

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 6, 2024
7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: 0

Attendance: 7

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting February 21, 2024

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the February 21, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded
Heimbecker, Lawlor, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye Unan.

Reports:

1. Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager

Regarding River Central, there is an Intermunicipal Agreement implementation that was sent out to Council. She asked that they review it and if they have any comments to let her know in the next couple of days. They are getting ready to vote as a group with that; and, if any changes, she will have the Township's legal counsel review it.

One of the Public Works employee completed the training for his Wastewater Treatment System License. We have two of the older Public Works employees that are grandfathered in.

At the last meeting, it was questioned about street lights that are out down at the park. This was reported several times to PPL.

The Vice Chairman questioned a car parked at Sherwood Park. Manager replied Code Enforcement will be on the look out for it. We are looking to upgrading the cameras this year.

We have hired a new Public Works employee to fill the vacancy after the one employee retired after 36 plus years. He had experience here and we feel the best fit for the Township. He will be starting on April 1. We are still searching for a Code Enforcement Officer.

If anyone has anything they want added to the Township Spring Letter, please let the Manager know within the next couple of weeks so that it can be included.

Work will continue on Sherwood Street with microsurfacing in early May. Additionally, PennDOT is working with Southern Traffic Services to collect traffic data on municipality-owned roads throughout the region beginning March 4 and lasting until November 24. There are two roads in the Township that are affected. One is Postal Road and the other is Hoover Avenue.

The Vice Chairman mentioned that he had called the Manager regarding the white matter on his car and other cars in the neighborhood. The Manager sent Code and Public Works out to the neighborhood and couldn't find the source. The Manager asked the Council member to advise her if it happens again and she will do more digging and see what she can find.

2. Kevin Camic, P.E.
Township Engineer

The Public Works Supervisor and staff from my office met with the contractor for the stormwater projects that were bid and approved in November. They met at all three sites, Canal Park, the Public Works garage on Postal Rd. and at the Allendale swale. The contractor is hoping to start work the week of March 18, weather dependent. They will be reconstructing portions on all three swales.

The Vice Chairman questioned the schedule for the Catasauqua Rd./Pennsylvania Ave. work. The Engineer replied that the project has not been bid out as of yet, but will include a sanitary project on Marcon Blvd. and repaving some roads. They want to get the sanitary sewer work done before scheduling the road repaving.

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

The Attorney's items are on the Agenda.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1. Resolution No. 2024-37, A Resolution Granting Preliminary Land Development Approval, 795 Roble Road (Vote)

Dan Lyons, the attorney representing the Applicant and Don Peters from Bohler Engineers, the engineer for the project and the Applicant were present this evening. Mr. Lyons gave a brief summary on the project.

clarify, the Attorney added it in so that the first line now reads, each improved property and each primary commercial building shall be connected separately and independently with the sewer main through a building sewer two-way lateral so it goes through the building's sewer to the lateral at the point where it connects the point between the public system and the private system. The Water Ordinance states a water lateral is also the public line from the water main to the side of the road. The words that were added to this version were the words, to a lateral. This was added there and also in A and B. The first thing to do is present a motion to amend Bill No. 2024-01 to add after the words, building sewer, where they appear in the Bill, the words "two-way lateral".

Motion: I recommend the change to Bill No. 2024-01, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18-201 of the Statutory Code of Hanover Township to Prohibit Connecting More than One Primary Commercial Building on a Property by a Single Building Sewer, in the first paragraph of 18-201 labeled Independent Connections through a Building Sewer at the end of this sentence, the words "two-way lateral" and a similar change is made to subparagraph A and subparagraph B as explained by the Attorney.

Heimbecker, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

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

Motion: I recommend we table Bill No. 2024-01, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18-201 of the Statutory Code of Hanover Township to Prohibit Connecting More than One Primary Commercial Building on a Property by a Single Building Sewer as amended this evening to be tabled until we have clarification from the Attorney.

Heimbecker, Lawlor: Moved and Seconded

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

The Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

3. Responsibility of Removal of Street Trees in Hanover Township (Review and Discussion)

The Attorney said that the question is will Council require the street trees to be removed and if that is the case who does Council wish to be responsible for the cost of removal. A discussion followed.

Motion: I recommend approval of the Responsibility of Removal of Street Trees on Troxell Street in Hanover Township as previously discussed and for the Township Manager to hire and pay a tree removal service.

Heimbecker, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Rossi, Woolley:

Paulus:

Aye

Nay

Approval of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Payroll (03/01/2024), Voucher Nos. 27801-27823 from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$67,334.82; Voucher No. 4686-4687 from the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$13,563.51; Voucher Nos. 225 from Liquid Fuels in the amount of \$5,940.03; Voucher Nos. 4691 from the Water Account in the amount of \$104.18; Voucher Nos. 6435-6442 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$5,061.95; Voucher Nos. 5418-5419 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$37,376.39 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$129,380.88.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Rossi, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager