

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

July 19, 2017
6:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Heimbecker, Lawlor, Paulus, Wegfahrt, Woolley; Sandra A. Pudliner; Vicky Roth

Absent: J. Jackson Eaton, III, Esquire; Al Kortze, P.E.

Attendance: 1

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

New Business:

1. Public Hearing – Five Year Capital Program 2018-2022 (Review and Discussion)

Chairman Paulus opened the Public Hearing relative to the proposed Five Year Capital Program. The Township Manager began a review for each individual Program at this time. With respect to Miscellaneous Storm water Projects, the Township Manager noted that this Program provides for a \$100,000 per year appropriation for the five year period. Currently, the Program has in excess of \$519,000 in Escrow. With respect to the Program for Traffic Congestion Improvements, the Township Manager advised that the five year appropriation is shown as \$25,000 each year for the five year period and the money in Escrow balance at the present time is \$221,000 plus dollars. The Program for Future Road Construction Projects shows an appropriation of \$500,000 each year for the five year period. The balance in Escrow currently is \$1,356,000 plus dollars. The Program titled Catastrophe Fund is shown in this Program with an appropriation of \$25,000 each year for the five year period. The current Escrow monies are in excess of \$284,000. The Program for Township Parks shows an appropriation in 2018 of \$175,000 and a \$75,000 appropriation each year for the remainder of the five year period. A discussion ensued with the Maintenance Supervisor, Jeff Mouer, in attendance at the meeting regarding various projects intended to be accomplished in the park system. It was noted that possibly the \$175,000 in the year 2018 may need to be increased somewhat, but the Township would wait to determine end-of-year revenues before doing so. The Program for Pump Station Upgrades and Sewer Line Upgrades was shown with a \$375,000 per year appropriation for the five year period and an Escrow balance of over \$488,000. The Program titled Allentown Water System Improvements shows a \$25,000 per year appropriation for the five year period and monies in Escrow in excess of \$329,000. The Township Manager noted that the Program titled Fire Apparatus shows a breakdown for the various trucks one of which will be purchased in 2018. In that regard, the 3341 Pumper Rescue shows an appropriation in 2018 of \$240,000. The 3311 Pumper shows a \$97,500 appropriation each year for the five year period. The 3351 Squad Fire/Police vehicle shows a \$31,250 appropriation each year for the five year period, and the 3331 Ladder/Pumper shows a \$64,545 appropriation each year for the five year period.

The grand total appropriation for the year 2018 is \$433,295 which drops down to \$193,295 for the remaining four years of the Program as same relates to the three vehicles remaining to be purchased. The Township Manager also noted that since the Township is paying ahead of time for the new Pumper/Rescue, the Township will be receiving a reduced cost and in turn the Township Manager advised that she reduced the appropriation to the Fire Company for this vehicle by \$10,000.

At this point in the meeting, there was a discussion initiated by the Township's Public Works Maintenance Supervisor, Jeff Mouer regarding the Program titled Public Works/Vehicle Replacement. Mr. Mouer noted to the Board that he has provided them with a breakdown of what he perceives is the equipment needs for 2017, 2018 and 2019. He also provided the Board with a breakdown of the Public Works vehicles and equipment. Mr. Mouer noted that as the Board will recall when this category became part of the Five Year Capital Program initially a \$100,000 per year appropriation was put in place. However, this Program shows a \$200,000 per year appropriation each year for the five year period. Council reviewed the data provided to them and agreed that the appropriation would be increased to \$200,000 per year. Additionally, Council agreed that all the Programs reviewed at the meeting would remain as presented in the Proposed Five Year Capital Program. The Township Manager indicated that she would provide the Township with a Resolution to adopt the Five Year Capital Program for their next Council Meeting. Additionally, a copy of the documentation presented to the Board by the Township's Maintenance Supervisor, Jeff Mouer, is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The Public Hearing on the Five Year Capital Program was closed at this time.

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager