
REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY MEETING
May 28, 2013

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Hanover Township, Northampton County, was called to order by Chairman, John N. Diacogiannis at the Hanover Township Municipal Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, PA, 18017 at 7:00 P.M.

Present were Supervisors Salvesen, Nagle, Tanczos and Walbert, Mr. Kevin Chimics for Engineer Kocher, Solicitor Broughal, and Township Manager John J. Finnigan, Jr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

Upon motion of Mr. Nagle, seconded by Mr. Salvesen, the Board approved the Agenda. Mr. Salvesen aye, Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

Upon motion of Mr. Nagle, seconded by Mr. Salvesen, the Board approved the minutes, as written, from the meeting of the Board of Supervisors dated May 14, 2013. Mr. Salvesen aye, Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

Upon motion of Mr. Salvesen, seconded by Mr. Nagel, the Board approved the List of Bills and Transfers dated May 28, 2013 as presented by the Township Secretary/Assistant Treasurer; and to enter the signed List of Bills by the Secretary/Assistant Treasurer and the Board of Supervisors as an attachment to the minutes. Mr. Salvesen aye, Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Tyler Jacob Stephen Reinhart, recipient of a Proclamation for achieving his Eagle Scout Award was present to introduce himself to the Board.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Diacogiannis reported on the Court of Honor and the Armed Services Day Event and reported that the Hanover Days Carnival was a success and well attended.

REPORT OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr. Walbert had nothing to report.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS & ROAD REPORTS

Mr. Nagle – Road District #1 had nothing to report.
Mr. Walbert – Road District #2 had nothing to report.
Mr. Salvesen – Road District #3 had nothing to report
Mr. Tanczos – Road District #4 had nothing to report
Mr. Diacogiannis – Road District #5 had nothing to report.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS – BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

PLANNING & ZONING

Michael and Kelly McCormick – 4721 Maryann Lane, Bethlehem, PA, 18017 Hold Harmless Indemnification Agreement

Mr. Tanczos removed the item which was tabled from last meeting.

Mr. Walbert moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Hold Harmless Indemnification Agreement between Hanover Township and Michael and Kelly McCormick, 4721 Maryann Lane, Bethlehem, PA, 18017 for the installation of a fence in the Township Drainage and Utility Easement and a Landscape Easement in the side and rear yards of their property. **Fence along southern edge of property must be a minimum of 6” off the ground and picket in design. Fence along northern edge of property must be completely out of easement.**

Mr. Tanczos seconded the motion.

Mr. Salvesen no, Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

ADMINISTRATION

Public Meeting – Adoption of Proposed Ordinance – Catasauqua Sewer Collection System

Hold Public Meeting for comment. It was noted there were no comments from the public and Mr. Broughal updated the Board on the ordinance.

Mr. Nagle moved that the Board approve to adopt Ordinance 2013 – 3, pertaining to the Use of the Catasauqua Sewer Collection System:

ORDINANCE NO. 13 - 3

AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HANOVER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING CERTAIN RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE USE OF CATASAUQUA SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH

Mr. Salvesen seconded the motion.

Mr. Salvesen aye, Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

Resolution 2013 – 9, Appointing an Emergency Medical Services Provider

Mr. Nagle moved that the Board approve the following Resolution appointing Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Northampton County (Ambulance Corp) as the Emergency Medical Services provider:

RESOLUTION 13 -9

HANOVER TOWNSHIP – NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

WHEREAS, Hanover Township is a Township of the Second Class organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, it is a duty of the municipality to protect its citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the municipality to appoint a primary Emergency Medical Services provider for the Township pursuant to ARTICLE XV, Section 1553. Emergency Services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township, hereby appoint Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Northampton County (Ambulance Corp) as the primary Basic Life Support (BLS) provider and Bethlehem Township Volunteer Fire Company Emergency Medical Services as the primary Advanced Life Support (ALS) provider for the Township effective immediately.

Mr. Salvesen seconded the motion.

Mr. Salvesen aye, Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

Authorize Chairman and Secretary to Sign the Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement to Provide Basic Life Support Services to Hanover Township

Mr. Nagle moved to authorize the Chairman and Secretary to sign the Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement between Hanover Township and the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Northampton County providing Basic Life Support Services.

Mr. Salvesen seconded the motion.

Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Salvesen aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

Resolution 2013-10, Sign Fee Schedule

Mr. Nagle moved that the Board approve the following Resolution 2013-10 approving the Sign Fee Schedule:

HANOVER TOWNSHIP

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Resolution 13-10

WHEREAS, various ordinances of the Township of Hanover allow for the setting of fees by Resolution to defer the cost of their administration, and

WHEREAS, in keeping with good practice, the Board of Supervisors periodically reviews the schedule of fees and makes appropriate revisions thereto, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township periodically reviews the schedule of fees and makes appropriate revisions thereto, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, let it be resolved and enacted that the schedule of fees attached hereto are established as contained herein for the repair & replacement of Township signs damaged by motor vehicle accident & vandalism. These fees are effective upon the adoption of this resolution.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP SIGN FEE SCHEDULE

<u>Description</u>	<u>Fee</u>
10' Galvanized Channel Post	\$52.00
Galvanized U Channel Base	\$27.00
Miscellaneous Mounting Hardware	\$23.75
“Regulatory” Signs	\$62.50
“Warning” Signs	\$72.50
“Guide” Signs	\$82.50
Installation	\$64.00

Mr. Salvesen seconded the motion.
Mr. Salvesen aye, Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

Resolution 2013-11, Removal of High Grass and Weeds Fee

I move that the Board approve the following Resolution 2013-11, approving the Removal of High Grass and Weeds Fee:

**HANOVER TOWNSHIP
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**

Resolution 13-11

WHEREAS, various ordinances of the Township of Hanover allow for the setting of fees by Resolution to defer the cost of their administration, and

WHEREAS, in keeping with good practice, the Board of Supervisors periodically reviews the schedule of fees and makes appropriate revisions thereto, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township periodically reviews the schedule of fees and makes appropriate revisions thereto, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, let it be resolved and enacted that the schedule of fees attached hereto are established as contained herein for the enforcement of Chapter 89-2. Removal of high grass and weeds.

These fees are effective upon the adoption of this resolution for work either performed by the Township of Hanover or a private contractor hired to do on the Township’s behalf.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP REMOVAL OF HIGH GRASS AND WEEDS

Description Cost

Per Acre Maximum of \$250.00

Mr. Salvesen seconded the motion.

Mr. Salvesen aye, Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

Resolution 2013-12, Prevailing Wage Act

Mr. Nagle moved that the Board approve the following Resolution 2013-12 in regards to the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act:

**HANOVER TOWNSHIP
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**

Resolution 13-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, URGING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO FREE OUR TAXPAYERS FROM THE UNDUE FISCAL BURDEN PLACED ON THEM BY THE PENNSYLVANIA PREVAILING WAGE ACT OF 1961.

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act of 1961 requires that public construction, reconstruction, demolition, alteration and/or repair projects with an estimated cost greater than \$25,000 to pay workers a wage set by the Secretary of Labor and Industry rather than local market rates; and

WHEREAS, the prevailing wages set by the Secretary of Labor and Industry are generally 15 to 30 percent higher than local market labor rates; and

WHEREAS, the cost and burden of these artificially inflated wages are borne by taxpayers in the form of higher taxes than would otherwise be necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act institutionalizes overpayment by taxpayers for work that could be completed more economically with fully open competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, local contractors often choose not to bid on prevailing wage projects due to the administrative and financial overhead required; and

WHEREAS, quality of work and timeliness of completion are determined by adequate oversight and good job-specifications, not by paying inflated wages;

NOW, THEREFORE, BT IT RESOLVED that Hanover Township, Northampton County, urges Pennsylvania’s General Assembly to enact commonsense reforms to the Prevailing Wage Act to reduce this burden on our taxpayers by increasing the threshold for compliance to reflect the increase in the Consumer Price Index since the act’s inception and indexing this rate to inflation; excluding “maintenance work” on roads and bridges from compliance with the act, including the replacement of guiderails and curbs, pavement overlays up to 3.5 inches, road widening that does

not result in additional lanes, and bridge cleaning and resurfacing; and revising the manner in which prevailing wage rates are calculated to include both union and non-union rates.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that Hanover Township, Northampton County also supports authorization for local governments to opt out of the act.

Mr. Salvesen seconded the motion.

Mr. Salvesen aye, Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

Proclamation 2013-8, honoring Deborah L. Russell, Hanover Elementary School Teacher Retirement

Mr. Nagle moved that the Board approve the following Proclamation honoring Deborah L. Russell on her retirement from Hanover Elementary School:

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

PROCLAMATION NO. 2013-8

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING
DEBORAH L. RUSSELL**

WHEREAS, Deborah L. Russell has provided thirty-one years of dedicated service as an employee of the Bethlehem Area School District; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Russell will officially retire from her duties as Teacher at Hanover Elementary School at the end of the 2012 – 2013 school year; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Russell has gained the respect and admiration of the students, families, faculty and staff over the years as a result of her commitment, dedication, positive attitude, hard work, and demonstrating incredible school spirit; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Russell has always exhibited care, concern and compassion for each student, their families, faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Russell has been a valuable employee of the Bethlehem Area School District as a Teacher at Northeast Middle School and Hanover Elementary since June of 1982 and also taught at St. Philip & St. James.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, by the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township, County of Northampton, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

That DEBORAH L. RUSSELL is applauded and recognized on the occasion of her retirement and the Board of Supervisors congratulates her for her dedication and devotion to the students, families, faculty and staff of the Bethlehem Area School District.

The Board of Supervisors also proclaims June 6, 2013 as DEBORAH L. RUSSELL DAY in Hanover Township and wishes her many years of a happy and healthy retirement.

Mr. Salvesen seconded the motion.

Mr. Salvesen aye, Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

Proclamation 2013-9, honoring Diane Gabriel, Hanover Elementary School Teacher Retirement

Mr. Nagle moved that the Board approve the following Proclamation honoring Diane Gabriel on her retirement from Hanover Elementary School:

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

PROCLAMATION NO. 2013-9

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING
DIANE GABRIEL**

WHEREAS, Diane Gabriel has provided thirty-five years of dedicated service as an employee of the Bethlehem Area School District; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gabriel will officially retire from her duties as Teacher at Hanover Elementary School at the end of the 2012 – 2013 school year; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gabriel has gained the respect and admiration of the students, families, faculty and staff over the years as a result of her commitment, dedication, positive attitude, hard work, and demonstrating incredible school spirit; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gabriel always exhibited care, concern and compassion for each student, their families, faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gabriel has been a valuable employee of the Bethlehem Area School District as a Teacher at Asa Packer Elementary, James Buchanan Elementary, Farmersville Elementary, Calypso Elementary and Hanover Elementary since August of 1973 and also taught at Holy Infancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, by the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township, County of Northampton, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

That DIANE GABRIEL is applauded and recognized on the occasion of her retirement and the Board of Supervisors congratulates her for her dedication and devotion to the students, families, faculty and staff of the Bethlehem Area School District. The Board of Supervisors also proclaims June 7, 2013 as DIANE GABRIEL DAY in Hanover Township and wishes her many years of a happy and healthy retirement.

Mr. Salvesen seconded the motion.

Mr. Salvesen aye, Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

Proclamation 2013-10, honoring Bonnie Kelleher, Hanover Elementary School Teacher Retirement

Mr. Nagle moved that the Board approve the following Proclamation honoring Bonnie Kelleher on her retirement from Hanover Elementary School:

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

PROCLAMATION NO. 2013-10

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING
BONNIE KELLEHER**

WHEREAS, Bonnie Kelleher has provided thirty-five years of dedicated service as an employee of the Bethlehem Area School District; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kelleher will officially retire from her duties as Teacher at Hanover Elementary School at the end of the 2012 – 2013 school year; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kelleher has gained the respect and admiration of the students, families, faculty and staff over the years as a result of her commitment, dedication, positive attitude, hard work, and demonstrating incredible school spirit; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kelleher always exhibited care, concern and compassion for each student, their families, faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kelleher has been a valuable employee of the Bethlehem Area School District as a Teacher at Calypso Elementary, East Hills Middle School and Hanover Elementary since January of 1976.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, by the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township, County of Northampton, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

That BONNIE KELLEHER is applauded and recognized on the occasion of her retirement and the Board of Supervisors congratulates her for her dedication and devotion to the students, families, faculty and staff of the Bethlehem Area School District. The Board of Supervisors also proclaims June 5, 2013 as BONNIE KELLEHER DAY in Hanover Township and wishes her many years of a happy and healthy retirement.

Mr. Salvesen seconded the motion.

Mr. Salvesen aye, Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

Discussion – Insurance Renewal

Mr. Finnigan updated the Board on our Insurance Renewal. The Township's current carrier is Houston Casualty and our insurance premiums will be increasing to \$68,211 which is

\$5,400 more than last year. We have the option to go with another carrier, Allied World Assurance; their total premium is \$60,642.

Mr. Nagle moved to authorize the Township Manager to notify Brown and Brown of Lehigh Valley to change our carrier to Allied World Assurance Co.

Mr. Salvesen seconded the motion.

Mr. Salvesen aye, Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

PUBLIC WORKS

There were no items on the agenda.

DEVELOPMENTS

Authorize Chairman and Secretary to Sign the Site Plan Improvements Agreement, Site Plan Maintenance Agreement and Declaration of Covenant and Agreement for Maintenance of Stormwater Management Facilities for Patient First-Bethlehem (PFC Bethlehem, LLC)

Mr. Tanczos moved to authorize the Chairman and Secretary to sign the Sign the Site Plan Improvements Agreement, Site Plan Maintenance Agreement and Declaration of Covenant and Agreement for Maintenance of Stormwater Management Facilities for Patient First-Bethlehem (PFC Bethlehem, LLC).

Mr. Walbert seconded the motion.

Mr. Salvesen aye, Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

Note for the Record – The 215 Project, E & M Logistics, LLC Time Extension

Mr. Tanczos Noted for the Record that the Developer of The 215 Project, E & M Logistics, LLC has granted the Township an extension to September 1, 2013 to review the Plans.

Note for the Record – Farmhouse Mews Subdivision Time Extension

Mr. Tanczos Noted for the Record that the Developer of the Farmhouse Mews Subdivision has granted the Township an extension to November 30, 2013 to review the plans.

Authorize Chairman and Secretary to sign the Site Plan Improvements Agreement, Site Plan Maintenance Agreement and Declaration of Covenant and Agreement for Maintenance of Stormwater Management Facilities for Bethlehem Orthodontics

Mr. Tanczos moved to authorize the Chairman and Secretary to sign the Sign the Site Plan Improvements Agreement, Site Plan Maintenance Agreement and Declaration of Covenant and Agreement for Maintenance of Stormwater Management Facilities for Bethlehem Orthodontics.

Mr. Walbert seconded the motion.

Mr. Salvesen aye, Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

It was noted that there was no one to offer any comment.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Chimics stated he has plans for signature.

Mr. Broughal had nothing to report.

Mr. Milite was not in attendance.

Mr. Finnigan distributed the Fire Company report and updated the Board on an agreement with Grainger that has been approved by the Solicitor's office to have the municipal garage lighting re-done with energy efficient lighting.

Upon motion of Mr. Salvesen, seconded by Mr. Walbert, the Board approved adjournment at 7:36 P.M.

Mr. Salvesen aye, Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

Lori A. Stranzl
Township Secretary