

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 5, 2016
7:30 P.M.

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

Absent: Sandra A. Pudliner

Attendance: 4

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: September 21, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the September 21, 2016 Regular Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

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

Reports:

1. Vicky Roth
Township Clerk
 1. Mrs. Roth questioned the Board as to setting the date for trick-or-treat in Hanover Township. She noted Catasauqua Borough will have trick-or-treat on Saturday, October 29. After discussion, the Board stated Hanover Township would stick with its tradition of holding trick-or-treat on the last Friday of October, which will be October 28 between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 p.m., with no rain date.
 2. The Township Manager had provided a copy of a letter received from East Allen Township dated September 26 referencing a Notice of Public Hearing for a Zoning Amendment Petition along Weaversville Road in East Allen Township. The Public Hearing for this proposed amendment will be held on Thursday, October 27 at the East Allen Township Municipal Building on Nor-Bath Blvd. at 7:30 p.m. There was discussion concerning this proposed amendment with Attorney Eaton stating he had a conversation with the attorney for Rockefeller. He stated Allen Township is planning on putting a cul-de-sac at the end of the road for the Rockefeller project going toward East Allen Township which then would not gain any access to any interior road in East Allen Township. Mr. Kortze stated he felt this new project would involve improvements to Weaversville Road for the increased traffic.

3. The Township Clerk reminded the Board of the upcoming Special Council Meeting on the 19th at 6:30 p.m. to review penalties and fines in Hanover Township.
4. The Board was giving a copy of the new Budget for the year 2017. In that regard, Council stated the hearings would be held on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. on the following dates, October 24, October 31, November 7, November 21, November 28 and December 5.
5. I've given you copy from the Northampton Regional Emergency Medical Services concerning the 2016 Mission Lifeline EMS Goal Performance Achievement Award stating that NRMS has exceeded all of the criteria for the STEMI identification. It was noted Northampton Regional EMS is recognized by local hospitals as the best in this area using the STEMI system of care for heart attack victims.
6. I provided the Board with a copy of the notes concerning garbage and recycling in Hanover Township. At a prior meeting, Councilman Wegfahrt requested checking with various municipalities with respect to the current rates. Chairman Paulus stated he had met with Jeff Mouer concerning the rates in Hanover Township. We have 476 houses involved in the present contract with JP Mascaro. This computes to \$335 annually per home. Chairman Paulus stated after reviewing the notes and speaking with Mr. Mouer, if we rebid the current contract, we would indeed save money. We have had a contract with JP Mascaro for the last nine years and with a decreased price of fuel the Township could save possibly a substantially amount of money. He felt in rebidding this contract we would have the options of having recycling every week or every other week. He also felt the contract should be for five years. After further discussions with the Board, who felt the upcoming bid should reflect the same schedules and the same services, the following Motion was made:

Motion: I move we bid the garbage/recycling contract for the year 2017.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

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

At this point in the meeting, Chairman Paulus advised the Board that he had met with Mr. Mouer concerning Catasauqua Lake. He stated the lake is now dry and all of the fish were extracted. Al Kortze, the Township Engineer, stated he contacted a geologist who investigated Catasauqua Lake and found no sinkholes and said the dryness was contributed to a function of weather patterns due to the drought conditions. He also noted that any flow from any underground stream at this point was negligible. Chairman Paulus stated the Township would no longer be restocking Catasauqua Lake with fish.

2. Al Kortze, P.E.
Township Engineer

1. The Township Engineer noted with respect to the 2016 Road Program that the project in Chestnut Grove was near completion. They only have a small portion of Ronca Blvd. to complete, which will be addressed in the very near future.
2. The Township Engineer informed the Board that the storm crossing on Willowbrook Road for the Federal Express project would commence on Thursday the 6th and Friday, the 7th, which could impact the traffic patterns. He stated his inspectors would be involved in this.

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

No report.

Vice Chairman Heimbecker reminded the Township Attorney that he would like to meet with him concerning the NFPA standards in the very near future.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Courtesy of the Floor:

Vice Chairman Heimbecker stated he had lunch with District Attorney Jim Martin in which they reviewed the Town Hall Meeting concerning the opioid crisis. He felt should another Town Hall Meeting be held that it should involve high schools. Roseann Shipper, a resident of 2320 Grove Road, stated she felt the meeting should be held in the schools, both at the high school and middle school level. She stated having the meeting in the Catasauqua School District would have more impact and possibly bring a greater attendance with the parents and the students.

Chairman Paulus stated he had a conversation with Senator Lisa Boscola concerning an upcoming Slot Machine Bill in the Commonwealth. This Bill would have impact both on the off-track betting facility as well as the airport. Chairman Paulus stated should this go through it would have a financial impact on funds coming into Hanover Township. It was also noted there was no definite period of time concerning the passage of this Bill since the Supreme Court has negated gambling funds being disbursed to municipalities.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicky Roth
Township Clerk