

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 5, 2026
7:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Heimbecker, Cruz, Rossi, Woolley, Paulus; Kevin Chimic, P.E.; Jason Ulrich, Esquire; Melissa A. Wehr; Audrey Anderson

Absent: 0

Attendance: 7

Presentation: Flock Presentation

Jason Trautman, Station Commander of Pennsylvania State Police Troop M in Bethlehem, which provides primary police coverage to the Township, gave a breakdown and recap on what they've been seeing patrol based and crime trending throughout the Township and neighboring communities. Trooper Trautman mentioned that they have a community outreach bringing communities and officers together (i.e. coffee with a cop; hoagies for heroes, trick or treat, etc.)

Trevor Chandler, Senior Director of Public Affairs at Flock, addressed the Board regarding the Flock system. He explained that the system is not programmed to identify race, color, creed or national origin or license plates. They are designed to look for wanted or suspicious vehicles. They are motion censored cameras. It takes a picture of every vehicle that goes in front of it. They are not integrated with any DMV or personal identification records (i.e. social security numbers, date of birth, etc.). It is solely about the vehicle and the crime that that vehicle is alleged to be associated with. The Vice Chairman would like to see more transparency so that the communities can understand the benefits of a Flock system.

William Kovacs, a resident of the Township, wanted to know who owns the data linked to the data base that the Flock system reads. Mr. Chandler replied that the data is stored and the customer (Hanover Township) owns their data and they decide what other agencies they choose to share the data with. Flock does not sell data. We are not a social media company. Our service is providing public safety technology to communities such as Hanover Township, Lehigh County. Mr. Kovacs mentioned that given the number of power outages that this area has had recently, what happens to the cameras when power is lost for a significant period of time if they are powered by a local utility source. Mr. Chandler replied that their cameras are solar powered. They do offer municipalities the availability to connect them to an AC power. There could be circumstances where the cameras are not powered and active depending on the features of the cameras. Mr. Chandler noted that it is important to know that if the cameras were affected by a power outage, they have internal tracking systems that alert them to that where they then will alert the agencies to the cameras that are potentially either not working or have lost power.

The Manager wanted Council to understand that the Township in fact owns the data and we do not sell it.

Mr. Chandler noted that the great thing about Flock is that it allows communities to customize the system according to their needs. They don't violate the 4th Amendment and don't track individuals like a cell phone in a pocket does. They take a point in time image of the rear of a vehicle. We take every step to ensure that community safety does not come at community values.

The Manager will work with Lt. Trautman to put something together for the Township's newsletter introducing the Flock system in our Township to go with what the Vice Chairman requested that the community know the value of this system and how it reflects on our crime numbers going down.

Courtesy of the Floor:

Louis Daneski with the Watson Land Company/JW came before Council to thank them for their consideration regarding their working hours variance.

Approval of Minutes: July 15, 2026 Special Council Meeting
July 15, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Special Council Meeting Minutes dated July 15, 2026, and accept same as presented.

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

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated July 15, 2026, and accept same as presented.

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

Reports:

1. Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager

1. We renewed our Sam registration for the next year which allows us to apply for grants and receive grant monies.
2. I sent a letter regarding the garbage contract extension. It was received. I have not heard anything back. As soon as I hear back, I will let Council know.
3. There will be a Planning Commission meeting in August for the Airport. No Zoning Hearing Board meeting in August.

4. Our next Public Meeting is August 19. I would appreciate if everyone would walk over to Chestnut Grove and bring their lawn chairs along for Movies in the Park, have a bag of popcorn and watch Spongebob. The prior movie was held in Sherwood and the movie in June was held at Chestnut Grove Park. It was a great turn out of 40-50 children/adults attending total. People were going up to the gentleman who runs the projector and thanking him. It was a humbling experience.
5. Yesterday, the Chairman and I attended the Chicken Salad Chick ribbon cutting ceremony at the Airport Shopping Center. They were overwhelmed with joy at the number of people that showed up. This is the first location in Pennsylvania.
6. Lehigh County will be spraying at Sherwood Park on Monday. They had a high number of mosquitos that tested for the West Nile Virus.
7. There was a minor mishap with one of our fire trucks on Friday and has been reported to our insurance carrier. No damage to the fire truck.
8. I am starting the process of putting together the Budget. If there is anything Council would like included, please let me know.

The Vice Chairman asked if the Township could have a place to drop off tires and computers, laptops, electronics, etc. The Manager will look into both matters and report back.

2. Kevin Chimic, P.E.
Township Engineer

1. No report.

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

1. They have been working with LNAA for the runway expansion. Negotiations have been going fairly well and should be finalized soon.

Unfinished Business:

1. Resolution No. 2026-42, Adoption of the Five-Year Capital Program for the Years 2027-2031 (Vote)

Motion: I move for the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-42, Adoption of the Five-Year Capital Program for the Years 2027-2031 as presented.

Heimbecker, Woolley: Moved and Seconded
Heimbecker, Cruz, Rossi, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

New Business:

1. Authorization for Township Manager to Sign on Sanitary Sewer Utility HOP Permit for Lehigh Valley Academy Black Box Theater (Vote)

Motion: I move for Authorization for Township Manager to Sign on Sanitary Sewer Utility HOP Permit for Lehigh Valley Academy Black Box Theater as presented by the Township Engineer.

Heimbecker, Rossi: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Cruz, Rossi, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

2. LNAA Taxiway A & Parking garage request to Amend Condition #2 of Resolution 2026-366 Granting Conditional approval for Preliminary/Final Land Development Plans (Vote)

Motion: I move we approve LNAA Taxiway A & Parking garage request to Amend Condition #2 of Resolution 2026-366 Granting Conditional approval for Preliminary/Final Land Development Plans.

Heimbecker, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Cruz, Rossi, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

3. Authorization for the Manager to Release Payment #3, for SLC Excavating, LLC for the Sherwood Park Pickleball and Basketball Courts Project in the Amount of \$41,408.47 (Vote)

Motion: I move for Authorization for the Manager to Release Payment #3, for SLC Excavating, LLC for the Sherwood Park Pickleball and Basketball Courts Project in the Amount of \$41,408.47 as recommended by the Township Engineer.

Heimbecker, Rossi: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Cruz, Rossi, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Payroll (07/17/26), Payroll (07/31/26); PNC (ACH); Voucher Nos. 29484-29485 (Prepays); Voucher Nos. 29486-29504 from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$104,079.89; Voucher Nos. 4811-4812 from the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$224,607.91; Voucher Nos. 4897-4899 from the Water Account in the amount of \$7,260.95; PNC (ACH); Voucher Nos. 6764-6768 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$19,523.89; Voucher Nos. 5707-5717 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$9,199.89 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$364,672.53.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Cruz, Rossi, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager