

Board. Councilman Heimbecker questioned the Manager as to the progress of the home which is being renovated in the 1800 block of Troxell Street. Mrs. Pudliner explained everything is going well according to all permits the homeowner had obtained.

2. Al Kortze, P.E.
Township Engineer

1. Al Kortze explained he has been in contact with the City of Bethlehem be reporting all progress for this property to the Board. He stated the City of Bethlehem as well as Hanover Township would be sending letters to the FLSmidth property encouraging them to alleviate the flooding situation. The Board questioned the Township Engineer as to the water main break toward the end of Troxell Street. The Engineer stated he had not been notified by the City of Bethlehem or he would have sent his inspectors out there to look at this situation. He will follow up on this matter and report back to the Board. He stated the City of Bethlehem notified him concerning upgrading the water line in the spring on Troxell Street to include a small area of Taft Street. There was further discussion as to upgrading the lines on other streets in the Township, specifically, in the Sherwood area. It is not the City of Bethlehem's plan to upgrade these lines since they do not have this in their budget. Mr. Heimbecker voiced his concern as to improving the lines on Troxell Street and transferring the water pressure problem to other streets.

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

1. The Attorney stated that he met with Rockefeller concerning the right-of-way along Race Street. It was determined the Township does not have to sign off on this and they would also be giving the Township some right-of-way along Cascade and Fashion Drive to meet up with the new road on Race Street.

4. Maintenance (Written)

5. Storm Water Issues

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.

9. Treasurer's Report (Written)

Motion: I move we accept the computer printouts dated December 20, 2017, 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: None.

New Business:

1. HB1620/Wireless Broadband (Review and Discussion)

The Board reviewed correspondence which was sent to the Township Manager from a Robert Lovenheim who is a supervisor in Smithville Township, Pennsylvania. This letter stated they had just passed a resolution against Pennsylvania House Bill 1620 and urged the Township to do the same and raise the alarm. They felt this Bill would strip us virtually all control over zoning and fees for use of our right-of-ways for now and future wireless tower and antenna buildouts like DAS AND 5G. He requested that the municipalities pass a resolution and send it to their state representatives and senators to express disapproval. In that regard, it was determined that the Township would notify the state representative and the state senator concerning this opposition. In that regard, the Board reviewed the resolution in opposition to House Bill 1620, entitled The Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Bill.

Motion: I move we adopt Resolution 2017-42 entitled Resolution of Hanover Township, Lehigh County in Opposition to House Bill 1620, entitled the "Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Bill".

Wegfahrt, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

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

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Payroll (11/17/17), Payroll (12/1/17), Payroll (12/15/17), Voucher Nos. 23196-23219 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 23220-23275, from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$153,689.10; Voucher Nos. 4352 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 4353-4355 from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$77,907.76; Voucher No. 150 from Liquid Fuels Account in the amount of \$3,132.19; Voucher No. 4598 (Prepaid), Voucher Nos. 4599-4601 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$72,835.55; Voucher No. 4169 (Prepaid), Voucher Nos. 4170-4172 from Water Account in the amount of \$535.42; Voucher No. 5568 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 5569-5576 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$34,662.71 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$342,762.73.

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

Courtesy of the Floor:

Chairman Paulus stated there was a question concerning carryover policy and comp time. The Township Clerk then requested the clarification of any carryover of time from year-to-year in regard to comp time. The Township Manager said she was not aware of any carryover time and this was not approved. She also felt in reviewing any policy that 35 hours seemed to be excessive when you add that to all of the other time off the Maintenance staff can take. She also stated her concern with not having coverage with the Maintenance staff in that there have been times where there is only one Maintenance staff at work and this could be a serious problem should an issue arise. Councilman Heimbecker felt that in many instances comp time was only given to salaried employees instead of hourly employees. After further discussion, it was determined that the carryover time in 2017 would either be paid out at time and one-half or time taken at time and one-half and zeroing out all accounts by the end of 2017. Further it was determined that beginning in 2018 that the maximum amount of comp time would be 16 hours. There will not be any carryover going into the future.

Motion: I move comp time for 2017 will be zeroed out with either payment to the employee or time given. Comp time in 2018 shall be a maximum of 16 hours with no carryover at the end of each year.

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

Thomas Lerch, 2320 Grove Road, had given an article in the paper concerning the gerrymandering anomalies in the commonwealth. The article stated there was a science professor from West Chester University which testified in a state gerrymandering trial that Pennsylvania's congressional map splits "communities of interest" such as municipalities, counties and other areas to an extent unseen in previous maps. The effect of the map is to disadvantage democratic voters and favor republicans. Mr. Lerch stated presently there is a lot of unfairness in this map and needed to be reviewed. The Board thanked him for the article and his interest.

The Chairman stated the Board was going into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and would not be returning. The Chairman reminded the Board of the End of Year Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicky Roth
Township Clerk