
REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY MEETING October 25, 2022

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

Present were Supervisors Lawless, Diacogiannis, Prendeville, Engineer Brien Kocher, Solicitor James Broughal, and Manager Finnigan.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

Upon motion of Ms. Lawless, seconded by Mr. Diacogiannis, the Board approved the agenda.

Mr. Prendeville noted that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on October 18, 2022, after the Budget Workshop, to discuss personnel matters.

Ms. Lawless aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye, Mr. Prendeville aye, Mr. Nagle aye.

Upon motion of Ms. Lawless seconded by Mr. Prendeville, the Board approved the minutes from the meeting of the Board of Supervisors dated October 11, 2022.

Ms. Lawless aye, Mr. Diacogiannis abstain, Mr. Prendeville aye, Mr. Nagle abstain. Due to a vacancy on the board, we had two votes for the approval of the minutes and is so noted for the record.

Upon motion of Ms. Lawless seconded by Mr. Prendeville, the Board approved the list of bills and transfers dated October 25, 2022.

Ms. Lawless aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye, Mr. Prendeville aye, Mr. Nagle aye

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

No one offered comments.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Mr. Nagle stated that the Board will be conducting interviews for the opening on the Board of Supervisors at 7 pm on Monday, October 31, 2022, and 7 pm on November 1, 2022; there are nine interviews being scheduled.

REPORT OF THE VICE CHAIR

Nothing to report.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Nagle – Road District #1, had nothing to report.

Mr. Diacogiannis – Road District #2, had nothing to report. Mr. Diacogiannis gave an update on the Police commission meeting held on October 24, 2022; the 2023 Colonial Regional Police budget was approved, and it has been submitted to the Township. Colonial Regional Police currently have twenty-four officers and one vacancy; two candidates have been offered positions and upon passing the background information and physical they will begin the last week of December and once worn in will bring the department to twenty-six officers. They will then begin the Allentown Police Academy in January. The

District Attorney's office has requested Colonial Regional Police participate in a major crime task force, as needed.

Mr. Finnigan – Road District #3, had nothing to report.

Ms. Lawless – Road District #4, had nothing to report.

Mr. Prendeville – Road District #5, had nothing to report.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation – Detective Gary M. Hammer

Mr. Prendeville moved the Board to Adopt Proclamation 2022-10 applauding and recognizing Detective Gary M. Hammer for his years of service as a Police Officer and the Board of Supervisors express their gratitude and appreciation. The Board of Supervisors proclaimed the week of October 31, 2022, as Gary M. Hammer Week in Hanover Township. Mr. Nagle presented Detective Hammer with a copy of his proclamation.

Mr. Diacogiannis seconded the motion.

Ms. Lawless aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye, Mr. Prendeville aye, Mr. Nagle aye

Proclamation – The Honorable Mario M. Scavello

Mr. Prendeville moved the Board to Adopt Proclamation 2022-11 applauding and recognizing The Honorable Mario M. Scavello on his retirement from the Pennsylvania Senate and the Board of Supervisors congratulates him for his dedication and devotion to not only the residents of Hanover Township but to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Board of Supervisors proclaims the week of November 14, 2022, as Honorable Mario M. Scavello Week in Hanover Township. Mr. Diacogiannis will deliver the proclamation to the Honorable Mario M. Scavello.

Mr. Diacogiannis seconded the motion.

Ms. Lawless aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye, Mr. Prendeville aye, Mr. Nagle aye

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS – BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Recreation Director – Resignation

Mr. Prendeville moved the Board to accept with regret the resignation of Recreation Director John Byrne.

Mr. Diacogiannis seconded the motion.

Ms. Lawless aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye, Mr. Prendeville aye, Mr. Nagle aye

Open Records - Appointments

Mr. Prendeville moved to appoint Christina M. Thomas as the Open Records Officer and to rescind the appointment of Elizabeth D. Ritter effective immediately. The appointment of John J. Finnigan, Jr. as Deputy Open Records Officer remains in effect. The Pennsylvania Office of Open Records shall be notified of Ms. Thomas' appointment.

Ms. Lawless seconded the motion.

Ms. Lawless aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye, Mr. Prendeville aye, Mr. Nagle aye

PLANNING & ZONING – Ms. Lawless

81 Highland Ave - Zoning Variance

Ms. Lawless stated that the applicant at 81 Highland Ave requests relief from the provisions of the Specific Conditions of the Conditional Use Ordinance to have a Personal Care facility which is a Conditional Use in the PIBD Zoning District.

The Board does not want to send representation to the Zoning Hearing Board meeting scheduled for December 8, 2022.

4025 Old Airport Road – Instrument for the Declaration of Restrictions and Covenant

Engineer Mr. Brien Kocher stated all work is completed. This is a DEP agreement to maintain stormwater management. Mr. Broughal stated the purpose of this Instrument is to provide notice and to ensure the operation and maintenance, and necessary access for operation and maintenance of the PCSM BMPs on the Property and to prevent the use or development of the Property in any manner that may impair or conflict with the operation and maintenance of the PCSM BMPs.

Ms. Lawless moved the Board to authorize the professionals to prepare the necessary instruments to close out the NEPS for First Responders Park (formerly known as Village View Park).

Mr. Prendeville seconded the motion.

Ms. Lawless aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye, Mr. Prendeville aye, Mr. Nagle aye

ADMINISTRATION – Mr. Diacogiannis

Distribution of Election – Signature Authorization

Mr. Diacogiannis moved the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the Distribution Election Form under the Hanover Township Non-Uniformed Employees Money Purchase Pension Plan for Elizabeth Ritter.

Mr. Prendeville seconded the motion.

Ms. Lawless aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye, Mr. Prendeville aye, Mr. Nagle aye

Proposed Zoning Map Ordinance

PUBLIC HEARING

A court stenographer was present for the Public Hearing concerning an Ordinance to amend the official Zoning Map.

Proposed Zoning Map Ordinance - Advertisement of Proposed Ordinance

Mr. Broughal suggested the Proposed Zoning Map Ordinance be added to the November 8, 2022, agenda; after the Planning Commission meeting has reviewed.

Mr. Diacogiannis closed the public hearing.

2023 Budget Presentation

Beth Bucko, Treasurer presented the proposed 2023 Budget.

Mr. Diacogiannis moved the Board authorize the Secretary to advertise the proposed 2023 Budget and put it on display at the Township.

Ms. Prendeville seconded the motion.

Ms. Lawless aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye, Mr. Prendeville aye, Mr. Nagle aye

Board of Supervisors Interviews

Mr. Diacogiannis noted for the record that the Board will conduct interviews for the opening on the Board of Supervisors at 7 pm on Monday, October 31, 2022, and 7 pm on November 1, 2022. Mr. Broughal stated that the interviews need to be a public meeting with Courtesy of the Floor.

DEVELOPMENTS- Ms. Lawless

Hanover Township Senior Living – Improvements Deadline Extension

Ms. Lawless moved the Board to grant the developer of Hanover Township Senior Living an extension to December 30, 2022, regarding the improvement's deadline, per the developer letter dated October 17, 2022.

Mr. Prendeville seconded the motion.

Ms. Lawless aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye, Mr. Prendeville aye, Mr. Nagle aye

Freshpet Plant #2 Addition – Improvements Deadline Extension

Ms. Lawless moved the Board to grant the developer of Freshpet Plant #2 Addition an extension to April 28, 2023, regarding the improvement's deadline, per the developer email dated October 25, 2022.

Mr. Prendeville seconded the motion.

Ms. Lawless aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye, Mr. Prendeville aye, Mr. Nagle aye

4000 Airport Road - Discussion

Rocco Caracciolo, Colliers Engineering & Design was not present.

Hanover Corporate Center 2 – Discussion

Mr. David Jaindl began the discussion explaining that a project which began almost 25 years ago at the northern end of Hanover Township and currently has fifty-two acres remaining to be developed. Mr. Jaindl and his team are proposing a concept to leave some additional green space (Lots 4 & 11 that would be sterilized from development), and alternative traffic improvements. Mr. Scott Pidcock reviewed the traffic study and provided an overview of the new concept.

The Board agreed that a new traffic study would be needed. Mr. Pidcock indicated they will provide traffic details.

PUBLIC WORKS- Mr. Prendeville

Mr. Broughal indicated that Mr. Finnigan had referred him to Robert's Rules of Order that states that the Board members absent from the last meeting can review the minutes and approve should they so choose. Mr. Broughal suggested a second roll call to approve the minutes from October 11, 2022.

Upon motion of Mr. Prendeville seconded by Ms. Lawless, the Board approved the minutes from the meeting of the Board of Supervisors dated October 11, 2022.

Ms. Lawless aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye, Mr. Prendeville aye, Mr. Nagle aye

Joe from BKP Architects provided an estimate vs. bid review and presented three recommendations, scale back the municipal pool project to reduce the cost, accept the bid or decline the bid. There was discussion with the Board and Joe related to the cost, the number of bids and recommended options. Mr. Broughal stated we must spend the funds borrowed in the next three years. Joe stated that Heim Construction does municipal work and knows what is required and he believes Vincent Pools would be doing the actual pool.

Evan Kocon, Mark Twain Circle, asked if we are already paying on the loan. He noted that cost will not get cheaper, he does agree that it could be done in stages. He would like the pool project to move forward. If

going out for another bid, we are extending the timeline and we run the risk of not getting any bids or someone with not much experience.

Rob Cepin, 5443 Comfort Circle, he stated that he is sick of driving to Nazareth and the pool is a necessity. We are losing physical, social, and mental health aspects. We need to move forward with the one bid.

Michael Anthony, 4563 Greenfield, asked when a new pool would be projected to be open.

Dale Traupman, 2612 Pioneer Rd, member of the pool advisory board, the current proposal is an attraction, nothing is getting cheaper.

Joan Steinberg, 4417 Tracey Lane, stated the Bethlehem Memorial pool recently completed went over budget by 20%. She noted that schools in addition to recreation are a draw to the Township. Joan stated that the budget can absorb the cost of the loan based on the budget presented.

Bob Turner, great rate for the loan. He feels that the bid may have known they are the only bid. He stated we are able to move forward, and this is the time. A lot of people in the Township will be happy to hear the pool is moving forward.

Diana Kocon – 3629 Browning Lane – She questioned whether the one bidder knew they were the one bid. Mr. Finnigan stated that the one bidder was in the township parking lot.

The Board discussed the timeline for the approval of the bid within the 60-day window from September 16, 2022, due to the new member being added to the Board. Mr. Powell from BKP will ask Heim Construction for an extension.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Michelle Suarez – 3930 Hemlock Place – questioned who is responsible for the flashing school lights and the timing of for the high school students crossing. Mr. Finnigan noted the school flashing lights are dictated by the school district.

STAFF REPORTS II

Engineer – Mr. Kocher had nothing to report.

Solicitor – Mr. Broughal had nothing to report.

Public Works - Mr. Milite was absent.

Township Manager – Mr. Finnigan stated the leaves are falling; shortly they will be increasing frequency of pickup with OT and the addition of a fourth truck and vacuum.

Upon motion of Mr. Nagle the Board adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Christina M. Thomas
Secretary