

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 21, 2024
7:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Heimbecker, Lawlor, Paulus, Rossi, Woolley; Jason Ulrich, Esquire; Kevin Chimics, P.E.; Melissa A. Wehr; Vicky Roth

Absent: 0

Attendance: 2

Courtesy of the Floor

Approval of Minutes: August 7, 2024 Special Council Meeting
August 7, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the August 7, 2024 Special Council Meeting-Capital Budget Minutes and accept same as presented.

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

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the August 7, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes and accept the amended Minutes as presented.

The Attorney stated that on Page 4 under Item 4, the second last sentence reads, “the attorney was surprised to see that only contracts and capital projects can only be approved by Council.” He said that the intent was to say, “they are the only things that are required to be approved by Council.” The Attorney requested that language to be changed to read, “the Attorney stated it was surprising that only agreements for real estate and Capital Projects are required to be approved by Council.”

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

Reports:

1. Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager

Community Night is Tuesday from 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.

At the previous meeting, Council voted for the additional cost the Township for River Central to update the Zoning Map and Zoning Book not to exceed \$8,800. The County will be contributing \$6,000 and change. Our final expenditure cost should be \$2,221 unless there are some other changes required which I would bring to Council for that approval.

I received notice from the Airport concerning a press release noting 101,988 passengers traveled through ABE last month. This is the highest passenger traffic travel on record for a single month!

I received the extension acceptance from JP Mascaro for our garbage contract. I will be finalizing that once the Attorney reviews it.

I spoke with FLOCK and they want to start a pilot program with Hanover Township. They are proposing to install it in October. We would get the benefits of the system for the holiday season. They would not invoice us until January, which would be 90 days after they install it. We would have 30 days after that to pay for it. I have it in our Capital Budget for next year. If we decide after 90 days that it's a system we don't want or don't want to incur the cost, they will come and take the equipment out. If we do decide to keep it, the contract price, and the contract would begin on January 1, 2025 for five years. In addition, to answer some of Council's questions from the previous meeting, we do not own the hardware. They own and maintain it. We own the data and that is what we are paying for. A discussion ensued.

The cost is \$219,800 for five years. The Manager is looking to pursue grants to help defer the cost. She also had a conversation with the owners of the Airport Rd. Shopping Center since there will be cameras placed there. They have set money aside in their budget for this.

2. Kevin Chimic, P.E.
Township Engineer

Regarding the Township Stormwater projects, the contractor is working at the Canal Park retention basin yesterday. There are minor repairs and final stabilization. They started working at the Allendale Swale today and have until the middle of September to complete this project.

The Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehab Project for the LCA manholes, they are about 90% complete. Once finished, they will submit a final application for payment.

The Catasauqua Rd./Marcon Blvd./Irving Street Road Project will be starting Monday, the 26th. The contractors will be working during the day on Marcon Blvd. and doing work overnight on Catasauqua Road. Their schedule as of now runs to early October.

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

There are assessment appeals all by the same owner. They are five different properties, each with an annual real estate tax of less than \$200. We will not take an active part in the case. The attorney for the Catasauqua School District takes the lead. Whatever happens there will affect all of the taxing authorities. He will keep the Attorney informed. We have an understanding that if they need to bring in an

The Engineer said the Township Public Works Supervisor recommended this replacement. The Engineer's concern is that if it is pushed off, it could get to the point where his understanding is they will not order the materials until they get Council's approval. It is a two-week lead time to get the materials. By waiting another two weeks, it is possible they could be close to being finished with the road project and it will cost more because we will have to excavate into the new road that has been partially constructed. A discussion ensued.

Lawlor, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker: Abstained

Rossi: Nay

Lawlor, Woolley, Paulus: Aye

3. Authorization for the approval of a time extension of 32 calendar days from August 29, 2024 to September 30, 2024 for the Marcon Blvd. Sanitary Sewer Project (Vote)

Motion: I recommend authorization for the approval of a time extension of 32 calendar days from August 29, 2024 to September 30, 2024 for the Marcon Blvd. Sanitary Sewer Project as presented by the Township Engineer.

Heimbecker, Rossi: Moved and Seconded

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

4. Authorization to Release Payment #1 in the amount of \$203,832.00 to R-III Construction Inc. for the Marcon Blvd. Easement Sanitary Sewer Lining and Replacement Project (Vote)

Motion: I recommend authorization to Release Payment #1 in the amount of \$203,832.00 to R-III Construction Inc. for the Marcon Blvd. Easement Sanitary Sewer Lining and Replacement Project as recommended by the Township Engineer.

Heimbecker, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

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

5. Resolution No. 2024-44, A Resolution Amending the Open Records Policy (Vote)

Motion: I recommend the adoption of Resolution No. 2024-44, A Resolution Amending the Open Records Policy as presented by the Township Attorney.

Heimbecker, Rossi: Moved and Seconded

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

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Payroll (8/16/2024); Voucher Nos. 28129-28158 from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$551,575.99; Voucher Nos. 4715-4718 from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$271,012.00; Voucher Nos. 4731-4732 from the Water

Account in the amount of \$150,096.00; Voucher Nos. 6492-6501 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$181,386.53; Voucher Nos. 5480-5488 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$2,870.00 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$1,185,145.80.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Lawlor, Rossi, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

Courtesy of the Floor:

A Council Member stated that he would like an email sent to all Council members when an expense item like the \$35,000 discussed this evening for the manholes is going to be presented to them so that they are more informed beforehand.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager