

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

January 9, 2023
7:00 P.M.

In the absence of a Chairman for the Hanover Township Council for the year 2023, 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

Absent: 0

Attendance: 2

New Business:

1. Resolution No. 2023-1 Providing for the election of a Chairman of the Hanover Township Council

The Township Manager advised that currently there is no Chairman for the Hanover Township Council for the year 2023 and in that regard, Manager requested nominations from the floor for the position of Chairman of the Hanover Township Council in 2023. The following Motion was received:

Motion: I move that Bruce Paulus be nominated for the position of Chairman of the Hanover Township Council for the year 2023.

At this point in the meeting, Township Manager closed nominations for Chairman.

Heimbecker, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

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

2. Resolution No. 2023-2 Providing for the election of a Vice-Chairman of the Hanover Township Council

The Chairman advised the Board that currently there is no Vice Chairman for the Hanover Township Council for the year 2023; and in that regard, the Chairman requested nominations from the floor for the position of Vice Chairman of the Hanover Township Council for the year 2023. In that regard, 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 2023.

Woolley, Lawlor: Moved and Seconded

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

At this point in the meeting, the Council Vice Chairman suggested that Resolutions No. 2023-3 through 2022-28 be combined.

3. Resolution No. 2023-3 Designating financial institutions as depository for Township accounts (Vote)
4. Resolution No. 2023-4 Establishing Council Meetings (Vote)
5. Resolution No. 2023-5 Establishing Salary of Township Manager (Vote)
6. Resolution No. 2023-6 Providing for the Appointment of Berkheimer Associates as Tax Collector
7. Resolution No. 2023-7 Providing for the Appointment of a Township Solicitor (Vote)
8. Resolution No. 2023-8 Providing for the Appointment of a Township Engineer (Vote)
9. Resolution No. 2023-9 Providing for the Appointment of a Township Zoning Hearing Board Attorney
10. Resolution No. 2023-10 Providing for the Appointment of a Township Planning Commission Attorney (Vote)
11. Resolution No. 2023-11 Providing for the Appointment of a Township Building Code Official (Vote)
12. Resolution No. 2023-12 Providing for the Appointment of a Township Auditor (Vote)
13. Resolution No. 2023-13 Providing for the Appointment of a Township SEO Officer (Vote)
14. Resolution No. 2023-14 Providing for the Appointment of an Alternate Township SEO Officer (Vote)
15. Resolution No. 2023-15 Providing for the Appointment of a Township Tax Collector (Vote)
16. Resolution No. 2023-16 Providing for the Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator (Vote)

17. Resolution No. 2023-17 Providing for the Appointment of a Township Fire Marshal (Vote)
18. Resolution No. 2023-18 Providing for the Providing for the Appointment of a Deputy Tax Collector (Vote)
19. Resolution No. 2023-19 Providing for the Appointment of a Voting Delegate to the Lehigh County Tax Collection Committee (Vote)
20. Resolution No. 2023-20 Providing for the Reappointment of Mark Thomas to the Hanover Township Planning Commission (Vote)
21. Resolution No. 2023-21 Providing for the Reappointment of Robin Yoder to the Hanover Township Planning Commission (Vote)
22. Resolution No. 2023-22 Providing for the Reappointment of Larry Hawk to the Hanover Township Planning Commission (Vote)
23. Resolution No. 2023-23 Providing for the Reappointment of Mark Thomas to the Hanover Township Recreation Commission (Vote)
24. Resolution No. 2023-24 Providing for the Reappointment of Joe Kirk to the Hanover Township Recreation Commission (Vote)
25. Resolution No. 2023-25 Providing for the Reappointment of Eileen Koller to the Hanover Township Personnel Board (Vote)
26. Resolution No. 2023-26 Providing for the Appointment of Kathy Armellino to the Hanover Township Recreation Commission (Vote)
27. Resolution No. 2023-27 Providing for the Appointment of Kathy Armellino to the Hanover Township Zoning Hearing Board (Vote)
28. Resolution No. 2023-28 Providing for the Appointment of Eamon Murray as an Alternate to the Hanover Township Zoning Hearing (Vote)

Motion: I recommend we adopt Resolution No. 2023-3 through No. 2023-28 as listed on this Agenda as one vote.

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

29. General discussion and Overview for the Year 2023.

The Township Manager said she is looking forward in 2023 to the finalization of the River Central Comprehensive Plan which will be before Council this year to be adopted. She is also anticipating the sewer line upgrades at the Allendale Apartments area being completed this year. Also this year, she is anticipating the Catasauqua Rd. Valley Plaza pedestrian walkway upgrades which include a new modern bus shelter put in by LANTA who worked with the Township Engineer. It will make for a safe transition from one side of the road to the other for the highly used bus stop for both sides of the road. It's exciting being in Hanover Township this time of the year. While you would think businesses are slowing down, this is the time of year they are gearing up. She has had several phone calls from businesses inquiring as to what the process is to open a business in Hanover Township. There will be a few more grand openings coming into Hanover Township in the year to come. This year will bring on new challenges. Hopefully, the challenge of COVID is at least in the rear-view mirror. She and her staff are looking forward to new challenges in 2023.

The Vice Chairman asked the Manager to give a quick overview on the Canal trail. The Manager said the last thing the Council voted on regarding the trail was applying for a grant which has not yet been awarded. There are two grants out there for that. The Manager is anticipating them being voted on in the early part of this year. Hopefully, by February we will hear from one, if not, both of them. One of the Councilmen said that Representative Jeannie McNeill sends out emails on how things are progressing with this. The Vice Chairman asked how the Township is set going into this winter with vehicles and salt. The Manager replied that we are in good shape. She stated that they use the state contract for salt purchases, which is a cooperative contract, and gets us the best price we could possibly get. Regarding the maintenance of the trucks, the Public Works Supervisor and his staff do an excellent job of keeping them maintained and what they can't maintain inhouse, they make sure they get maintained. Our fleet of vehicles is in excellent condition.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager