

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

May 17, 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: 6

At this point in the meeting, Chairman Paulus asked for a moment of silence to remember Al Ripple, who was a former Councilman and a long-time fire police member with Han-Le-Co Volunteer Fire Company No. 1. Chairman Paulus noted Al was always ready with a joke and he will be missed.

Courtesy of the Floor:

Mr. John Martucci, 2033 Troxell Street, appeared before the Board with respect to his reservation of Canal Park for Saturday, June 3, 2017 and requested a one hour extension after sunset for cleanup purposes. In resolution of this matter, the Board made the following Motion:

Motion: I move that Mr. Martucci be granted a one hour extension with respect to his reservation of Canal Park on Saturday, June 3, 2017.

Paulus, Wegfahrt: Moved and Seconded

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

Approval of Minutes: May 3, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the May 3, 2017 Regular Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Woolley: 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 Rockefeller Group has made a request for a reduction of their Letter of Credit currently in the amount of \$5,621,632.83 to \$4,695,299.64 representing a release of funds in the amount of \$926,333.19. The Township Manager noted that in accordance with the terms of the agreements, the Township Council must approve a reduction in the Letter of

Credit. There was a discussion regarding the request at this time. The Township Engineer noted that he reviewed the request and approved the security release at this time. He noted that the work in the Township included one storm water crossing and a detention pond. There has been no reconstruction of the road as of this time. The Township Engineer further noted that the work in Hanover Township was primarily excavating and grading the storm crossing and the pond. In resolution of this matter, the Board made the following Motion:

Motion: I move we authorize a reduction in the Letter of Credit of Rockefeller Group of \$926,333.19.

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

2. The Township Manager advised the Board that they have received a copy of the report on the status of the property at 1818 Tacoma Street to include the rescue of the abandoned dog at that location.
3. The Township Manager noted at a prior meeting that Vice Chairman Heimbecker indicated that he thought there may be a problem with the timing of the digital billboards on Route 22. Since that time, the Township Manager indicated she had been in contact with the billboard company. In questioning, it was indicated that the timing is electronically fixed at 10 seconds. In addition to contacting the billboard company, the Township Manager advised that she has had the Code Enforcement Officers check on the timing and they have verified that the timing is 10 seconds per change.

There were discussions held at this time. Chairman Paulus advised the Board of his involvement in the problems at 1818 Tacoma Street. He noted he had received calls regarding the condition of the property and the dog left at that location. In response to same, Chairman Paulus noted that he had a meeting with the Township Manager who brought the Building Inspection Office into the process, in particular, Cindy Whitman of Tino Nocchi's office. Ms. Whitman took pictures of the situation, set up an appointment with the dog warden on site and she, the state police and dog warden went in and rescued the pit bull at that location. The pit bull had no collar, but was not aggressive. Ms. Whitman also was in touch with the bank involved in the foreclosure of this property and the bank advised that they have a maintenance company that will be handling the maintenance of the property.

Vice Chairman Heimbecker noted that he had received an email from Brown and Brown Insurance wherein they indicated that the Township has been uncooperative in providing materials requested from the Township for a quote on Township insurance coverage. The Township Manager advised that Brown and Brown had been provided with the policy information which had been redacted and that the Township has no problem providing them with a five-year claim report. However, Mrs. Pudliner noted that with respect to providing premiums, as requested by Brown and Brown, the Township had checked with 12 municipalities to determine how to handle that situation and it appears that 11 of the 12 would not provide premium information. The one municipality noted that they would not provide premium information unless a right-to-know had been filed. It appeared that

Chairman Paulus and Councilman Woolley did not favor releasing premium information. Councilman Lawlor expressed no opinion at this time. Vice Chairman Heimbecker and Councilman Wegfahrt appeared to have no problem with releasing the premium information. It appeared no final decision was reached at this time.

There was a discussion this time initiated by Councilman Wegfahrt with respect to the parking lot located directly off of Postal Rd. and Airport Rd. where tractor trailers park. The Township Manager noted that property is in the ownership of the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority. Councilman Heimbecker noted there is a sign on that property prohibiting truck parking and that he felt that the airport should be contacted with respect to removal of the sign if indeed they are having tractor trailers park at that location.

2. Al Kortze, P.E.
Township Engineer

1. The Township Engineer reported that the Cascade Drive project is proceeding. The contractor will be ordering all the necessary materials and his office has just received shop drawings.

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

1. The Township Attorney offered no oral report at this time. However, a discussion ensued relative to the FedEx project. The Township Attorney noted that the agreement the Township has with the state requires the Township to pass on all engineering records we have on the road. The Township Engineer sent them all that. There is an issue with UGI crossing the road and PennDOT wants a permit. UGI indicated that they don't have a permit now. The Township took the position that if they complete a permit, and when they do so, PennDOT agrees they will accept the road, then the Township has no problem with that. The Township Attorney noted that this is a quit claim deed and we have provided our records. If they have a concern regarding the UGI permit, the permit can be secured, but, when the road is completed they will accept. It appears they will complete the permit after PennDOT gets the road. UGI and PennDOT can fight over those issues.

4. Maintenance Report

5. Storm Water Issues

6. Fire Company Report (Written)

7. Code Enforcement Officers' Reports (Written)

9. 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. Further it was noted that there were no storm water issues to be discussed at this time.

Chairman Paulus brought to the Board's attention that with respect to the Municipal Building, the Township is now utilizing a new cleaning service and has ceased much of its dealings with the company which provides maintenance uniforms as well as the mats located throughout the Township Building. The mats are no longer being handled by that entity and the Township has purchased its own mats. With respect to the issues with the air conditioning/heating system, it was noted that next week work will be completed with respect to ducting which should correct some of the issues on the first floor of the building.

The Township's Maintenance Supervisor offered a short report regarding MS4 and storm water matters. He noted that there is a 60-day window to get the next application in. He indicated he is working with Keystone. Last year the Township met compliance and surpassed it. We have started working on the current year which is March 2017 to March 2018. We will submit and await comment from DEP and EPA. We anticipate not hearing anything since we appear to be way ahead of where we should be.

8 . Treasurer's Report (Written)

Motion: I move we accept the computer printouts dated May 17, 2017, 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:

At this point in the meeting, the Township Engineer entered into a discussion regarding the estimate he had previously provided to the Board with respect to a cost associated with doing the roadwork on Middle and Lower Postal Road for a milling and overlay in 2017 versus potential cost in 2019 for the same area for cold in place recycling and overlay. He noted that there is a potential that if the Township waits until 2019 to do the work, the road may need more than a milling and overlay and could require recycling which is much more costly. Councilman Wegfahrt brought up the issue of beefing up the wearing course if the work were done in 2017. The Township Engineer noted he could provide that information to the Board.

New Business: None.

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Payroll (4/21/17), Payroll (5/5/17), Voucher Nos. 22753-22767 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 22768-22817, from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$462,617.31; Voucher Nos. 4319 from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$96.00;

Voucher No. 143 from Liquid Fuels Account in the amount of \$5,735.40; Voucher Nos. 4486-4487 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 4488-4490 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$9,720.55; Voucher No. 4126-4127 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 4128-4129 from Water Account in the amount of \$287.72; Voucher No. 5504 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 5505-5508 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$176,770.52 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$655,227.50.

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

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager