
REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY MEETING
February 22, 2011

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

Present were Supervisors Walbert, Salvesen, Nagle and Tanczos, Engineer Jim Birdsall, Solicitor James Broughal, Public Works Director Vince Milite 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. Salvesen, seconded by Mr. Nagle, the Board approved the minutes as written, from the meeting of the Board of Supervisors dated February 8, 2011. 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 as presented by the Secretary/Asst. Treasurer, and to enter the signed List of Bills by the Secretary/Asst. 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 & ROAD REPORTS

Mr. Nagle – Road District #1 and #5 – nothing to report.

Mr. Walbert – Road District #2 – nothing to report.

Mr. Diacogiannis – Road District #6 – nothing to report.

Mr. Salvesen – Road District #3 – nothing to report.

Mr. Tanczos – Road District #4 – nothing to report; questioned the tree trimming being done in the Township by PPL.

PLANNING & ZONING

Hold Harmless Indemnification Agreement – Robert W. & Gayle McLaughlin, 5761 Monocacy Drive

Mr. Walbert introduced a Hold Harmless Indemnification Agreement for Robert W. and Gayle McLaughlin of 5761 Monocacy Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18017 for the installation of a fence in a Township Swale.

Mr. Finnigan reviewed the comments presented by the Zoning Officer.

Mr. Birdsall recommended that the fence not be installed in the swale at the north end of the property.

Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin were in attendance and presented pictures of their property and where the proposed fence would be.

A discussion was held regarding the swale at the north end of the property.

Mr. Walbert stated that it is the Board's practice to follow the recommendation of the Township Engineer and directed the Township Manager and Township Engineer to visit the property and review the swale area.

Proposed Ordinance – Amending Ordinance 02-01, Chapter 172, Vehicles and Traffic

Mr. Walbert introduced the proposed Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 11-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER, COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING ORDINANCE 02-01, CHAPTER 172, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

Mr. Walbert moved that the Board authorize the Township Solicitor to advertise the proposed Ordinance for adoption.

Mr. Nagle seconded the motion.

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

ADMINISTRATION

Authorize the Chairman and Secretary to sign the Return of Taxes for the Year 2010

Mr. Nagle moved to authorize the Chairman and Secretary to sign the "Return of Taxes for the Year 2011" to be returned to Northampton County. (Note for the Board: The amount of taxes being returned including base and penalty is \$21,402.38)

Mr. Salvesen seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

DEVELOPMENTS

P.J. Whelihan's – 3396 High Point Blvd. – Waiver Request from Land Development

Mr. Tanczos moved that the Board approve to grant the Waiver request from Land Development to P.J. Whelihan's, 3395 High Point Blvd., Bethlehem, PA, 18017 for the addition of an exterior walk in cooler to be installed on the southwest corner of the property adjacent to the building and existing coolers in the rear of the property as described in the letter from P.J. Whelihan's dated February 16, 2011 along with an As-Built Survey Plan.

Mr. Finnigan updated the Board on the waiver request.

Mr. Ray McCausland from P.J. Whelihan's was in attendance and presented pictures of the property and updated the Board on the need for the waiver request.

Mr. Nagle 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 no one wished to offer any comment.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Birdsall had nothing to report.

Mr. Broughal had nothing to report.

Mr. Milite notified the Board of a sinkhole that opened up adjacent from the sinkhole that caused damage to the 2008 Mack truck on Brentwood Avenue

Mr. Milite requested permission from the Board to purchase a mower. The mower price of \$11,200 was approved in the budget; however the price has increased to \$12,049.79.

Mr. Finnigan noted that the new amount still falls within the approved budget amount for Vehicles and Equipment because the two trucks to be purchased will cost less than what was budgeted.

Mr. Salvesen moved that the Board approve the purchase of a 2011 ExMark Lazer Z Mower at the State Contract price of \$12,049.79.

Mr. Nagle seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Finnigan updated the Board on the Emergency Notification Policy 57 adopted in 2007 is being revised to include another item and it will be on the next agenda for adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Finnigan updated the Board on the power outage at the municipal building today.

Upon motion of Mr. Walbert, seconded by Mr. Nagle, the Board approved adjournment at 7:55 P.M.

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

Lori Stranzl
Township Secretary