

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 21, 2016
7:30 P.M.

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

Absent: 0

Attendance: 6

Award of Bids:

1. Bid No. 2016-06, Waste and Recycling Collection and Disposal in Hanover Township.

The Township Attorney advised the Board, that as they had requested, he had reviewed the various bids. A detailed review was performed and the Board has a copy of same. The review showed that all the bidders had various items incomplete in accordance with the bid specs. Attorney Eaton advised the Board that it would be his recommendation to rebid. He noted that he is aware that there is an end of the current contract this year. However, in accordance with the Township's Home Rule Charter, an emergency contract could be entered into. The Township can enter into a short-term contract to enable the Township to rebid. Attorney Eaton indicated that it would be his recommendation to the Township to enter into a short-term contract for a three-month period. Before rebidding, the Township should have the opportunity to look at the specifications and determine if you want to change anything. In resolution of this matter, the Board made the following Motions:

Motion: I move that all bids received with respect to Bid No. 2016-06, Waste and Recycling Collection and Disposal in Hanover Township, be rejected and that the contract be rebid at a future date.

Heimbecker, Wegfahrt: Moved and Seconded

Vice Chairman Heimbecker noted that he is aware that there is no escalator clause in the current specifications which would provide for increase in the price over the five-year period. Vice Chairman Heimbecker felt that there should be language in there since there is no escalation. However, Vice Chairman Heimbecker felt that there should be a discussion with respect to fuel escalation over the five-year contract.

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

Motion: I move that Council authorize the Township Manager to enter into a contract under the emergency provisions of the Township's Home Rule Charter to provide for garbage, recycling collection for a three-month period in order

that the Township can prepare and award a new bid for garbage/recycling services in 2017.

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

At this point and time a representative from Advanced Disposal, present at the meeting, approached the Board and indicated that they were the low bidder under the prior bid and wished to offer the Township their services for the 90 day period at the price quoted in their bid. Council thanked Advanced Disposal for their offer but made no decision at this time.

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: December 7, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
December 12, 2016 Special Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the December 7, 2016 Regular Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

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

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the December 12, 2016 Special 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 the Planning Commission had been scheduled to hear an application on December 20, 2016, but the Applicant requested a continuance of same.

2. Al Kortze, P.E.
Township Engineer

1. The Township Engineer advised the Board that he has provided them with a brief report recommending projects anticipated for 2017. The projected costs for the 2017 Road Program which relates to the Troxell Street Area milling and overlay, including inlet repairs, is \$470,000. With respect to the 2017 Sanitary Sewer Program Projects, the replacement of the sanitary truck line at Cascade Drive is estimated at a cost of \$275,000. The Township Engineer noted that he doesn't envision any storm sewer projects but if they come upon something he will address those issues with the Board at that time. Vice Chairman Heimbecker

opened a discussion with respect to the quality of water issues in the Troxell Street area and that those issues need to be addressed before repaving occurs. He felt that the Township needed assurances from the City of Bethlehem that the brown water residents are receiving will stop. He noted that he is not in favor of any overlays or resurfacing until all the Bethlehem Water issues have been corrected. The Township Engineer commented that he is aware of the water line breaks which occurred this year and that he has personally had conversations with Bethlehem to look at their aging system in that area. The Township Engineer advised that if the Township does not get any satisfaction we will certainly delay any paving until Bethlehem corrects their problems in the area. The Township Manager brought up an issue regarding curb replacement as part of the work in the Troxell Street area and the Township Engineer indicated he would look into that.

The Township's Fire Chief, who was in attendance at the meeting noted that he and the Township's Maintenance Supervisor had looked at the end of Ulster and Hoover Avenue with respect to reconfiguration of the Bethlehem lines which would also increase the water pressure which is low in that area. The Township Engineer finalized discussions by indicating that as far as the sanitary and storm sewer issues of the Township, he would need to check the records. As far as the water lines, he needs to find out if they have done any water testing on them. As far as the integrity of the water lines, that needs to be assessed. At the very best case, nothing would be done in that area until the end of next year.

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

1. The Township Attorney advised the Board that all his items are on the Agenda and will be addressed at that time.

At this point in the meeting, there was a brief discussion regarding the necessity for an emergency contract for garbage collection until the garbage recycling bid can be readdressed. The majority of the Board favored utilizing Mascaro for the three month garbage collection extension. The Township Manager was directed to talk to Mascaro regarding same.

4. Maintenance Report
5. Storm Water Issues (Written)
6. Fire Company Report (Written)
7. Code Enforcement Officers' Reports (Written)
8. 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.

With respect to the line item for storm water issues, it was determined that there would be no discussion at this time and that there was nothing before the Board at this time.

With respect to the Maintenance Report, Jeff Mouer, the Township Maintenance Supervisor, advised the Board that this year they collected 300 yards of leaves which is 200 yards less than last year. He noted that the Township parks are closed for the winter. With respect to Catasauqua Lake, it is starting to fill up again which gives credence to a ground water issue with the lake. He indicated that they ordered the backhoe to avoid a 15% increase. He noted that they are in the process of finalizing the 10 Ton Dump Truck and that they are anticipating a possible increase at the end of January and would like to take care of that before an increase occurs.

Vice Chairman Heimbecker questioned whether or not a meeting has been scheduled with respect to the NFPA issue with the Township's Fire Chief and Fire Marshall and Building Code Official and the Township Attorney indicated that would take place beginning the New Year.

8. Treasurer's Report (Written)

Motion: I move we accept the computer printouts dated December 21, 2016, for the General Fund Account, Capital Reserve Account, Escrow Account, Liquid Fuels Account, Sewer Account and Water Account subject to audit.

Paulus, Lawlor: Moved and Seconded

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

Unfinished Business:

1. Bill No. 2016-07, An Ordinance Amending Provisions of the Statutory Code of Hanover Township to Increase Fines in the Following Sections for the Following Subjects: Chapter 7, Section 207 (Fire Lanes), Chapter 15, Subsections 106, 107, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 302 and 410 (Traffic and Parking Regulations), and to Amend Chapter 7, Section 207 and Chapter 15, Subsections 410 and 509 to Allow the Collection of Attorney's Fees as Costs (Public Hearing)

Chairman Paulus opened the Public Hearing relative to Bill No. 2016-07 and in resolution of this matter, the Board made the following Motion:

Motion: I move that Bill No. 2016-07, An Ordinance Amending Provisions of the Statutory Code of Hanover Township to Increase Fines in the Following Sections for the Following Subjects: Chapter 7, Section 207 (Fire Lanes), Chapter 15, Subsections 106, 107, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 302 and 410 (Traffic and Parking Regulations), and to Amend Chapter 7, Section 207 and Chapter 15, Subsections 410 and 509 to Allow the Collection of Attorney's Fees as Costs, be adopted as Ordinance No. 585.

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

New Business: None.

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of ADP Fees (11/18 & 12/2/16 Payrolls), Payroll (11/18/16), Payroll (11/30/16), Voucher Nos. 22412-22432 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 22433-22492, from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$112,138.56; Voucher Nos. 4301 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 4302-4303 from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$24,618.57; Voucher No. 140 from Liquid Fuels Account in the amount of \$5,014.79; Voucher Nos. 4472-4473 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$6,536.00; Voucher No. 4089 (Prepaid), Voucher Nos. 4090-4095 from Water Account in the amount of \$49,470.49; Voucher Nos. 5448-5450 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 5451-5460 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$34,949.60 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$232,728.01.

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

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager