

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 4, 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: 5

Courtesy of the Floor:

Kimberly Gable and her fiancé appeared before the Board. Ms. Gable advised the Board that she has rented Canal Park for her wedding on Saturday, October 14, 2017. In order that they have sufficient time for cleanup, Ms. Gable requested an extension from sunset which is at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. She did note that alcoholic beverages would be served but that would be stopped at 5:00 p.m. She indicated that she has approximately 105 people attending her function. In light of Ms. Gable's request, the Board made the following Motion:

Motion: I move we approve the extension of time for the Canal Park rental on October 14, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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

Approval of Minutes: September 20, 2017 Special Council Meeting
September 20, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the September 20, 2017 Special Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

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

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the September 20, 2017 Regular Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

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

Reports:

1. Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager

1. As Council will note in correspondence I provided to them, the City of Bethlehem has committed to final restoration of Hoover Avenue and the adjacent streets where they did the water main installation and on Pennsylvania Avenue where they did the service lateral repairs. Such final restoration will be concluded within the next two to four weeks.
2. The Township Manager advised Council that she has provided them with a copy of the 2016 Audit and other information from the Township Auditor.
3. The Township Manager advised the Board that Rockefeller Group has requested a reduction in their Letter of Credit as same relates to the FedEx Project in the amount of \$78,186.08. In accordance with the terms of the infrastructure agreement, the Township Manager noted that Council must approve any reduction in the Letter of Credit. The Township Manager did note that Keystone Consulting Engineers has provided documentation supporting the reduction in the Letter of Credit. In resolution of this matter, the Board made the following Motion:

Motion: I move that the Township Manager be permitted to request a reduction in the Letter of Credit from the Rockefeller Group in the amount of 78,186.08.

Wegfahrt, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

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

4. The Township Manager advised the Board that Budget Hearings on the Proposed 2018 Budget need to be scheduled at this time. In that regard, it was determined that the Budget Hearings would be held on Mondays, and in particular, October 23, October 30, November 6, November 13, November 20 and November 27. The hearings would be held commencing at 6:00 p.m. on those dates.
 5. The Township Manager advised the Board that it would be necessary to schedule Trick or Treat within the Township and noted that Catasauqua will be holding same on Friday, October 27 between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. In that regard, Council also determined that Hanover Township's Trick or Treat would be held on the same date and at the same time.
2. Al Kortze, P.E.
Township Engineer

The Township Engineer offered no oral report at this time. However, upon questioning by Councilman Wegfahrt he did note that there has been no movement with respect to the issue of the Bethlehem swale running behind the Saylor's Mobile Home Park. He noted to the Board that he had spoken to one of the City of Bethlehem's engineers who had sent someone out to look at the condition of the swale area behind Saylor's Mobile Home Park. The Township Engineer noted that he is hopeful that the City of Bethlehem would help us out in this matter but if they do not then we will have to go directly to the FLSmidth company.

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

1. The Township Attorney advised the Board that the Rockefeller matter is completed with regard to the agreements. They have recorded the easements and provided us with their opinion letters. They can now begin construction within the right-of-way. The Township Engineer commented that they had a contractor mobilized with his equipment for roadwork in Hanover Township since June but when no action was ever taken the contractor demobilized and the Township Engineer indicated he is not sure what their plans are now for the remainder of the year. He noted that he does not feel there is a firm schedule for roadwork. The Township Attorney noted that Hanover Township was very prompt in responding to all the issues with respect to the finalization of the agreement and in no way caused any delays in this project.

Unfinished Business:

1. Bill No. 2017-04, An Ordinance Amending the Hanover Township, Lehigh County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 27, Establishing General and Specific Standards Relating to the Location, Placement, Construction and Maintenance of Tower-Based Wireless Communications Facilities and Non-Tower Wireless Communication Facilities; Providing for Purposes, Findings of Fact, and Definitions Related to the Adoption of the Amendment; Providing for the Regulation of Such Facilities; and Providing for the Enforcement of Said Regulations (Public Hearing)

Chairman Paulus opened the Public Hearing relative to Bill No. 2017-04. The Township Attorney reiterated with the Board the history of this proposed legislation. He noted that as the Board will remember the matter had to go to the Township's Planning Commission and the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission for comment. There was some language suggested by the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission to be added to the legislation and that was accomplished. Additionally, there was language to address Councilman Wegfahrt's concern regarding the information on Page 8 of the legislation where "designed for human occupancy" was eliminated and other language was added as noted. In resolution of this matter, the following Motions were made:

Motion: I move we approve the amendments as noted to Bill No. 2017-04.

Wegfahrt, Lawlor: Moved and Seconded

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

Motion: I move that we adopt Bill No. 2017-04, An Ordinance Amending the Hanover Township, Lehigh County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 27, Establishing General and Specific Standards Relating to the Location, Placement, Construction and Maintenance of Tower-Based Wireless Communications Facilities and Non-Tower Wireless Communication Facilities; Providing for Purposes, Findings of Fact, and Definitions Related to the Adoption of the Amendment; Providing for the

Regulation of Such Facilities; and Providing for the Enforcement of Said
Regulations as amended as Township Ordinance No. 589.

Wegfahrt, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Prior to the vote, the Township Attorney did advise the Board that the Township Manager had provided him with a sample ordinance from the company known as Mobilitie which is in the business of installing wireless communication facilities in right-of-way. The Township Attorney inquired of the Board if they had any interest in adding such language to their proposed Ordinance and the Board as a whole indicated they did not want to further amend the Ordinance to provide for the allowance of such facilities in right-of-way.

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

New Business: None.

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Chairman Paulus noted that the Board would be going into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter after the close of the meeting but would not be back with any decisions.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager