

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

August 7, 2024
5:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Heimbecker, Lawlor, Rossi, Woolley, Paulus; Melissa A. Wehr; Josef Fragnito, Vicky Roth, Audrey Anderson

Absent: 0

Attendance: 0

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

New Business:

1. Public Hearing – Five-Year Capital Program 2025-2029 (Review and Discussion)

The Manager reviewed each program with the Board.

Sinkholes/Stormwater Projects. MS-4 related projects for 2025 and some unanticipated costs related to storm water projects with funding of \$175,000. In 2026 to 2029, we have the MS-4 related projects.

Traffic Congestion. We are projected to appropriate \$300,000 from General Fund toward this line item. Improvements for traffic congestion, the Manager included \$225,000 for the FLOCK system for the streetlights, i.e. license plate readers. The Manager received two proposals from FLOCK. One locks us in for two years and one is for five years. Goodman Properties is budgeting \$8,000 per year to donate toward the cost of the cameras. The Manager is looking at the possibility of grants. One came across from FEMA, which she believes we would be eligible for. She will do further research and if we are eligible, she will apply for it. FLOCK is also actively pursuing and looking for any additional grants that we could apply for. We may be able to apply for the Multi-Model grant coming up in the fall. A discussion ensued. The 12 cameras is for two years would be \$200,000 and for five years would be \$219,800. The 12 cameras for 24 months or two years would be a total of \$89,300. The first year is always a little bit higher, it's the \$45,800 due to the install of the camera. That is for the install, the upkeep, the maintenance. Everything is handled through their system and through the state police. After discussion, Council agreed on the five-year proposal to start however, they want to review the contract before the final decision is made. We are also looking at the upgrade of the street lights in the area of Valley Plaza Shopping Center. The total line-item cost depends upon the cost of the license plate readers and if Council wants to pursue the two-year or five-year proposal. Future projects include anticipating perhaps a potential traffic signal light at Airport Road and Grove Road and possibly one at Race St. and Cascade Drive. These are state roads, so the state would be the driving bus on that.

Future Roads. In 2025, the project we would like to do would be the Upper Lloyd mill and overlay reconstruction and would appropriate \$700,000 for that bid. For years 2026 through 2029, we are looking at Lower Lloyd to mill, overlay and reconstruct Roble Rd., Hangar Place and Hayden Circle to mill and overlay, and Middle Lloyd St. to mill and overlay. Eventually the Grove Rd. curb and drainage and widening may be done, but this cost is undetermined at this time.

Catastrophe Fund. We are appropriating \$25,000 into that fund for unanticipated emergencies.

Township Parks. For 2025, I am appropriating \$1,440,680 into that fund which includes the grant that we got for the D&L. Some of the work will be starting now with the design and then next year it will be the construction. Hopefully, the D&L Trail will be completed by the end of 2025. Other projects for next year, are hoping to do the design and possible construction for the basketball and pickleball court at Sherwood Park, install a gazebo and fence and any other unrelated Township Park projects. The 2026 to 2029 projects are possible to pave, mill and overlay the Canal Park and Chestnut Grove Park lots. I would like to upgrade the memorial for the veterans at Canal Park.

Fire. The Fire Apparatus Replacement, we're appropriating \$243,295 for next year. I put \$750,000 in because Lehigh County is upgrading the radio system. The whole valley is going to have to replace the radios. The County is buying them and we would get a reduced cost because of the sheer volume. They're looking for grants as well. I am in the process of evaluating the vehicles that we have and what the actual cost to be replace them would be. The costs would span it over the lifetime so that as we're replacing, we're not getting behind the eight ball.

Public Works Replacement Program. The public works utility truck costs may be delivered in late 2024 or 2025. As it is, we were able to get the administration vehicle for \$29,000 instead of the budgeted \$40,000. Future public works vehicle replacement, when necessary, would be a street sweeper and another utility pickup.

Building Maintenance. For 2025, include appropriating \$300,000 for the building maintenance. Projects include upgrading our phone system that hasn't been upgraded. It's at the end of life, with no more upgrades, and we cannot purchase parts for it. HVAC replacement in the municipal building may be replaced. We're completing upgrades to the camera system in all Township owned buildings and any unanticipated costs that would come up with maintenance for the building project or building maintenance for projects. The 2026 to 2029 capital repairs or improvements when necessary and we need to replace the public works roof. When built, they put a thinner membrane on which is not as thick as what it should be, so it is a larger project than what we anticipated because of the solar panels on there. They would have to be removed to put the new roof on. The solar panels become brittle with age and may need to be upgraded.

Sewer System Improvements. We will appropriate \$500,000 from the Sewer account. The planned projects for 2025 will be upgrades at Station 3, upgrading the HVAC at Station 1, and any other unanticipated costs. For the years 2026 through 2029, we are looking at lining of the existing sanitary sewer line on Marcon Blvd. and possibly replacement of the aging system projects including Postal Rd. sanitary sewer lines, Upper Loyd St. replacement and the pavement of the sewer pump Stations 3 and 5.

Water System Program. For 2025, we are projecting to appropriate \$150,000 from the Water Fund for the capital projects for unanticipated costs. We are finishing up with the water meters this year. Future projects for 2026 through 2029, would include looking into upgrading the antiquated and aging water system with the valves, hydrants, or anything else along those lines.

The Manager reviewed the chart noting the total for each category. The total allocation would be \$3,383,975 for all the General Fund and the Water and Sewer would take it up to \$4,033,975.

Courtesy of the Floor:

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager