

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 21, 2022
7:30 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Lawlor, Woolley, Paulus; Jackson Eaton, III, Esquire;
Melissa A. Wehr; Vicky Roth

Absent: Councilmen Heimbecker and Rossi

Attendance: 2

Courtesy of the Floor: None

Approval of Minutes: September 7, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the September 7, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Lawlor, Woolley:

Aye

Paulus:

Abstained

Reports:

1. Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager

1. We received the second round of the American Rescue Funds which will be earmarked back into the Sewer Account for the Allendale project.
2. The River Central draft was provided to Council. We have a month to make comments. Please look over it and if there are any questions or comments please let myself or the Township Clerk know no later than October 5 since they are trying to compile all the information and move things along for the next phase to have a formal hearing at each of the municipalities.
3. The Budget is in its final stages in order to get it to the Board by October 1. At this time, I would like to schedule three hearing dates to go over the Budgets and they are tentatively Tuesday, October 18 at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, October 20 at 5:00 p.m. if needed.
4. Regarding the Newsletter/Calendar for 2023, I would like to take Council's photo as well as the Engineer and Attorney before or after the October 5th

Regular Council Meeting. If Council has any suggestions or changes to the Calendar, please let me know.

5. The contact at the Catasauqua School District has reached out to us regarding the needs in the school district. I would like to have a coat drive for the district with the drop off to be at the Township Building beginning in the fall and through the winter season. We will put a flyer on our social media and posted at the Township building. It would be helpful if Council could pass the word along.
 6. We signed up for the low income household water assistance program. They have nearly completed the monies that were set aside for this. They will be closing the applications on Friday, October 28. I will pass this information on to the newspaper to get the word out.
 7. With regarding to the D&L Trail, there is the first of many ribbon cutting ceremony for the Northampton to North Catasauqua D&L Ribbon Cutting on Monday, September 26 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Everyone is invited. It is a one and one-half mile of new trail in Northampton County. We applied for the Multi-Modal DCED Grant. They had their meeting yesterday and I am waiting to hear if we were successful with our grant. This will take care of our park to the border of Allentown on Dauphin Street.
1. Al Kortze, P.E.
Township Engineer
 1. The Sanitary Sewer project at the Allendale Apartments started this week.
 3. J. Jackson Eaton, III, Esquire
Township Attorney
 1. Items are on the Agenda.
 4. Maintenance (Written)

Josef Fragnito, Public Works Supervisor, appeared before the Board to answer any questions.

 1. Sherwood Park should be completed tomorrow.
 2. The insulation and heating of the pole building at the Postal Road facility should be completed within the next couple of weeks.
 3. We are doing water meter and sewer system upgrades and repairs on the monitoring equipment.

4. Street sweeping is coming to an end on October 31st and leaf collections will begin in November.
5. Storm Water Issues. None
6. Fire Company (Written)
7. Code Enforcement (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, Lawlor: Moved and Seconded
Lawlor, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye Unan.

9. Building Inspector (Written)

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Ben Bowen from Keystone Consulting Engineers appeared before the Board to discuss the pending Ordinances.

1. Bill No. 2022-01, An Ordinance Amending the Statutory Code of Hanover Township to Adopt a Stormwater Management Ordinance for the Catasauqua Creek and Lehigh River Sub-Basin 4 Watersheds through Provisions Designed to meet Legal Water Quality Requirements Under State Law, Preserve Natural Drainage Systems, Management Stormwater Runoff, Provide Procedures and Standards for Stormwater Planning and Management, Maintain Groundwater Recharge, Provide for Stormwater Best Management Practices and Establish Standards to meet NPDES Permit Requirements (Public Hearing)

Motion: I recommend the adoption of the changes to Bill No. 2022-01, An Ordinance Amending the Statutory Code of Hanover Township to Adopt a Stormwater Management Ordinance for the Catasauqua Creek and Lehigh River Sub-Basin 4 Watersheds through Provisions Designed to meet Legal Water Quality Requirements Under State Law, Preserve Natural Drainage Systems, Management Stormwater Runoff, Provide Procedures and Standards for Stormwater Planning and Management, Maintain Groundwater Recharge, Provide for Stormwater Best Management Practices and Establish Standards to meet NPDES Permit Requirements as recommended by the Township Attorney.

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

Aye Unan.

Motion: I recommend the adoption of Ordinance 440, Bill No. 2022-01, as presented by the Township Attorney, An Ordinance Amending the Statutory Code of Hanover Township to Adopt a Stormwater Management Ordinance for the Catasauqua Creek and Lehigh River Sub-Basin 4 Watersheds through Provisions Designed to meet Legal Water Quality Requirements Under State Law, Preserve Natural Drainage Systems, Management Stormwater Runoff, Provide Procedures and Standards for Stormwater Planning and Management, Maintain Groundwater Recharge, Provide for Stormwater Best Management Practices and Establish Standards to meet NPDES Permit Requirements.

Paulus, Lawlor: Moved and Seconded

Lawlor, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

2. Bill No. 2022-02, An Ordinance Amending the Statutory Code of Hanover Township to Adopt a Stormwater Management Ordinance for the Monocacy Creek Watersheds through Provisions Designed to meet Legal Water Quality Requirements Under State Law, Preserve natural Drainage Systems, Manage Stormwater Runoff, Provide Procedures and Standards for Stormwater Planning and Management, Maintain Groundwater Recharge, Provide for Stormwater Best Management Practices and Establish Standards to Meet NPDES Permit Requirements (Public Hearing)

Motion: I recommend the adoption of the amendments to Bill No. 2022-02, as presented by Township Attorney, An Ordinance Amending the Statutory Code of Hanover Township to Adopt a Stormwater Management Ordinance for the Monocacy Creek Watersheds through Provisions Designed to meet Legal Water Quality Requirements Under State Law, Preserve natural Drainage Systems, Manage Stormwater Runoff, Provide Procedures and Standards for Stormwater Planning and Management, Maintain Groundwater Recharge, Provide for Stormwater Best Management Practices and Establish Standards to Meet NPDES Permit Requirements.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Lawlor, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

Motion: I recommend the adoption of Ordinance No. 441, Bill No. 2022-02, An Ordinance Amending the Statutory Code of Hanover Township to Adopt a Stormwater Management Ordinance for the Monocacy Creek Watersheds through Provisions Designed to meet Legal Water Quality Requirements Under State Law, Preserve natural Drainage Systems, Manage Stormwater Runoff, Provide Procedures and Standards for Stormwater Planning and Management, Maintain Groundwater Recharge, Provide for Stormwater Best Management Practices and Establish Standards to Meet NPDES Permit Requirements as amended and recommended by the Township Attorney.

Paulus, Lawlor: Moved and Seconded

Lawlor, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

The Township Attorney said this completes the amendments as required by PA DEP by September 30, 2022. He suggested that the Township ultimately remove this out of the Land Development Ordinance. There is a chapter following it that has never had anything in it. It is Chapter 23 in the Statutory Code called Swimming Pools. It is blank. He suggested making it a separate stormwater management chapter in the Code, which will separate things better. He will speak to the Engineer regarding this which should be simple to do.

3. Authorization for the Township Manager to file the Annual MMO Report to PMRS (Vote)

Motion: I recommend Authorization for the Township Manager to file the Annual MMO Report to PMRS as presented.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Lawlor, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Payroll (9/11/2022), Voucher Nos. 26780-26812 from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$413,434.59; Voucher Nos. 4620-4621 from the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$34,063.00; Voucher Nos. 4555-4556 from the Water Account in the amount of \$3,672.00; Voucher Nos. 6208-6210 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$8,431.81; Voucher Nos. 5242-5248 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$1,506.00 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$461,107.40.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Lawlor, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager