

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 2, 2024
7:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Heimbecker, Lawlor, Rossi, Woolley, Paulus; J. Jackson Eaton, III, Esquire; Kevin Chimics, P.E.; Melissa Wehr; Vicky Roth

Absent: 0

Attendance: 6

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: September 18, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the September 18, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes and accept same as presented.

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

Reports:

1. Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager

Manager stated she delivered the 2025 Preliminary Budgets to the Board and; at this time, she would like to schedule the Budget Hearings. It was decided that October 22, 23 and possibly 24 at 4:00 p.m. would be the scheduled hearings.

As a reminder, Trick-or-Treat is scheduled for October 25 with a rain date of October 26. It is on the Township's calendar and will be posted on our website.

The Township has received the 2024 Liquor License Fees from the Commonwealth and the Purta allocation or the Public Utility Realty Tax Allocation.

We have received payment for two of the Large Sign Permits for 2024 and I am continuing to work on the annual Township calendar. If there is any information the Council would like to see added or removed, please notify me in the near future.

We will have one of the members of our Planning Commission stepping down at the end of this year.

2. Kevin Chimics, P.E.
Township Engineer

The Engineer reported the stormwater rehabilitation and enhancement project is nearing completion as well as the Marcon Blvd. easement sanitary and sewer replacement project.

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

The Attorney had nothing to report.

Unfinished Business:

1. Installation of Flock Cameras in Hanover Township (Vote)

The state police and a Flock representative again reviewed the camera system and its capabilities. The contract starts 90 days from installation and operation. The Attorney said Council has to act in time to continue it otherwise the Manager sends the notice out to terminate. The Attorney asked for five minutes to write down a proper Motion.

The Chairman said one Councilman was absent at the last meeting. He reviewed the cost. It's \$43,400 a year, \$3,616.66 a month or \$120.55 a day, seven days a week from Hanover. Since Airport Rd. is a state road, I think the state for the State Police should be paying for it. Other Councilmen voiced their support for the Flock system.

The Attorney read the new Motion into the record, "Council approves the contract with Flock Safety as presently presented providing it is amended to include a provision that the 90 day opt out period begins upon the installation and operation of the cameras; and, further that unless Council approves continuance of the contract at least one week before the end of the opt out period, the Township Manager shall notify Flock that the contract is cancelled."

Motion: I highly recommend the installation of the Flock cameras around the Township with the amendment as produced and read on the record by the Attorney.

Heimbecker, Rossi: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Rossi:	Aye
Woolley:	Nay
Paulus:	Nay

Trooper Troutman said, if we have an incident that utilizes Flock cameras to assist us in solving that, I will reach out to the Manager and certainly extend that for you folks to see how that has assisted you with the residents or the citizens

visiting and patronizing Hanover Township while they're being here again without jeopardizing any investigation.

The Manager said, when a resident or citizen complain about an incident in the neighborhood, they should let the State Police know directly. They want it directly from the person witnessing the incident.

2. D&L Trail Amendment for the Trailhead Parking Area (Vote)

This was on our agenda for our last meeting. We had the opportunity to speak with the Recreation Committee present at our last recreation meeting in regards to the D&L Trail amendment. They think it would be a good idea for the D&L Trail. The lot proposed is 10 to 15 parking spots and would be down by Canal Park with access from the proposed parking lot onto the D&L Trail. The patrons of the trail would not have to park down by the pavilion and then walk up around Catasauqua Lake to get onto the trail. We have a cost estimate of \$13,000 for the design and design only. This would be an extra add-on that the Township would have to pay. The Township Engineer gave us an estimate on the construction of that area, which is around 5000 square feet, with 10 to 15 parking spaces in the area of between \$20,000 to \$40,000. It's going to involve a driveway onto Dolphin Street which is going to involve PennDOT permitting. The Manager stated they're doing the design for it now and it's more cost effective to design it with the construction of the D&L trail than it is to do it down the road. A discussion ensued.

Motion: I move we approve D&L Trail Amendment for the Trailhead Parking Area as presented by the Township Manager and Township Engineer.

Heimbecker, Rossi: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker:

Aye

Lawlor, Rossi, Woolley, Paulus:

Nay

New Business:

1. Authorization to Release Payment #3 to Stonewood Landshapping, Inc. for the Stormwater Rehabilitation and Enhancement Projects (Allendale Swale Repair, Canal Park Bioretention and Public Works Swale Rehabilitation) in the amount of \$53,927.70 (Vote)

Motion: I move we approve Authorization to Release Payment #3 to Stonewood Landshapping, Inc. for the Stormwater Rehabilitation and Enhancement Projects (Allendale Swale Repair, Canal Park Bioretention and Public Works Swale Rehabilitation) in the amount of \$53,927.70 as presented and recommended by the Township Engineer.

Heimbecker, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Rossi, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

2. Authorization to Release Payment #2 to R-III Construction, Inc. for the Marcon Blvd. Easement Sanitary Sewer Lining and Replacement Project in the amount of \$90,070.20 (Vote)

Motion: I move we approve Authorization to Release Payment #2 to R-III Construction, Inc. for the Marcon Blvd. Easement Sanitary Sewer Lining and Replacement Project in the amount of \$90,070.20 as presented and recommended by the Township Engineer.

Heimbecker, Lawlor: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Rossi, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

Approval of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Payroll (9/27/2024); Voucher Nos. 28212-28236 from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$386,621.42; Voucher No. 4721 from the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$23,284.32; Voucher No. 4739 from the Water Account in the amount of \$25.06; Voucher Nos. 6513-6520 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$204,479.13; Voucher Nos. 5504-5515 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$9,165.68 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$650,560.50.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Rossi, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

Courtesy of the Floor:

The Public Works Supervisor gave Council a packet of mapping and plans that show our sewer system, our water system and our street system showing when the Sewer lines were put in, water lines, and then what streets were paved. It's a tool that Keystone Consulting put together, and it gives us an idea of what we look forward next to replacing. At the last meeting a Council member questioned how much clay pipe is left. A little less than 10% is left. The annual report we get for our sewer system that explains exactly what we spend. The 2023 report was just completed by Keystone Consulting and shows everything about our sewer system.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Wehr
Township Manager