

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

May 2, 2018
7:30 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Heimbecker, Lawlor, Paulus, Wegfahrt, Woolley; J. Jackson Eaton, III, Esquire; Ryan Christman; Christopher Garges; Vicky Roth

Absent: Al Kortze, P.E.

Attendance: 5

Courtesy of the Floor:

Donna Atkinson of 1849 Troxell Street appeared before the Board concerning the water line installation along the Troxell Street area. She questioned the Board about the settling of the pavement and specifically a large indentation/sinkhole located in the area of Troxell and Taft Streets. Mrs. Atkinson stated she personally felt the contractor was very efficient in the installation of the water line and she was very pleased. There was a very short span of time in which residents were not able to use the water. She specifically wanted to know what the Township, the contractor or the City of Bethlehem was going to do about the large areas of settlement. Chairman Paulus reported the plan is to dig in the area of Troxell and Taft Street to find out where the problem stems from. The representative of Keystone Engineering, Ryan Christman, also stated that the contractor was planning to investigate this area. The contractor will begin the trench restoration and then permanent restoration would be done by the City of Bethlehem's contractor. The settled area under investigation would be paid for by the Township.

Approval of Minutes: April 18, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the April 18, 2018 Regular Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

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

Reports:

1. Christopher J. Garges
Township Manager

A. The Manager reported that there was a discussion at the last Council meeting concerning Allen Township and the opening of the Federal Express Building. Subsequently, the Township Manager spoke with Ilene Eckhart who is the Manager of Allen Township to obtain an update on the Federal Express opening. The Board was sent notes of my email concerning this. There was also an amended study concerning the roadwork and improvements which was presented to PennDOT in Allen Township. It was determined after further discussion that

- the Township Manager would speak to Brian Boyer, PennDOT District 5 representative, concerning the December 11, 2017 study. There was also discussion with the Board and the Township Attorney concerning a truck access permit for Willowbrook Road. Attorney Eaton stated the truck access permits deal with the length and the width of the types of trucks which would be allowed on Willowbrook Road and at the present time there is no permit issued. The Township would have to approve this permit and would not do so and it would not be permitted by PennDOT given the current state of the road. Councilman Heimbecker stated he would like to see a timeline established for all of the roadwork on Willowbrook Road, Race Street, as well as Airport Road. The Township Manager would either speak to or email Brian Boyer of District 5 to obtain more information.
- B. The Township has sold via Municibid two mowers and the chipper for a total receipt of \$9,500.
- C. There was a freight study meeting which focused on the municipalities surrounding the northeast of the airport on May 2 and Councilman Heimbecker and myself attended this meeting. It was stated this study is funded by PennDOT, should be completed by December 2018, the next phase would be an implementation committee, would be an avenue for members of municipalities to receive funding for improvements and this is considered a pilot (study) which would later be expanded throughout the Lehigh Valley. The Township Manager also stated this focus group was studying the freight in the Valley as well as the patterns. Councilman Heimbecker noted the plan that he had recently received via email and the plan which was shown at the meeting had changed. He stated there was more discussion at this meeting of municipal representatives questioning how the freight from areas such as Route 22 would be able to get to the airport as opposed to the central focus being Airport Road and Race Street which surrounds the Airport.
- D. Counsel for the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority has contacted our solicitor to set up a meeting to discuss a proposed development of a property along Airport Road. The meeting is scheduled for May 8 at 1:00 p.m. and myself, Chairman Paulus and Councilman Heimbecker are attending said meeting.
- E. The Airport Authority is having an open house on Thursday, May 10 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. to roll out the Comprehensive Plan and the public is invited to this open house. The Manager will forward any information he obtains to the Board.
- F. I received a letter from Lehigh County concerning the Urban County Grant Program of which the Board has a copy. As stated in the letter, by not responding to this Grant Program, opting in would allow us to participate and receive Lehigh County's CDBG grant money. It was agreed that the Manager would "opt in" by not responding to the letter.
- G. I've given the Board a flyer concerning the Eastern PA Freight Summit which will be held June 21 and 22 at Lehigh University, Iacocca Hall in Bethlehem, PA.

There will be key note speakers, presentation and panels, a thought of resource information sharing on updates on freight planning to promote the safe, sufficient sustainable movement of freight in the Valley. Seating is limited so the Manager requested the Board Members apprise him asap whether they are interested in attending said meetings.

H. The Manager stated Chairman Paulus and Vicky Roth attended the PSP Memorial Day Ceremony today at the State Police Barracks. Chairman Paulus reviewed the ceremony highlights for the Board including commendations awarded for a couple of issues in the Township as well as Trooper Seth Kelly receiving the Trooper of the Year Award. He stated he had the opportunity to meet this Trooper.

2. Ryan Christman

For Al Kortze, P.E.
Township Engineer

A. Mr. Christman stated there will be a preconstruction meeting on Thursday, May 3 at 1:00 p.m. for the Sherwood Park ballfield.

B. The Willowbrook Sanitary Sewer Line Project. Keystone representatives have had discussions with the contractor and Rockefeller representatives concerning possibly supplying the materials for this project and the contractor would then install the line. We should know the decision for this within the near future as to whether the contractor will do this work or whether the Township would need to bid this project.

C. The Lower Lloyd Street contracts have been sent out, but the contractor has not sent it back to Keystone.

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

The Attorney stated he had no report at this time.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

A. Resolution No. 2018-36, A Resolution to Adopt the Sewerage Facilities Plan for the Proposed Warehouse Expansion, Primo Enterprises, LP, 2100 Hoover Avenue, Allentown, PA 18109 (Vote)

Mr. Garges explained this Resolution was required to allow additional sewage flows for this proposed project. This authorization is required for DEP approval. In that regard, the following Motion was made:

Motion: I move we adopt Resolution No. 2018-36, A Resolution to Adopt the Sewerage Facilities Plan for the Proposed Warehouse Expansion, Primo

Enterprises, LP, 2100 Hoover Avenue, Allentown, PA 18109, as presented.

Wegfahrt, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Wegfahrt, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Garges
Township Manager