis court project, Mr. Mouer noted that it is 99.9% complete and that we are waiting for signage. The signs that came in were wrong and had to be reordered and we expect them sometime next week. He advised the Board that there was a slight issue with the hydro seeding that bled onto the epoxy of the tennis court. It appears that when the hydro seeding was done it was done without notification to the Township. We had requested being notified before the work was done but were never notified. The hydro seeding actually ended up on the tennis court. Contractor was notified to clean the tennis courts which were eventually done but you can notice evidence of the hydro seeding's effect on the epoxy. The contractor feels that heavy rain would dissipate the effect of the hydro seeding but we are still evaluating same. Mr. Mouer noted that with respect to the old sewer truck he would recommend that we hold off selling same until familiarization with the new truck has been achieved. Councilman Woolley questioned whether the soccer net was installed in Sherwood Park. Mr. Mouer advised that it was done quite some time ago. Vice Chairman Heimbecker questioned Mr. Mouer as to line painting. Mr. Mouer indicated that the Township's contractor, Guidemark, handles same. He noted that the lines were done last year and he would anticipate them coming back in the spring of next year.

There was discussion with respect to the Fire Company's Report and the Fire Chief who was in attendance was questioned as to the three different types of alerts. Mr. Yoder noted that Alert 1 is a small aircraft, two to six people. Alert 2 is a larger aircraft, up to a large passenger jet, and Alert 3 is a crash. It was noted that the motor vehicle accident calls almost doubled. The Fire Company has medical calls and last week delivered a baby at the Days Hotel. Mr. Yoder noted that unusually most accidents occur on perfectly sunny days. He noted that there were a lot of stuff and cuff situations.

8. Treasurer's Report (Written)

Motion: I move we accept the computer printouts dated July 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.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Councilman Wegfahrt noted that he thought it would be a good idea if the Township reviewed the fine costs associated with parking violations. He felt that the current \$15 fine may not be sufficient to deter such activity in the future. Attorney Kimmel indicated that she would take that back to the Township Attorney for his attention.

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Replenish Postage Meter; Payroll (06/17/16), Payroll (07/01/16), Payroll (7/15/16); ADP Fees (6/17, 7/8, 7/16/16), Voucher Nos. 22056-22077 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 22078-22134, from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$665,775.63; Voucher Nos. 4265-4269 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 4270-4273 from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$321,912.25; Voucher No. 133 from Liquid Fuels Account in the amount of \$5,738.25; Voucher Nos. 4377-4407 (Prepaid), Voucher Nos. 4408-4410 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$12,709.50; Voucher No. 4051 (Prepaid), Voucher Nos. 4052-4059 from Water Account in the amount of \$10,023.80; Voucher Nos. 5398-5401 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 5402-5411 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$50,970.70 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$1,067,130.13.

Paulus, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded

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

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Pudliner  
Township Manager