

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

July 20, 2022
7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Heimbecker; Lawlor

Attendance: 0

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

New Business:

1. Public Hearing – Five-Year Capital Program 2023-2027 (Review and Discussion)

The Township Manager submitted to Council the Five-Year Capital Program that was worked on by herself, the Township Clerk, the Public Works Supervisor and input from the Township Engineer.

Sinkholes/Miscellaneous Stormwater Projects – Completion of the Allendale Swale Repair started this year but in case things don't wrap up, the Manager wanted to make sure this was covered for next year. She included MS4-related projects and anything else that might come up in the year related to this that would need to be fixed. Years 2024-2027 any unanticipated stormwater projects or problems which would come up.

Traffic Congestion – Catasauqua Signal and Pedestrian Crossing Upgrades will be bid in the near future. Depending on timing and how they get started, the Manager wanted a spill over cushion for next year. LANTA will be installing the new bus shelters at this location. Potential future projects for 2024-2027 include a potential traffic signal light at Grove and Airport Road, Race Street and Cascade Drive.

Future Roads - Plans for 2023 include the Catasauqua Road mill and overlay project. This is a follow-up to Traffic Congestion for the upgrade of the traffic signal. The years 2024-2028 includes the Marcon Blvd. mill and overlay, possible curbing on Grove Road including drainage and widening.

Catastrophe Fund - Monies are set aside for this fund with the hopes that we never have to use it. We have used some in the past few years with the recent pandemic.

Township Parks - Plans for 2023 include upgrading park equipment and upgrading signage, which include park identification signs at all parks. We will be taking the theme from the Canal Park concrete sign structure to all the parks so all parks are uniform and to show that they are all part of Hanover Township and will be upgrading all the parks' rules signs.

Sewer System Improvements - Plans for 2023 include the sanitary sewer line replacement in the Valley Plaza Shopping Center, the gas detection replacement at all pump stations and some pump station upgrades at Stations 1, 3 and 5. Also, included are some unanticipated sewer repairs. Years 2024-2028 include the lining of the existing sanitary sewer line on Marcon Blvd., replacing the sewer line on Marcon Blvd. and the easement behind Morris Black. Future projects may include the Postal Road sanitary sewer line.

Fire Apparatus - The Manager kept the cost the same since there has been no cost adjustment to the purchase price of a new truck since she took over the Manager's role. She has requested it but has not received any feedback. Recommendation for the schedule for the fire trucks is to bump them out another two to five years. The Pumper truck was put in place to be replaced in 2025, but do not feel it will need to be replaced in 2025 and can be pushed out a few more years. They will be evaluated at a later date.

Water System Improvements - The project planned for 2023 is replacement of all the commercial water meters. Years 2024-2028 will be for capital repairs of the Township's present water lines.

Public Works Vehicle Replacement - The Manager included the purchase of the Code car in 2023. Due to the economy, they did an adjustment on the current code car and switched the electric vehicle for the Code car and put the gas vehicle for Administration/Manager use. The replacement of the old Code car is uncertain due to some major repairs to the transmission this year but will be evaluated next year.

Municipal Building Maintenance - There have been some major repairs deducted from this fund. The plan project for 2023 is audio/visual upgrades for the public meeting room. The Manager is looking to upgrade and make the equipment more user friendly for developers and presentations. Years 2024-2028 include building this fund back up in case of any emergency repairs or planned repair, i.e. the roof or hvac unit due to age of this building and adjoining building.

The last item in the Capital Program book is the updated Five-Year Capital Program Appropriation and Receipt Schedule. The anticipated appropriations for 2023-2028 is listed.

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager