

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 15, 2015
7:30 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Heimbecker, Martucci, Paulus, Wegfahrt, Woolley; J. Jackson Eaton, III, Esquire; Ryan Christman; Sandra A. Pudliner; Vicky Roth

Absent: 0

Attendance: 11

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: April 1, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the April 1, 2015 Regular Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded

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

Reports:

1. Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager

1. The Township Manager advised the Board that they have copies of correspondence sent by the Township's Building Inspector relative to the problems with the property at 1835 Troxell Street. The Township Manager further noted that it is her understanding that a representative from the bank's remediation company will meet with the Building Inspection Office tomorrow.
2. The Township Manager advised the Board that as a reminder the upcoming convention in Hershey commences on Sunday, April 19 through April 22, 2015.

There was some discussion with respect to the proposed tenant for the former Jack Creek Steakhouse facility at Valley Plaza Shopping Center. It was noted that definitely Sherwin Williams will be taking over a portion of that space.

2. Ryan Christman
Township Engineer

1. The Township Engineer advised Council that as they are aware we have received a response from PennDOT concerning the traffic study corrections we had requested. Those corrections have now been made.

2. The Township Engineer advised that a meeting had been held with the Pidcock Company, the engineers for Rockefeller Group, last Wednesday to go over Keystone's comments on the Willowbrook Road improvements. Pidcock acknowledged the Township's issues and indicated they would address same.
3. The Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project in Chestnut Grove bids will be opened on Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

There was some discussion regarding the water pressure issues that have been experienced in the Troxell/Sherwood Street area of the Township. It was noted by the Township Engineer that the City is still working on determining all the problems and correcting same. It was noted by Vice Chairman Heimbecker that water pressure is up in his area.

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

1. The Township Attorney advised Council that he had just about completed his initial rough draft setting forth the items Council raised as conditions regarding the proposed FedEx Development in Allen Township as conditions with the Rockefeller Group. Attorney Eaton noted he will try to circulate that in the relatively near future. Attorney Eaton also indicated it is his understanding that the Developer is putting together some type of Master Development Agreement and is working with a number of municipalities and agencies. They are trying to get everything under one umbrella. The Township Attorney also advised that Allen Township has communicated with the Township with respect to getting together to discuss sewer issues and infrastructure issues but Attorney Eaton indicated he was of the opinion that should be put off until we get this agreement a little further down the line. He indicated that right now the Township is dealing with the Rockefeller Group. He felt we should get a little closer in those negotiations and then that information can be a good basis for discussions with Allen Township.

4. Maintenance Report (Written)
5. Fire Company Reports (Written)
6. Code Enforcement Officers' Reports (Written)
7. Building Inspector's Report (Written)

Chairman Paulus acknowledged receipt of a written Maintenance Report, two written Fire Company Reports, written Code Enforcement Officers' Reports, and written Building Inspector's Report and same were noted for the record.

The Township's Maintenance Supervisor, Jeff Mouer, reported to the Board on the status of various matters. He noted that the Township has opened the parks and he further noted that Catasauqua Lake is full again and not leaking. Mr. Mouer advised that the first rental of Canal Park is scheduled for the second weekend in May. With

respect to the parks in general, Mr. Mouer indicated that Chestnut Grove Park renovations are basically complete. He noted that emphasis should now be placed on Sherwood Park. There was a discussion with respect to repaving of the tennis court. Mr. Mouer also advised that the new Code Enforcement vehicle will be coming next week. He indicated that with permission from the Board he could proceed with the sale of the old vehicle. He indicated that the Blue Book value for that vehicle is between \$3,100 and \$3,900. Furthermore, with respect to the ongoing replacement of equipment, Mr. Mouer indicated that as the Board is aware the Capital Program has monies for such purposes. As they previously discussed, he would recommend that the Township proceed with the purchase of a new leaf machine which if purchased in May will avoid the changeover with respect to the engine which involves more emissions and filtering system which is not that good. Mr. Mouer reiterated that mid-May is the cutoff point to keep the same horsepower. He quoted the Board a price of \$47,737.50. He further noted that he felt he could sell the old leaf machine on Craigslist.

The Board discussed the issue of the new leaf machine and felt that the Maintenance Supervisor should proceed with the purchase of a new machine and made the following Motion:

Motion: I move that Council authorize the Township's Maintenance Supervisor to proceed with the purchase of a new leaf machine for the Township.

Martucci, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded

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

The Township's Maintenance Supervisor also gave the Board a report with respect to the status of the salt purchases indicating to Council that the Township had more than sufficient salt in stock for the winter of 2016.

At this point in the meeting, the Township's Fire Chief, Robin Yoder, who was in attendance at the meeting, invited all present to take a look at the new truck which is currently parked in the Public Works parking lot area.

8. Treasurer's Report (Written)

Motion: I move we accept the computer printouts dated April 15, 2015, for the General Fund Account, Capital Reserve Account, Escrow Account, Liquid Fuels Account, Sewer Account and Water Account subject to audit.

Paulus, Martucci: Moved and Seconded

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

There was some discussion with respect to the status of certain issues involving citations. The Township Manager noted that the property at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Ulster Street has been sent additional notice that the roof must be placed on top of the existing tent which encloses the unregistered vehicle on that property. With respect to the other tent violation, the Township Manager advised she would check on the status of

that matter. With respect to the issue involving the former Lukoil property, the Township Manager advised that a citation had been issued. That owner had finally secured a permit for the work but since the prior permit which required that the work be started in six months had expired, the Township Manager indicated that with respect to the renewed permit, the property owner has only been given three months for completion of all work. The Township Manager advised she would keep the Board advised of the status of that matter.

Unfinished Business:

There was some discussion with respect to the upcoming Pennsylvania State Police Day. The Township Manager indicated that as per her email forwarded to the Board Members, the new Governor has come forth with a directive indicating that the State Police cannot accept any form of compensation or gratuity and accordingly Captain Tobin of the Troop M Barracks advised that the Township cannot assist them with providing a luncheon for the Pennsylvania State Police Day.

New Business:

1. Resolution No. 2015-29, A Resolution Proclaiming May 4, 2015 as Pennsylvania State Police Day in Hanover Township, Lehigh County (Vote)

Motion: I move that Resolution No. 2015-29, A Resolution Proclaiming May 4, 2015 as Pennsylvania State Police Day in Hanover Township, Lehigh County be adopted as presented.

Heimbecker, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

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

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Payroll (03/27/15), Payroll (04/10/15), Voucher Nos. 24030-24045 (Prepays), Voucher Nos. 21046-21094, from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$158,859.26; Voucher Nos. 4177-4178 from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$9,716.62; Voucher No. 121 from Liquid Fuels in the amount of \$5,970.59; Voucher Nos. 4213-4214 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$27,950.89; Voucher No. 3978-3982 from Water Account in the amount of \$3,034.58; Voucher Nos. 5245-5252 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$92,922.87 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$298,454.81.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

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

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager