

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

July 15, 2026
6:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Heimbecker, Cruz, Woolley, Paulus; Melissa Wehr; Audrey Anderson

Absent: 1

Attendance: 1

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

New Business:

1. Public Hearing – Five-Year Capital Program 2027-2031 (Review and Discussion)

The Vice Chairman asked since the D&L Trail is moving forward and progressing, what areas of this Program will be hit with costs after the grant monies have been liquidated. The Manager said this will be discussed under Township Parks.

Sinkholes/Miscellaneous Stormwater Projects:

The projects for 2027 include MS4 related projects and expenses estimated at \$100,000 in anticipated costs. Included in this is the stormwater plan management.

Traffic Congestion Improvements:

For 2027, the projects will include payment for the FLOCK cameras, general traffic upgrades and any unanticipated costs.

For 2028-2031, we have the potential Race Street and Cascade Drive Traffic Signal.

Future Road Construction Project:

For 2027, we are going to appropriate \$1,000,000 to a General Fund account. I've include the Grove Road reconstruction, which is on current plan for this year which is moving forward with engineering which should be ready to go out to bid in September. But, I am including it in next year's plan in case it should carry over. We anticipate the Lower Lloyd reconstruction coming in around \$750,000 and any unanticipated costs.

For 2028 through 2031 some of our proposed projects are to mill and overlay Roble Rd., Hangar Place, Hayden Circle and Middle Lloyd Street.

Catastrophe Fund:

We started this fund over this year at \$250,000. Our projection for this fund is that we will be adding \$25,000 to it over the next five years.

Parks

The D&L Trail is in the design phase and entering the construction phase in the near future, which will include normal maintenance after completion of the project. Projects for 2027 include the split rail fence and retaining wall down at Canal Park. We anticipate doing the split rail fence this year. If not, it will carry over to next year. Installing a proposed gazebo down at Sherwood Park. We have sign kiosks for all parks. A discussion ensued regarding more security camera protection at the parks.

For the years 2028 through 2031, we are looking at possibly paving the parking areas at the parks, upgrading the Veterans' Memorial at Canal Park, and replace the pavilion roof at Sherwood Park.

Fire Apparatus:

The radios for the Lehigh County radios that we have purchased. We have a five-year contract. Next year will be year two of five. That total of \$110,000 includes the cost for Northampton Regional Medical Services that they reimburse us before we even pay. We appropriate the \$243,295 annually for the fire trucks. We are taking out a total of \$110,000 for the radios. At this point and time, we don't anticipate any new trucks in the near future. That will be evaluated as needed and as it comes up.

Public Works Vehicle Replacement:

For 2027, I have included the new Administration vehicle. \$40,000 allocated for two lawn mowers if needed. Supporting documents are included in Council's packets.

For 2028 through 2031, we are possibly looking to replace the backhoe, the street sweeper, utility truck and a small dump truck.

Municipal Building – Preventative Maintenance:

Projects for 2027 include a failed carrier IVU. Carried over the landscaping maintenance. LED lighting upgrade at the Township Building. Looking into a grant that would cover the costs for the LEDs. We continue to replace fan coil units as needed. For next year, we allocated \$30,000 which should cover roughly two units. Next year, we are projecting to replace the Salt Dome roof, replace a generator down at the Fire Company and any unanticipated costs.

For 2028 through 2031, we are projecting to replace the Public Works building roof if necessary.

A discussion ensued regarding the Municipal Building's fire alarm system. We are not looking to replace it. These discussions are being had in case the system would fail and we would have options to either repair it or replace it if needed.

A discussion ensued regarding the generator at the Fire Station. It's older and there is no monitoring system. It's also a residential generator. It's been repaired a couple times over the past two years. Electric Company suggested replacing it. Public Works was directed to get a cost in replacing it to a commercial generator and the difference in cost between natural gas or a propane tank.

Sewer System Improvements:

For 2027, we are projecting to appropriate \$300,000. Projects include pump station upgrades at Station 3, a pump station analysis, a new billing system and any unanticipated costs relating to the Sewer System projects. Regarding the billing system, our system does not communicate with the City of Bethlehem system which causes a lot of more work for the utility support staff quarterly to generate the bills.

For 2028 through 2031, it was projected adding Asset Management through the Water Improvement System; however, the cost came in at a much lower cost than anticipated. It will most likely not be put through the Capital Program and put through the General Budget as a normal expense.

Water System Improvements:

For 2027, we anticipate appropriating \$100,000 for our water projects. The projects include the insulation of two main line water isolation valves on Airport Road, fire hydrant replacement as needed. Also, the software I included in this program will be split between Water and Sewer.

Motion: I move the Capital Program meeting scheduled for July 16, 2026 be cancelled.

Heimbecker, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Cruz, Rossi, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

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Courtesy of the Floor: None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager