

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 5, 2017  
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: 4

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Opening of Bids: 1. Bid No. 2017-02, Cascade Dr. and Easement Area Sanitary Sewer Replacement

At this point in the meeting, Council opened the seven bids received with respect to this matter. After same was accomplished, it would appear that the low bidder for the project was Anrich, Inc. of Wayne, PA with a bid amount of \$194,033. Accordingly, the Board made the following motion:

Motion: I move that the Township award Bid No. 2017-02, Cascade Dr. and Easement Area Sanitary Sewer Replacement, to Anrich, Inc. of Wayne, PA for the bid amount of \$194,033 subject to the review and approval of the Township Engineer.

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

A tabulation of the bid results is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Approval of Minutes: March 15, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the March 15, 2017 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 she has placed on the Agenda a Resolution to appoint Robert G. Gifford, Jr. to the Hanover Township Zoning

- Hearing Board. Mrs. Pudliner noted that Mr. Gifford had been a prior member of the Board but due to a conflict with his work schedule had to leave the Board for a period of time. Currently, as the Board is aware, there is a vacancy on that Board and Mr. Gifford has agreed to resume his position on the Board.
2. As the Board will recall, Vice Chairman Heimbecker had requested that the Township look into holding an opioid abuse seminar at the Catasauqua High School in the spring this year. Mrs. Pudliner noted that although there was availability at the end of May, in discussions with the school board superintendent he indicated that he felt that due to the busy schedule and activity schedule in the spring of the year, the fall would most likely be a more appropriate time to hold the seminar. Vice Chairman Heimbecker and I discussed this matter as well as discussions with State Representative Dan McNeill and we are all in agreement that we will hold off until the fall of 2017.
  3. The Township Manager advised the Board that she and Chairman Paulus had met with a principal of the entity in ownership of the property situated in the Cedar Hill Memorial Park area, a portion of which is also located in the City of Allentown. As the Board will recall, the Township had been approached by a developer with respect to the concept of apartments and a retail pad at this location in the Hanover portion with retail pad sites on the remainder of the property in the City of Allentown. At that time, the Board had expressed concern regarding the fact that the property in Hanover is zoned for commercial development and the Board was not inclined to permit residential uses on that tract. At a meeting held recently at the Township Building, the developer's representative noted that their reasoning behind this type of development is the fact that retail is in decline for many reasons including the internet sales which have increased drastically. The developer's representative felt that the Township should at least consider the proposal of the developer and that they would provide the Township with figures regarding the revenues to be derived from the residential development and the retail pad site. The developer's representative also indicated that if the site cannot be developed in the fashion they are proposing they most likely will let the property stay undeveloped for the next five to seven years. Council briefly discussed the issue but their position did not appear to have changed. The Township Manager noted that the developer is still going to provide the Township with figures with respect to revenues to be derived from the proposal and that when she receives same she would provide those figures to the Board.
2. Al Kortze, P.E.  
Township Engineer
    1. The Township Engineer noted that with respect to the proposed Road Program for the milling and overlay of Troxell Street, he felt that will be delayed because as the Board is aware UGI will be contacting the residents in the area with respect to whether or not they would like gas service in that area. The Township Engineer also noted that the City of Bethlehem will now replace the water line on Hoover Avenue this year and because of the problems they have experienced on Troxell Street they will be doing a replacement of the lines in that area next year. The

Township Engineer noted that since the Troxell Street milling and overlay project most likely will not be done until 2018, he felt that the 2018 proposed road work for the milling and overlay of Middle and Lower Postal Rd. could be accomplished in 2017 with an estimated cost of \$485,000 which is a little higher than the Troxell Street milling and overlay project would have cost. Vice Chairman Heimbecker indicated his concern about road damage from the Rockefeller development trucks. Chairman Paulus commented that he was unsure as to whether or not the truck traffic would go on to Postal Rd. Vice Chairman Heimbecker felt that if there was a backup on Route 22 the truckers would use the roadway. Vice Chairman Heimbecker felt that if the Township proceeds to restore the roadway and the truck traffic heavily damages same the project would not produce the desired result and the Township would have to invest more monies after the fact. In any event, it appeared that Council would delay the proposed milling and overlay of Middle and Lower Postal Rd. until a later date.

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

1. The Township Attorney advised that he has provided the Board with a Memorandum regarding the issue raised at a prior meeting of taxation of medical marijuana.
2. The Township Attorney advised that the Cell Tower Ordinance is being worked on at the present time and he expects to have same at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

1. Bill No. 2017-03, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, Part 4 of the Statutory Code of Hanover Township to Amend Provisions of the International Property Maintenance Code, by Requiring Service Providers to Report to the Authority Having Jurisdiction and Han-Le-Co Fire Co. of any System That is Out of Service for More Than Eight Hours (Public Hearing)

Chairman Paulus opened the Public Hearing relative to Bill No. 2017-03. The Township Attorney noted that there were certain nonsubstantive changes he would like to make to the proposed legislation. With respect to the heading 704.2.5 Fire Alarm and Signaling Systems, he would like to add – Maintenance and at the end of that entire paragraph he would like to add language as follows, “Any person who provides maintenance, testing or repair services to a fire alarm and/or signaling system is a service provider.” With respect to these revisions, the Board made the following Motion:

Motion: I move we amend Bill No. 2017-03 to reflect the changes above-referenced.

Paulus, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded

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

Motion: I move that Bill No. 2017-03, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, Part 4 of the Statutory Code of Hanover Township to Amend Provisions of the International Property Maintenance Code, by Requiring Service Providers to Report to the Authority Having Jurisdiction and Han-Le-Co Fire Co. of any System That is Out of Service for More Than Eight Hours, be adopted as Ordinance No. 588.

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

New Business:

1. Resolution No. 2017-30, A Resolution for the Appointment of Robert G. Gifford, Jr. to the Hanover Township Zoning Hearing Board (Vote)

Motion: I move that Resolution No. 2017-30, A Resolution for the Appointment of Robert G. Gifford, Jr. to the Hanover Township Zoning Hearing Board, be adopted as presented.

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

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Pudliner  
Township Manager