

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 1, 2023
7:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Heimbecker, Lawlor, Rossi, Woolley, Paulus; Al Kortze, P.E.; J. Jackson Eaton, III, Esquire; Melissa A. Wehr; Vicky Roth; Audrey Anderson

Absent: 0

Attendance: 7

Courtesy of the Floor:

The Chairman wanted to honor a long-time resident located at 1690 Irving Street who had a house fire on Friday, January 13. The owners of the house and the hero who knocked on their door, Sharon Steitz, to alert them appeared at the meeting. The Chairman asked Ms. Steitz to take the microphone and tell everyone what happened that day. Ms. Steitz said she did what anyone else would have done but she didn't stop until she got her neighbors, Virginia and Joe Hook, out of the house. They lost the house, but they are here to tell the story and are okay. Mr. and Mrs. Hook didn't know their house was on fire if it weren't for the persistent banging on the front door. Mrs. Hook said Ms. Steitz is the neighborhood's hero angel. She doesn't just run to get people out of fires, but she shares her plants and everything she has. Mrs. Hook said they are very lucky to have Ms. Steitz in the community.

The Chairman announced the Governing Body of Hanover Township, Lehigh County is giving a Proclamation expressing appreciation to Sharon Steitz to honor her for her bravery in saving neighbor's lives. He read the Proclamation and stated the Council of Hanover Township, Lehigh County wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for their heroism to Sharon Steitz and proclaim Thursday, March 2, 2023, as Sharon Steitz Day in Hanover Township.

Approval of Minutes: February 15, 2023 Regular Council Meeting
February 15, 2023 Council Workshop

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated February 15, 2023 and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Rossi, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Council Workshop Minutes dated February 15, 2023 and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Rossi, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

Reports:

1. Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager

1. Last week was National Engineer's Week and the Manager said the Township has one of the finest in the Lehigh Valley working for us and she wished the Township Engineer Happy National Engineer's Week. Council thanked him.

2. It is Spring Newsletter time and if anyone has anything that they would like to add to the newsletter, please let the Manager know.

A Council member mentioned that a school bus has been stopping in front of the Knights Inn and he didn't think we had children there. The Manager is looking into it. Another Council member said they have students who become homeless and don't have anywhere to stay and they'll set themselves up in a place like the Knight's Inn since it has a kitchen, etc. The school district is required to pick them up from the Knight's Inn and take them back to their home school district. The Manager said the hotels in the Township are transient and do not have extended stays. She had a conversation with the manager of that facility, but unfortunately he is out of the country at this point and time, but she intends to speak with the property owner and following it up with the appropriate notice.

2. Al Kortze, P.E.
Township Engineer

1. The Intent to Award went out to Telco, Inc. for the signal work at Catasauqua Rd. and Valley Plaza. Once signed agreements are received, the notice to proceed and a pre-construction meeting will follow. There is a very long lead time for getting mast arms. The Engineer will be talking to the Manager to extend the contract period for the project due to the mast arm supply chain.

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

The Attorney did not have a report.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1. Resolution No. 2023-32, A Resolution Granting Patriot American Parkway Lot 2, Exeter Land, 1701 Dauphin St., Allentown, PA 18109 (Vote)

Kate Durso with Fitzpatrick, Lentz & Bubba is in attendance on behalf of the Developer. They previously received Preliminary Pan Approval from Council and they have since worked on their outside agency review, and refined the plan which have a couple of minor items, most of them outside agency entering into agreements, etc. as set forth on the draft Resolution. They do not have any issues with the Resolution. Rick Roseberry with Colliers Engineering gave a brief summary of proposal.

The Chairman said he has before him a copy of 12 conditions. He asked Ms. Durso if they are in agreement with all 12 conditions. She replied, yes.

Motion: I move to adopt Resolution No. 2023-32, A Resolution Granting Final Land Development Approval to Patriot American Parkway Lot 2, Exeter Land, 1701 Dauphin St., Allentown, PA 18109 as presented.

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

2. Resolution No. 2023-33, A Resolution Granting Patriot American Parkway Lot 3, Exeter Land, 1112 American Parkway, Allentown, PA 18109 (Vote)

This Agenda item has been tabled.

3. Authorization for the Manager to Release Payment #3, for Wexcon Inc. for the Allendale Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project in the amount of \$158,613.34 (Vote)

The Engineer said this is the continued work on the Allendale Sanitary Sewer Project. This release primarily encompasses some of the setting of the manholes, doing some testing and things of that nature. There will be one more release that will be the final payment. They may wait until they get the site stabilized when the weather is more favorable. Everything that was put in here was inspected and is in good shape. The Engineer recommended the release of payment #3.

Motion: I move for the Authorization for the Manager to Release Payment #3, for Wexcon Inc. for the Allendale Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project in the amount of \$158,613.34 as recommended by the Township Engineer.

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

Approval of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Payroll (02/17/23), Voucher Nos. 27108-27109 (Prepays); Nos. 27110-27125 from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$66,758.80; Voucher No. 4645-4647 from the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$180,039.48; Voucher No. 4599 from the Water Account in the amount of \$86.00; Voucher Nos. 62746277 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$4,545.01; Voucher Nos. 5276-5277 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$32,539.25 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$283,968.54.

Paulus, Lawlor: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Rossi, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

Courtesy of the Floor: None

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager