

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 18, 2023
7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: 0

Attendance: 3

At this time, the Chairman asked for a moment of silence for a member of the Hanover family, Corey Sands. Mr. Sands served on the Zoning Hearing Board and on Council for many years.

Courtesy of the Floor:

We have been awarded the \$693,000 grant which the Township applied for down at the D&L Trail through the DNCR. To date, we do not have any news on the Multi-module for the full amount of the grant; and, that announcement will take place in March. Liz Rosencrans, Trail and Stewardship Manager for the D&L National Corridor, is in attendance and was gracious enough to bring maps along to show the trail and the portion that will be in Hanover which the funding will go towards. The Township Attorney asked if the Township received the full amount what would it be used for. The Manager replied that the full amount is for the engineering, the design and the construction of the piece that is in Hanover Township that is not developed as of yet. The Multi-module grant which the Township applied for is for the full amount which is \$1,400,000, through the D&L which allowed for the Township to apply for these grants. The Township is guaranteed the \$693,000 through DCNR. This grant came up after the Township applied for the Multi-module. We were anticipating hearing on the Multi-module in November of last year, but it was pushed back to December, then January and now to March of this year. Just to cover the bases, we applied for the other one through the DCNR. We did not know how the economy will be or the area down through Allentown which floods, but if we receive a portion of the Multi-module it should cover any extras or unforeseen costs that come up. Ms. Rosencrans said that to clarify the funding announcement that came up in November, it allocated \$5,000,000 for three projects on the Canal side, one of which is Hanover Township. That estimate was put together knowing the full cost of the Township's trail section to engineer it, obtain permits and construction. That funding allocation made by DCNR with the assistance of Senator Pat Browne was set to fully fund your project. Your grant that was applied for awarded by DCNR was a way to drawing down your DCNR portion of that allocation. The other half of the project that the Township needs funding for, if it is not awarded through MTF, are covered under the Senator Browne portion of that allocation. We would work with Senator Browne by writing an application or a letter to actually get that money in hand. But, it has been allocated to Hanover Township. The MTF grant went in before we knew about any of this. If they award the Township that money, that's fantastic, but if they don't, you have a very solid backup plan. A discussion ensued. Ms. Rosencrans thanked the Board for

allowing her to work on this project. She said this is the largest funding announcement that they have every seen along the D&L and to have it followed up quickly by awards is amazing.

Approval of Minutes: 1. Reorganization Council Meeting January 9, 2023
2. Special Council Meeting January 9, 2023

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the January 9, 2023 Reorganization Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

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

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the January 9, 2023, Special Council Meeting and accept same as presented.

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

Reports:

1. Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager

1. There was a fire at one of our resident's home on N. Irving Street last Friday. The residents made it out, but is displaced from their home. There will be more information to follow on this in the future.

2. February 1st is the Council Meeting for the Bid opening for the Catasauqua Rd. pedestrian crossing upgrades.

3. One of the ongoing projects that the Township is working on is the River Central project. We are at the stage where they met with our Planning Commission last evening and I would like to set up a workshop including the Council. We can work out a date via email and have the Township Attorney available as well for discussion and background on River Central and to bring everyone up to date on its development. They are looking for intermunicipal cooperation.

4. A property sold on Willowbrook Road and the deed transfer was well beyond the expectation for what I budgeted for and met that part of the budget after nine days into the year.

5. PSATS puts out a yearly calendar with lots of information on upcoming workshops and when the reports are due. They asked for some photos and I have submitted some to them; and, one of our pictures from Community Days made it into the calendar. All the municipalities across the state have this calendar with one of our Public Works employees' photo from Community Days in it.

2. Al Kortze, P.E.
Township Engineer

1. Regarding the Allendale Sewer Project, the sewer lining crew is going to finish up tomorrow and we have a few sanitary manholes that they have to slip line. That will be completed by Friday. There will be some testing that will take place, i.e. pressure and air testing of the lines and the manholes. In the Spring, they will do the restoration.

2. As a follow-up to a question at one of the last Council meetings, the New Enterprise work on Troxell Street neighborhood, I have reached out to New Enterprise but haven't received a firm date on when they plan on getting out there. They indicated sometime in Spring. I am hoping to set up a site meeting with them sometime in February just to nail down what they are planning on doing, timing and what kind of disruptions it may have with the traffic flow and parking, etc.

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

1. Mr. Eaton does not have anything to report this evening.

4. Maintenance Report

5. Storm Water Issues – None.

6. Fire Company Report (Written)

7. Code Enforcement Report (Written)

8. Treasurer's Report (Written)

Motion: I move we accept the computer printouts for the General Fund Account, Capital Reserve Account, Escrow Account, Liquid Fuels Account, Sewer Account and Water Account subject to audit.

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

Aye

Unan.

9. Building Inspector's Report (Written)

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1. Resolution No. 2023-29, A Resolution to Appoint Stephanie Murray to the Hanover Township Recreation Committee (Vote)

Motion: I move we adopt Resolution No. 2023-29, A Resolution to Appoint Stephanie Murray to the Hanover Township Recreation Committee as presented.

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

2. Authorization for Bob Heimbecker to attend the 2023 Hershey Convention and Appoint him as the Voting Delegate (Vote)

Motion: I move we accept Authorization for Bob Heimbecker to attend the 2023 Hershey Convention and Appoint him as the Voting Delegate.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded
Heimbecker: Abstained
Lawlor, Rossi, Woolley, Paulus: Aye

3. Resolution No. 2023-30, A Resolution Adopting an Emergency Operations Plan for Hanover Township as presented (Vote)

The Manager said this was inadvertently missed on the Agenda for the first of the year. It has been updated and included on this Agenda.

Motion: I move we adopt Resolution No. 2023-30, A Resolution Adopting an Emergency Operations Plan for Hanover Township as presented.

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

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Voucher Nos. 27037-27055 from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$18,919.78; Voucher Nos. 4589-4592 from Water Account in the amount of \$639.42; Voucher Nos. 6257-6259 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$693.17 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$20,252.37.

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

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager