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## **REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY MEETING**

### **July 22, 2025**

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

Present were Supervisors Lawless, Prendeville, Gross, Versteeg, Diacogiannis, Township Engineer Brien Kocher, and Township Solicitor James Broughal.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

Upon motion of Mr. Prendeville, seconded by Mr. Gross, the Board approved the agenda. Mr. Diacogiannis, aye, Mr. Prendeville, aye, Mr. Gross, aye, Ms. Versteeg, aye, Ms. Lawless, aye.

Upon motion of Mr. Prendeville, seconded by Mr. Gross, the Board approved the minutes from the meeting of the Board of Supervisors dated June 24, 2025. Mr. Diacogiannis, abstain, Mr. Prendeville, aye, Mr. Gross, aye, Ms. Versteeg, aye, Ms. Lawless, aye.

Upon motion of Mr. Prendeville, seconded by Mr. Gross, the Board approved the list of bills and transfers dated July 22, 2025. Mr. Diacogiannis, aye, Mr. Prendeville, aye, Mr. Gross, aye, Ms. Versteeg, aye, Ms. Lawless, aye.

#### **COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

Michelle Suarez, Crime Watch, Ms. Suarez explained to the Board that the Crime Watch is active in the community. They are having quarterly meetings, which are being attended by a representative from the Colonial Regional Police Department. The Crime Watch is requesting to be included in the Township's 2026 budget; they are asking for money to support their efforts and promote the Crime Watch at National Night Out and the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

The Board requested that the staff take into consideration the request from Crime Watch when preparing the 2026 Budget.

#### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

#### **REPORT OF THE VICE CHAIR**

#### **SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Diacogiannis – Road District #1, Colonial Regional Police Department is looking for residents to join the 2025 Citizen's Police Academy, if you are interested, please call Wanda the CRPD 610-861-4820.

Ms. Versteeg - Road District #2, Electric Poles are being replaced on Jacksonville Road South of Macada Road, please give yourself extra time if you are traveling on Jacksonville Road.

Mr. Gross– 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

#### **APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS – Mr. Diacogiannis**

#### **PLANNING & ZONING – Ms. Versteeg**

## ADMINISTRATION – Mr. Prendeville

### **Advance Door Service – 2025-2026 Agreement Renewal**

Mr. Prendeville moved the Board to authorize the Chair to sign the Preventative Maintenance Agreement between Hanover Township Community Center and Advanced Door Service.

Mr. Gross seconded the motion.

Mr. Diacogiannis, aye, Mr. Prendeville, aye, Mr. Gross, aye, Ms. Versteeg, aye, Ms. Lawless, aye.

### **Ordinance 25-01 – Board of Appeals**

Mr. Prendeville moved the Board to adopt Ordinance 25-01, authorizing (1) the repeal of Ordinance 17-2, an Ordinance approving an Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement with East Allen Township by creating a joint Board of Appeals under the Construction Code Statute and (2) amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 65 Construction Codes, Uniform, Section 65-9 Board of Appeals, by eliminating the Hanover Township Board of Appeals and replacing it with the Nazareth Council of Governments “NAZCOG” Building Officials and Code Administrators “BOCA” Board of Appeals.

Mr. Gross seconded the motion.

Mr. Diacogiannis, aye, Mr. Prendeville, aye, Mr. Gross, aye, Ms. Versteeg, aye, Ms. Lawless, aye.

### **Waste & Recycling Bid Award**

Mr. Hudson presented the results from the Municipal Waste and Recycling Bid; the Township had 4 contractors bid on these services for the Township. The Township bid several options for trash collection with bidders having the option to bid on each option. The option that was most competitive for the Township was the automated trash and recycle collection using totters to be supplied by the contractor. There was a three-year option with the lowest bidder being Republic Services in the amount of \$3,728,295.86, the other was a five-year option with the lowest bidder being Whitetail Disposal in the amount of \$6,443,414.66. After reviewing the bids Township Staff recommends that the Board award the bid to Whitetail Disposal for the five-year term.

The Board discussed the bids and asked questions about the pick-up schedule and what changes the Township Residents would see with the new contract. Mr. Hudson answered that the changes for the residents will be the use of 96-gallon totters (rolling trash cans) and that bulk waste will need to be scheduled with the contractor and paid directly to the contractor.

Paul Brady from Whitetail Disposal also spoke to the Board and let them know that if Whitetail Disposal was awarded the bid, they would work with the Township on the transition from the current contractor to Whitetail. They will also create a website that will be for Hanover Township residents to communicate with Whitetail and arrange the bulk services. Along with bulk services, Whitetail will also arrange to pick up items such as TV's and other electronics.

Mr. Prendeville moved the Board approve to award the Municipal Waste and Recycling Bid using the five year Option 2 – to Whitetail Disposal, LLC, 334 Layfield Road, Perkiomenville, PA 187074 a Casella Company at a total price of \$6,443,414.66 for the period of 2026 – 2030 and to notify Whitetail Disposal, LLC of the Board's action and to authorize the Township Secretary to notify the unsuccessful bidders.

Mr. Gross seconded the motion.

Mr. Diacogiannis, aye, Mr. Prendeville, aye, Mr. Gross, aye, Ms. Versteeg, aye, Ms. Lawless, aye.

### **Notice of proposed Community Utilities Acquisition by PAWC (Pennsylvania American Water Company)**

Mr. Broughal informed the Board that the Township was notified that Pennsylvania American Water is looking to purchase the Community Utilities of Pennsylvania, which is a company that currently provides

water to residents in Hanover Township, in the area south of Macada Road. Mr. Broughal stated that he is also the Solicitor for Bethlehem Authority and was on a conference call with the City of Bethlehem about the possibility of them buying Community Utilities, but this is a purchase of the Community Utilities that is already in process so Bethlehem decided not to pursue a purchase. The City of Bethlehem PUC Attorney said there is a chance to intervene but the probability of stopping the sale would be very small. Ms. Lawless asked if we could have a letter sent to the PUC about the improvements that are planned. The notice that the Township received was late and that would allow the Township to possibly intervene. Ms. Lawless and Ms. Versteeg suggested that Mr. Broughal and Mr. Hudson investigate retaining a PUC lawyer to send communication to the PUC about the improvements that are underway by Community Utilities to make sure that those improvements will continue if PAW buys them. The Board agreed to get pricing from a PUC Attorney to discuss it at a future meeting.

### **Website – Update/Analytics**

Mr. Hudson let the Board know that the new website has been live since May and with the new website we have analytics from the site. In the month of May, the website had 3,700 visitors, June 4,500 and up to the meeting in July 2,500. The most visited page is the Community Center followed by the pool. Mr. Prendeville asked if we could talk with the Fire Company and post an announcement to install a Fire Detector in garages due to the increase in fires from lithium batteries. Ms. Versteeg asked if we could create a section on the webpage to show current plans that are under review by the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission.

### **PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Diacogiannis**

#### **Bid Advertisement – First Responders Park Pavilion**

Mr. Diacogiannis moved the Board to authorize the Secretary to advertise the bid proposal for the First Responder's Park Pavilion project on July 30th and August 6th. The bid will be placed on PennBid and bids will be accepted until September 9th by 1:00pm.

Mr. Prendeville seconded the motion.

Mr. Diacogiannis, aye, Mr. Prendeville, aye, Mr. Gross, aye, Ms. Versteeg, aye, Ms. Lawless, aye.

Mr. Hudson stated that the pavilion/restroom/kitchen is a piece of the original First Responders Park Plan and that the Township received a grant in the amount of \$600,000.00 from the State LSA Grant to complete this project. The Pavilion will be situated near the circle and will have a women's, men's and family restroom along with a small kitchen and a 37' x 26' pavilion.

### **COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

**Engineer** – Mr. Kocher had nothing to report.

**Solicitor** – Mr. Broughal had nothing to report.

**Recreation Director** – Mr. Terenzio reported that the HTCC Golf Tournament had 99 golfers with good weather and he thanked the volunteers, players and sponsors, next year the event will be on July 10, 2026. Ms. Versteeg congratulated Earl for winning the Pot Gold at 93 years of age. Congratulations to the Hanover Stingrays Swim Team for winning the Suburban Conference Championship. Kids Summer Camp is in week 7 of 8 and is averaging about 40 kids per week who as part of camp receive daily swim lessons at the pool. National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 5 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm in conjunction with the last 2025 Dip and Dance. Thursday August 7, we will host Bingo benefiting Freedom First Rescue (Dog Shelter/Rescue). Mr. Prendeville asked how memberships for the pool were, Mr. Terenzio said the memberships are down a little from last year, but the daily sales are up. Mr. Terenzio also stated that we

have had a very rough start to the year with the inclement weather that has required us to close on a regular basis. Mr. Prendeville asked if there are any ideas to increase memberships? Mr. Terenzio explained that we would be offering a discount rate for the last month of the year. Mr. Prendeville asked about bringing in food trucks. Mr. Terenzio stated that we are having conversations with PAT's Pizza who are a sponsor of the Community Center and want to become more involved in the community.

**Treasurer** – Mrs. Bucko reported that regularly we give a midyear report of any line items that are \$10,000 above the budget and the only line item that we have over at this time is Engineering. That is due to the Stormwater Project running over and the other projects that we have given Hanover Engineering this year: Pump Track, First Responders Pavilion and the additional storm sewer planning. Mr. Prendeville asked where we are with the budget. Mrs. Bucko said that we are on pace with the budget but we are waiting for reimbursements from grants on the revenue side. Ms. Lawless asked about the audit by the new auditor, Mrs. Bucko stated that it has gone well and that we will have a presentation from the auditor in the fall. Mrs. Bucko commended the new employees that we have hired over the past 6 months.

**Township Manager** – Mr. Hudson reported that construction of the Pump Track in Municipal Park has begun and is moving along as expected, Dirt Sculpt, the contractor has been very easy to work with. The 2025 Summer Paving Project is set to begin at the end of the month and the roads that will be paved are Blair Road, and the Bella Vista Neighborhood. The Township received an updated plan for the 90 Highland Project proposing a hotel in addition to the WAWA and LVHN Facility. The Township along with the City of Bethlehem are still communicating to PennDot that they need to repair the dip on Schoenersville Road.

Ms. Lawless noted the next Board of Supervisors meeting will be on Tuesday, August 26, 2025.

Upon motion of Mr. Prendeville the Board adjourned at 8:12pm.

Mark Hudson  
Township Manager