

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 6, 2022  
7:30 P.M.

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

Absent: 0

Attendance: 5

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: March 16, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move that the March 16, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be amended to the Attorney's request.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Woolley, Paulus:

Tocci:

Aye

Nay

Reports:

1. Melissa A. Wehr  
Township Manager

1. Interviews have begun for the Receptionist position this week. The Township Manager is hopeful that within the next week position will be filled.

2. The Township Manager has River Central maps that are in draft form for the Board's review.

3. Proposed Eagle Scout Tim Cline was doing a food donation drive for his Eagle Scout project. The Township Manager was contacted to see if they could place a donation box at the Municipal Building. His goal was 5,000 items. He met and exceeded his goal with a total of 6,441 items.

4. As a bit of interest, the Township Manager attended the Chamber of Commerce Annual Mayor of Municipal Official Reception last week. The former manager at Hanover Township, Chris Garges, received Township Manager of the Year through the Chamber.

2. Al Kortze, P.E.  
Township Engineer



Jonathan Gerardo, Director of Design and Construction for the Rockefeller Group explained the Exhibits. Mr. Gerardo said if the Council for some reason still thinks that by Ordinance they should have to tie in, they respectfully request some relief from that Ordinance for this one particular remote restroom on Airport property. One of the Councilmen asked why they are being required to connect. The Township Manager explained that when she reviewed the chapter that has the Ordinance that is referenced, it requires connection of an improved property to sewer system if the primary building on the property is within 150 feet of the sewer system. The Township Attorney read out loud the section in the Ordinance relating to this situation. He explained that even though the principal building is not within 150 feet, it would not have to be connected if it weren't connected. The Ordinance also provides for exceptions for certain circumstances and the circumstances here are certainly unique for a small facility in that great distance. As far as the Township Manager, as with the zoning, she does not have the right to make the decisions on the exceptions even if the primary building is beyond 150 feet. If it is connected, then other buildings on that property as they have sewage needs would have to be connected to the system unless Council gives an exception. A discussion ensued.

The Chairman of Council said the Township has always made everyone connect to the public sewer whether you are a resident or business. The purpose of the Ordinance is to get rid of tanks and septs for the betterment of the environment. A discussion ensued.

Motion: I move that Council make the exception to grant LNAA relief from connecting to the public sanitary sewer.

Tocci, Moved  
No one seconded Motion  
The Motion died.

3. Resolution No. 2022-27, Resolution to Amend Han-Le-Co Purchasing Policy to Provide for Appropriations of Grants, Contributions or Matching Funds (Vote)

The Township Attorney explained that the Han-Le-Co Purchasing Policy in place is a complete budget cycle description of procedures for Han-Le-Co. It provides for them to make presentations to the Township Manager both with regard to their Capital needs and with regard to their Operating Fund needs. It provides for them to give a report once a year in September for the Expenditures they made in the prior year in a general manner. It then continues on to provide how the funds will be disbursed that relates to items that are line items (i.e. air packs, etc.). The Township Attorney proposes to add to the existing policy some language that specifically will deal with matching funds and contributions. Basically, it will state that if Council designates something to be a contribution, then once the appropriation is made and the Budget is passed, when monies are available as in other items that are in the Budget, the Township Manager can provide that as a lump sum payment. If it is a matching fund item, then the only thing the Township Manager has to do is to make certain that the Fire Company has raised or received the necessary amount of the funds that triggered the match. That is



A Council Member said that this is an honor befitting Mr. Thomas. He is a great public servant.

Motion: I move we approve the Promulgation Acknowledging Mark Thomas as Small-Town Volunteer Award as presented by the Township Manager.

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

5. Resolution No. 2022-29, A Resolution Proclaiming May 2, 2022 as Pennsylvania State Police Day in Hanover Township (Vote)

The Township Manager said this is something that Hanover Township has done for many years, and she is proud to be a part of it since she has joined the Township. It is a proclamation setting aside May 2, 2022 as Pennsylvania State Police Day in Hanover Township, Lehigh County.

Motion: I move we adopt Resolution No. 2022-29, A Resolution Proclaiming May 2, 2022 as Pennsylvania State Police Day in Hanover Township, as presented by the Township Manager.

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

Courtesy of the Floor:

The Fire Chief mentioned that he has a lot of the repairs that were needed on the fire trucks over the past few years completed. The trucks are in approximately 98% good shape. The ladder truck is in need of tires, which are over seven years old. He is in the process of getting some quotes for the tires. One quote is \$6,000 for 10 tires. He will follow up with more information at the next meeting. April is Autism Awareness Month. He knows someone with a young boy who has severe autism and likes emergency vehicles. On April 16, he invited them to the fire station. NREMS will be in attendance, and he is trying to get a State Police vehicle to be there as well. If anyone from the Township would like to attend in support that would be welcomed. As soon as they have a time nailed down, he will email the Township Manager with the information.

At this time, Councilman Tocci submitted his official Letter of Resignation from the Hanover Township Council as of this date. He wished everyone in attendance, along with the staff, employees, and fire company personnel who are not present the very best health and well being for themselves and their families. The Chairman of Council thanked him for his service.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Wehr  
Township Manager