

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 4, 2026
7:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Heimbecker Lawlor, Paulus; Kevin Chimic, P.E.; Tyler Meyers, Esquire; Melissa A. Wehr; Audrey Anderson
Woolley (via telephone)

Absent: Rossi

Attendance: 4

Courtesy of the Floor: None

Approval of Minutes: January 12, 2026 Special Council Meeting
January 12, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Special Council Meeting Minutes dated January 12, 2026, and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Lawlor: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Paulus:

Aye

Woolley:

Abstained

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated January 12, 2026, and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Lawlor: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Paulus:

Aye

Woolley:

Abstained

Reports:

1. Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager

1. Sonny Rusyn and I have completed our CJIS training for 2026 and we have received our certification.

2. I have completed several reports for the beginning of the year.

3. The Township Clerk is gathering everyone's statements of Financial Interest. Please get it to her soon so she can wrap that up.

4. Discussion on Snow Emergency regarding vehicles that do not move making it difficult for Public Works to cleanup. Looking for direction whether we should be

ticketing or towing the cars not moved. It is posted that cars can be ticketed and/or towed if not moved during a snow emergency. Council agreed to ticket and/or tow as posted if necessary.

5. Lt. Troutman reached out to thank the Township for the Flock System. It continues to be a great tool to use in Hanover Township. Due to the Flock System, they have exceeded and reached a high volume for criminal arrests. The Magistrates office had to hire additional help to keep up with the many complaints. They are seeing a decrease in crime. Hanover Township was a leader behind the city's in getting other townships on board to install the Flock System.

6. We received a report from the Airport. In 2025, there was an increase of 5.4% over 2024 with passenger traffic. The air cargo that was process at ABE in 2025 had a 25% increase over 2024. ABE was recognized as one of the smaller airports in Newsweek Choice Award for a second consecutive year. They celebrated a 20th anniversary between a partnership with Allegiant Air and ABE. ABE was the first in Pennsylvania to implement Good Maps for a navigation tool for improved accessibility. There is an app you can download on your phone and is very helpful to navigate through especially if you are disabled or direction challenged.

7. Regarding Sherwood Park's budget which included a fence going around the park. We would like to do the fence we proposed in the Capital Program under Recreation in conjunction with the construction of the basketball and pickleball courts. Is Council in agreement to have the fence where marked; and, if so, how high would you like the fence? Staff recommends a chain link fence.

8. There will not be a Planning Commission Meeting in February. Zoning Hearing Board will meet regarding Sparks Car Wash.

At this time, there was a discussion regarding three invoices to the Fire Company. Two of the invoices were pulled from 1/12/2026 Bill List and put on hold. The first invoice in question is for the mikes for the radios that were purchased through a grant. The mikes were not included in the price of the grant. Council said they would like to see a spreadsheet with a breakdown of the trucks/radios/mikes needed. The second invoice in question is for the Ladder Truck which is the Fire Company's largest and has an annual inspection every year in December. The third invoice in question is for the foam on the fire truck totaling \$2,900 which is only replaced when needed. The line item for Fire/Chemicals is \$2,000. We had another expense in this line item earlier this year and with this invoice will take the line item over its budgeted amount. The Fire Company entire Department will not be over the budgeted amount, but this particular line item is over its budgeted amount. All three invoices were approved for payment.

2. Kevin Chemic, P.E.
Township Engineer

1. We are hopeful that in early March, the Sherwood Park Basketball Court and Pickleball Court will be going out for bidding and hopefully start construction toward end of April.

3. Tyler Meyers, Esquire
For Jason Urich, Esquire
Township Attorney

1. No report. Items are on the Agenda.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1. Ordinance No. 669, Bill No. 2026-01 to Initiate a Referendum for the Purpose of Amending the Township Charter Establishing Contract Bases Tied to the Consumer Price Index (Introduction)

The Attorney introduced Ordinance No. 669, Bill No. 2026-01.

2. Ordinance No. 669, Bill No. 2026-01 to Initiate a Referendum for the Purpose of Amending the Township Charter Establishing Contract Bases Tied to the Consumer Price Index (Discussion & Vote)

Motion: I move for the recommendation to adopt Ordinance No. 669, Bill No. 2026-01 to Initiate a Referendum for the Purpose of Amending the Township Charter Establishing Contract Bases Tied to the Consumer Price Index as presented by the Attorney.

Heimbecker, Lawlor: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Payroll (01/30/26) and Payroll (01/16/2026); Voucher Nos. 29118-29124 (Prepays); Voucher Nos. 29091-29093 (paid from 1/12/26 BL); Voucher Nos. 29125-29163 from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$185,918.32; Voucher Nos. 4793-4795 from the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$53,543.38; Voucher No. 686 from the Distribution Account; Voucher Nos. 4855-4859 from the Water Account in the amount of \$3,307.26; Voucher Nos. 6704-6712 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$33,489.61; Voucher Nos. 5651-5653 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$30,159.81 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$309,444.20.

Paulus, Lawlor: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager