

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

January 8, 2024
6:45 P.M.

Council was sworn in by the Township Clerk.

In the absence of a Chairman for the Hanover Township Council for the year 2024, the Township Manager, Melissa Wehr, called the meeting to order at this time and roll call was taken.

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

Absent: 0

Attendance: 1

New Business:

1. Resolution No. 2024-1 Providing for the Appointment of Robert Lawlor to the Hanover Township Council, Filling a Vacancy (Vote)

Motion: I move that Robert Lawlor be nominated to fill the vacancy for Council Member of the Hanover Township Council for the year 2024.

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

The Township Manager advised that currently there is no Chairman for the Hanover Township Council for the year 2024 and in that regard, Manager requested nominations from the floor for the position of Chairman of the Hanover Township Council in 2024. The following Motion was received:

2. Resolution No. 2024-2, Providing for the election of a Chairman for the Hanover Township Council (Vote)

Motion: I move that Bob Heimbecker be nominated for the position of Chairman of the Hanover Township Council for the year 2024.

Woolley:
There was no second and the Motion died.

Motion: I move that Bruce Paulus be nominated for the position of Chairman of the Hanover Township Council for the year 2024.

Heimbecker, Lawlor: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Rossi, Woolley: Aye Unan.

At this point in the meeting, Township Manager closed nominations for Chairman and handed meeting over to the Chairman.

3. Resolution No. 2024-3, Providing for the election of a Vice-Chairman of the Hanover Township Council

The Chairman requested nominations from the floor for the position of Vice Chairman of the Hanover Township Council for the year 2024. The following Motion was made:

Motion: I move that Bob Heimbecker be nominated for the position of Vice Chairman of the Hanover Township Council for the year 2024.

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

4. Resolution No. 2024-4, Designating financial institutions as depository for Township accounts (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-4, Designating financial institutions as depository for Township accounts.

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

5. Resolution No. 2024-5, Establishing Council Meetings (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-5, Establishing Council Meetings.

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

6. Resolution No. 2024-6, Establishing Salary of Township Manager (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-6, Establishing Salary of the Township Manager.

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

7. Resolution No. 2024-7, Providing for the Appointment of Berkheimer Associates as Tax Collector

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-7, Providing for the Appointment of Berkheimer Associates as Tax Collector.

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

8. Resolution No. 2024-8, Providing for the Appointment of a Township Solicitor (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-8, Providing for the Appointment of Township Solicitor.

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

9. Resolution No. 2024-9, Providing for the Appointment of a Township Engineer (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-9, Providing for the Appointment of a Township Engineer.

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

10. Resolution No. 2024-10, Providing for the Appointment of a Township Zoning Hearing Board Attorney (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-10, Providing for the Appointment of a Township Zoning Hearing Board Attorney.

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

11. Resolution No. 2024-11, Providing for the Appointment of a Township Planning Commission Attorney (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-11, Providing for the Appointment of a Township Planning Commission Attorney.

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

12. Resolution No. 2024-12, Providing for the Appointment of a Township Building Code Official (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-12, Providing for the Appointment of a Township Building Code Official.

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

13. Resolution No. 2024-13, Providing for the Appointment of a Township Auditor (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-13, Providing for the Appointment of a Township Auditor

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

14. Resolution No. 2024-14, Providing for the Appointment of a Township SEO Officer (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-14, Providing for the Appointment of a Township SEO Officer.

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

15. Resolution No. 2024-15, Providing for the Appointment of an Alternate Township SEO Officer (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-15, Providing for the Appointment of an Alternate Township SEO Officer.

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

16. Resolution No. 2024-16, Providing for the Appointment of a Township Tax Collector (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-16, Providing for the Appointment of a Township Tax Collector.

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

17. Resolution No. 2024-17, Providing for the Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-17, Providing for the Appointment of an Emergency Management Coordinator.

Paulus, Lawlor: Moved and Seconded

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

18. Resolution No. 2024-18, Providing for the Appointment of a Township Fire Marshal (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-18, Providing for the Appointment of a Township Fire Marshal.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

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

19. Resolution No. 2024-19, Providing for the Appointment of a Deputy Tax Collector (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-19, Providing for the Appointment of a Deputy Tax Collector

Paulus, Heimbecker: Moved and Seconded

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

20. Resolution No. 2024-20, Providing for the Appointment of a Voting Delegate to the Lehigh County Tax Collection Committee (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-20, Providing for the Appointment of Vote Delegates to the Lehigh County Tax Collection Committee.

Paulus, Lawlor: Moved and Seconded

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

21. Resolution No. 2024-21, Providing for the Reappointment of Jason Engelman to the Hanover Township Planning Commission (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-21, Providing for the Reappointment of Jason Engelman to the Hanover Township Planning Commission.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

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

22. Resolution No. 2024-22, Providing for the Reappointment of Jean Rossi to the Hanover Township Planning Commission (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-22, Providing for the Reappointment of Jean Rossi to the Hanover Township Planning Commission.

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

23. Resolution No. 2024-23, Providing for the Reappointment of Priscilla Paulus to the Hanover Township Recreation Commission (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-23, Providing for the Reappointment of Priscilla Paulus to the Hanover Township Recreation Commission.

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

24. Resolution No. 2024-24, Providing for the Reappointment of Stephanie Murray to the Hanover Township Recreation Commission (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-24, Providing for the Reappointment of Stephanie Murray to the Hanover Township Recreation Commission.

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

25. Resolution No. 2024-25, Providing for the Reappointment of Dean Hausman to the Hanover Township Zoning Hearing Board (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-25, Providing for the Reappointment of Dean Hausman to the Hanover Township Zoning Hearing Board.

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

26. Resolution No. 2024-26, Providing for the Reappointment of Stacey Dean to the Hanover Township Personnel Board (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-26, Providing for the Reappointment of Stacey Dean to the Hanover Township Personnel Board.

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

27. Resolution No. 2024-27, Providing for the Reappointment of Diane (Ricki) Bonn to the Hanover Township Personnel Board (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-27, Providing for the Reappointment of Diane (Ricki) Bonn to the Hanover Township Personnel Board.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

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

28. Resolution No. 2024-28, Providing for the Appointment of Paul J. Harak, Esquire as Conflicting Attorney for the Hanover Township Zoning Hearing Board (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-28, Providing for the Appointment of Paul J. Harak, Esquire as Conflicting Attorney for the Hanover Township Zoning Hearing Board.

Paulus, Rossi: Moved and Seconded

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

29. Resolution No. 2024-29, Providing for the Appointment of Kevin Fogerty, Esquire as Conflicting Attorney for the Hanover Township Zoning Hearing Board (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-29, Providing for the Appointment of Kevin Fogerty, Esquire to the Hanover Township Conflicting Attorney for the Zoning Hearing Board.

Paulus, Lawlor: Moved and Seconded

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

30. Resolution No. 2024-30, Providing for the Appointment of Paul J. Harak, Esquire as Conflicting Attorney for the Hanover Township Planning Commission (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-30, Providing for the Appointment of Paul J. Harak, Esquire as Conflicting Attorney for the Hanover Township Planning Commission.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

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

31. Resolution No. 2024-31, Providing for the Appointment of Richard Nauroth to the Hanover Township Planning Commission (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-31, Providing for the Appointment of Richard Nauroth to the Hanover Township Planning Commission.

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

32. Resolution No. 2024-32, Providing for the Adoption of an Emergency Operations Plan for Hanover Township, Lehigh County (Vote)

Motion: I move that we adopt Resolution No. 2024-32, Providing for the Adoption of an Emergency Operations Plan for Hanover Township, Lehigh County.

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

32. General discussion and Overview for the Year 2024.

The Township Manager said 2024 will be a busy year. We are waiting to hear if we are getting the grant for the basketball court at Sherwood Park along with the pickleball court. It's been an exciting year overall with the continuation of Community Night in August. We will also be having a movie night this year on Fridays in May, June, July and then wrapping up with Community Night in August.

The Chairman thanked the Board for their vote, he appreciates it and takes the position seriously and always has Hanover in his foremost thoughts.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager