# REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY MEETING March 24, 2009

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania was called to order by Chairman John N. Diacogiannis at the Hanover Township Municipal Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, 18017 at 7:30 P.M.

Present were Supervisors Salvesen, Nagle, Tanczos and Walbert, Engineer Birdsall, Solicitor Broughal, Public Works Director Kevin Healy 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 with an addition under Developments and a deletion under Administration.
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 March 10, 2009. Mr. Salvesen aye, Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

Upon motion of Mr. Salvesen, seconded by Mr. Nagle, the Board approved the List of Bills and Transfers dated March 24, 2009 as prepared by the Secretary/Treasurer, and to enter the signed List of Bills by the Secretary/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

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

### REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Diacogiannis had nothing to report.

## REPORT OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr. Walbert had nothing to report.

### SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS AND ROAD REPORTS

Mr. Nagle – Road District #1, Mr. Walbert – Road District #2, Mr. Diacogiannis – Road District #3, Mr. Tanczos – Road District #5 had nothing to report. Mr. Salvesen – Road District #4 noted that it is Mr. Healy's last meeting as Public Works Director.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. Nagle moved that the Board adopt the following Resolution No. 2009-09, which authorizes the Township to file an application and all required forms for the Northampton County 21<sup>st</sup> Century Open Space Initiative, and that the Chairman and Secretary be authorized to sign the Resolution.

## RESOLUTION 09-09 HANOVER TOWNSHIP – NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania (the "Board of Supervisors") recognizes that the Township needs to provide park and recreation facilities that contribute to the quality of life and economic health of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Council of Northampton County has established the Northampton County Open Space Initiative supported by a referendum overwhelmingly passed by Northampton County Voters on November 5, 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, the program provides for funding grants that may be used by the municipality to acquire land for park purposes and for park development or rehabilitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township wishes to participate in the Municipal Park Acquisition and Development Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township will have available funds as its required match,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors, Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

- 1. That the Township hereby approves the filing of an application for funds under the Park Acquisition and Development Program; and
- 2. That the Township Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file the appropriate forms with the Northampton County Open Space Advisory Board.

Mr. Salvesen seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Nagle noted that the proposed Small Wind Energy Systems Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance has been revised and needs to be re-advertised for a public hearing.

Mr. Nagle moved to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the proposed Ordinance, an ordinance which amends the text of the zoning ordinance to provide for Small Wind Energy Systems as an accessory use.

Mr. Salvesen seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Nagle moved to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the proposed Ordinance, an ordinance which amends Ordinance 02-01 by adding Chapter 55, Regulations for Small Wind Energy Systems.

Mr. Salvesen seconded the motion.

Mr. Broughal explained to the Board how to differentiate between the two ordinances. Mr. Salvesen aye, Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

Mr. Nagle moved to approve the election of retirement benefits, under the Retirement Plan for Employees of the Township of Hanover, Northampton County, chosen by Mr. Kevin T. Healy on March 16, 2009 and authorize the Plan Administrator to sign the election forms dated March 4, 2009.

Mr. Salvesen seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Nagle noted for the record the Process for Collecting Delinquent 2009 Residential Waste & Recycling Invoices.

Mr. Finnigan stated the process is as follows:

Reminder Postcard #1 – May 1, 2009

Reminder Postcard #2 – July 1, 2009

Account turned over to Creditech – August 14, 2009

Account turned over to Broughal & DeVito – December 15, 2009

Liens filed – February 1, 2010 (approximately).

Mr. Diacogiannis asked Mr. Finnigan how this process differs from the current process for 2008 invoices.

Mr. Finnigan stated that the only things that have changed are the date we turn bills over to Creditech and Mr. Broughal.

Mr. Walbert asked how the collection of 2009 invoices compares to the collection of 2008 invoices at this time last year.

Mr. Finnigan stated last year we had collected 81% and this year it is at 82%.

Mr. Nagle moved to authorize the Secretary to advertise effective April 28, 2009 that the Board of Supervisors will now meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Salvesen seconded the motion.

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

A discussion was held on the County Gaming and Redevelopment Authority.

Mr. Diacogiannis explained his letter requesting that Mr. Finnigan represent Hanover Township to the Authority / Commission which will be mailed to Mr. Stoffa and Ms. McHale.

Mr. Diacogiannis moved that the Board approve to send the letter formally requesting that Mr. Finnigan be the representative for Hanover Township to the County Gaming and Redevelopment Authority.

Mr. Nagle seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Nagle moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the PA Department of Environmental Protection Grant Agreement SAP Document #4100043590 Letter of Mutual Consent No. 1, which will serve as an agreement amendment to allow the Township to revise the grant's scope of work to include the purchase of approximately 1,000 95-gallon two-wheeled carts for the curbside collection of leaf and yard waste from residences.

Mr. Salvesen seconded the motion.

Mr. Finnigan explained the plan to distribute the carts and the benefits of using these for our yard waste program.

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

### DEVELOPMENTS

Mr. Tanczos noted for the record that the developer of 310 Stoke Park Road has granted the Board an extension of ninety (90) days.

Mr. Tanczos moved that the Board approve to grant the developer of Northgate I Lot Consolidation Plan an extension of six (6) months from March 25, 2009 to September 25, 2009 and to notify the Developer of the Board's action.

Mr. Nagle seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Tanczos moved that the Board approve to grant the developer of 1665 Valley Center Parkway/LVCC I Lot 2 an extension of ninety (90) days from March 15, 2009 to June 15, 2009 and to notify the Developer of the Board's action.

Mr. Walbert seconded the motion.

Mr. Birdsall explained the need for this extension.

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

A discussion was held on PNC Bank (Stoke Park Road) Site Plan Improvements Agreement – Improvements Status.

Mr. Birdsall explained the status of this project.

Mr. Nagle moved that the Board approve to grant the developer of 4140 Airport Road an extension to their maintenance period of one hundred twenty (120) days from April 10, 2009 to August 8, 2009 and to notify the Developer of the Board's action.

Mr. Walbert seconded the motion.

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

## COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Mr. George Werkheiser, resident of Village View complimented and thanked Mr. Healy for his good service, plowing, leaf pick-up and maintenance of the roads and knows Mr. Milite will continue this good service.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Mr. Birdsall updated the Board on the submission this week from Atiyeh – Jacksonville & Hanoverville Roads.

Mr. Broughal stated he has the Resolution for the Acceptance of High Point Boulevard (LVCC).

Mr. Salvesen moved that the Board approve the following Resolution 2009-10, for the Dedication and Acceptance of High Point Boulevard:

## **RESOLUTION 09-10**

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2008, LIBERTY PROPERTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a Pennsylvania limited partnership, did grant and convey unto the TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER certain Right-of-Ways, which are more fully described in said Deed, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof and marked as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, said Deed is to be recorded in the Recorder of Deeds Office, Northampton County Courthouse, Easton, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Act of May 1, 1933, P.L. 103, Art. XI, 1140, as amended reads as follows:

"The Supervisors of any township may accept by resolution in the name of the township, any land dedicated by deed to the township together with a draft or survey of the road, street or alley showing location and width thereof, shall be filed in the office with the clerk of quarter sessions court."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that in accordance with the foregoing, the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township hereby formally accept in the name of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, the above-described roads which are duly recorded in the Office of the record of deeds of Northampton County.

Mr. Nagle seconded the motion,

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

Mr. Healy thanked the Board of Supervisors and everyone who was involved in the retirement party this past Friday and it was greatly appreciated.

Mr. Diacogiannis thanked Mr. Healy for all of his years of service and stated the Township will miss him.

Mr. Finnigan reported on the following:

- He and Stacy attended an EIT Seminar at Meyner Center at Lafayette College and explained the ramifications of the new legislation and how the County will proceed
- Moving forward on the purchase of 3945 Airport Road and need authorization to sign the necessary documents for the purchase.

Mr. Nagle moved to authorize the Township Solicitor and Township Manager to execute the necessary documents for the purchase of 3945 Airport Road.

Mr. Salvesen seconded the motion.

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

- Distributed the Fire Company report
- CRPD report for this month is available through Nancy
- Senator Browne's office requested a "wish list" for projects in the Township and stated he provided them with some street projects.

Upon motion of Mr. Salvesen, seconded by Mr. Nagle, the Board approved adjournment at 8:05 P.M.

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

Stacy C. Milo Secretary/Treasurer