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## REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY MEETING February 24, 2026

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 Office, 3630 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, PA, 18017 at 7:00 P.M.

Present were Supervisors Lawless, Prendeville, Gross, Versteeg, Pepitone, 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. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon motion of Mr. Prendeville, seconded by Mr. Gross, the Board approved the minutes from meeting of the Board of Supervisors dated February 10, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon motion of Mr. Prendeville, seconded by Mr. Gross, the Board approved the list of bills and transfers dated February 24, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

### COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Jennifer Levins, 1370 Gaspar Avenue, had concerns regarding the sinkholes on Kim Street. Mr. Hudson explained that a few weeks ago, there was a watermain break. A few sinkholes appeared and debris fell on a gas line. The gas was turned off by UGI and the Township has been working with the Bethlehem Water Authority to plan to get the repairs completed by Friday, February 27.

Stephanie Anthony, 40 Lynnwood Drive, requested the Township to investigate a sinkhole at 1095 Brentwood Avenue.

### PRESENTATORS IN ATTENDANCE

#### **PNC – Defined Benefit Pension Account Presentation**

Terry McMahon, Senior Investment Advisor with PNC, presented the Defined Benefit Pension account to the Board.

### REPORT OF THE CHAIR & Road District #4

Ms. Lawless had nothing to report but congratulated both men and women's American hockey.

### REPORT OF THE VICE CHAIR & Road District #2

Ms. Versteeg shared that Chief DePalma will be retiring this year, which will open several positions for succession appointments. This includes the position of Lieutenant. During the past few weeks, the Police Commission conducted interviews and evaluated five internal candidates for this upcoming promotion.

During the Police Commission meeting on February 23, Detective Sergeant Michael Enstrom was selected to fill the position upon its vacancy after the Chief's retirement. Detective Sergeant Enstrom has been with the CRPD for over 28 years. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2010 and Detective Sergeant in 2021. This Spring, he will begin Northwestern's School of Police Staff and Command four-month course tailored to prepare experienced law enforcement professionals for senior command positions. Congratulations to Detective Sergeant Enstrom.

## SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

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

Mr. Gross – Road District #3, had nothing to report. Mr. Gross stated the CRPD received an anonymous donation that will fund two new police vehicles. A grant was received from Lower Nazareth for a third vehicle.

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

## PLANNING & ZONING – Ms. Versteeg

### **Data Center Ordinance Discussion**

Mr. Kocher introduced the ordinance to the Board and explained that Township staff worked from a model ordinance in developing the version currently under review. He noted that the ordinance permits data centers within the PIBD District and incorporates much of the existing PIBD language for its requirements.

Mr. Pepitone requested that “cloud-based processing and storage” be included in the definition of a data center and that language be added prohibiting a data center from being continuously powered by a temporary power source, such as a diesel or natural gas generator.

Ms. Lawless asked that a specific sentence within the data center definition be moved to the end of that definition for clarity.

Ms. Versteeg stated that she would submit her suggested revisions via email, as they are primarily grammatical in nature.

Glynis Daniels, 1280 Gaspar Avenue, shared her concerns regarding noise.

Carol Martin, 4618 Lennox Drive, shared her concerns with truck traffic and data centers. Stating that data centers have a 24/7 humming noise and asked for clarity as to what the Township can do to prevent this.

Mr. Broughal explained that when the Township has a continuous violator, the Township files an injunction with the Court to prevent the property owner from violating the ordinance.

Ms. Versteeg moved the Board to approve forwarding the Draft Data Center Ordinance to the Hanover Township Planning Commission and the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission after the Draft is amended to include the items that were discussed.

Mr. Prendeville seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## DEVELOPMENTS – Mr. Gross

### ADMINISTRATION – Mr. Pepitone

#### **2025 Return of Taxes**

Mr. Pepitone moved the Board to authorize the Chair and Secretary to sign the Return of Taxes for the 2025 affidavit for the County of Northampton Tax Claim Bureau.

Mr. Gross seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Performance Contract – Easton Municipal Band**

Mr. Pepitone moved the Board to authorize the chair to sign the performance contract with Easton Municipal Band for their performance at the Hanover Township Community Center on Saturday, April 25, 2026.

Mr. Gross seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **America 250 Celebration: Performance Contract – Rock Steady Acoustic Trio Band**

Mr. Pepitone moved the Board to authorize the Chair to sign the performance contract with Rock Steady Acoustic Trio for their performance at the America 250 Celebration on Saturday, September 26, 2026.

Mr. Gross seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hudson explained we are in the early planning stages of the Hanover Township America 250 Celebration. The plan is to book inflatable rides, food trucks, bands, and other entertainment opportunities.

### **Bethlehem Office Commons LLC – Tax Assessment**

Mr. Pepitone moved the Board to authorize the Township Solicitor to notify the Northampton County Assessment office that Hanover Township is agreeable to the County issuing a settlement offer of a market value of \$5,000,000.00 for the Bethlehem Office Commons LLC docketed at C-48-CV-2025-10708 & C-48-CV-2025-10865.

Mr. Gross seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Prendeville

### COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

### STAFF REPORTS

**Engineer** – Mr. Kocher reported that the Gaspar Storm Sewer Extension project is out for bid and has received a fair amount of interest.

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

**Recreation Director** – Mr. Terenzio shared the upcoming events for the Hanover Township Community Center.

- Thursday, March 5 – Bingo with Camp Papillon Animal Shelter as the beneficiary. Doors open at 5:00pm, games start at 6:00pm.
- Sunday, March 15 – March Madness Youth 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at 9:00am
- Saturday, March 28 – Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at 9:00am
- Thursday, April 9 – Conversation, Q &A, and music performance by Ted Donatelli at 6:30pm

Mr. Terenzio thanked the Public Works Department for organizing the storage closets in the gymnasium.

**Township Manager** – Mr. Hudson reported that the Township has been dealing with lots of snow and sinkholes. The pool pumphouse had a pipe burst that damaged three heaters. An electrician came out to review the electrical controls and they were not damaged. The current estimate of approximate losses is around \$10,000.00. The damage has been reported through the Township insurance.

The auditors have begun the Township audit.

Mr. Prendeville asked Mr. Hudson to contact East Allen regarding trucks on Hanoverville Road and to see if they would agree to changing it to no truck traffic.

Ms. Lawless noted the next Board of Supervisor meeting will be on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 7:00pm.

Upon motion of Mr. Prendeville, the Board adjourned at 7:56pm.

Kimberly Lymanstall  
Township Secretary