

REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY MEETING
October 11, 2011

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

Present were Supervisors Salvesen, Nagle, and Tanczos Engineer Brien Kocher, Solicitor Broughal, Public Works Director Vince Milite and Township Manager John J. Finnigan, Jr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

Upon motion of Mr. Salvesen, seconded by Mr. Tanczos, the Board approved the Agenda. Mr. Salvesen aye, Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert 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 September 27, 2011. Mr. Salvesen aye, Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye.

Upon motion of Mr. Salvesen, seconded by Mr. Tanczos, the Board approved the List of Bills and Transfers dated August 23, 2011, as prepared by the Secretary/Assistant Treasurer, and to enter the signed List of Bills by the Secretary/Assistant Treasurer and the Board of Supervisors as an attachment to the minutes. Mr. Salvesen aye, Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Oliver Weber, 1145 Gaspar Avenue was present to discuss the flooding situation that occurred during the last rain storm and asked what could have been done to prevent the flooding.

David Hottenstein, 1135 Gaspar expressed his concerns on the flooding that happened to his basement.

Mr. Finnigan stated that various storm sewers throughout the Township were blocked and he and the Public Work Director were out during the storm removing debris from the storm sewers.

Mr. Milite stated that the public works department prior to a storm makes sure that all the drains in the street are clear of debris. During the storm in question, we received almost 5 inches of rain within 90 minutes; therefore the drains quickly collected debris. The first priority was answering calls from the 911 center on roads being flooded; once that was taken care of they were able to attend to other problems in the Township.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Diacogiannis was out of town.

REPORT OF THE VICE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Walbert had nothing to report.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS AND ROAD REPORTS

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

Mr. Walbert – Road District #2, had nothing to report.
Mr. Diacogiannis - Road District #5, had nothing to report.
Mr. Tanczos – Road District #4, had nothing to report.
Mr. Salvesen – Road District #3, had nothing to report.

PLANNING & ZONING

Public Meeting: Adoption of Ordinance 2011-11, Discharge of Firearms Ordinance

Mr. Walbert moved that the Board approve Ordinance 2011-11, amending Ordinance 09-06, Chapter 179, by prohibiting the Discharge of Firearms for any purpose other than authorized by the Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

ORDINANCE 2011-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER, COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 09-06, CHAPTER 179 BY PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN AUTHORIZED BY THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

It was noted that no one wished to offer any comment.
Mr. Salvesen aye, Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye.

DEVELOPMENTS

NE PA Eye Bank – End of Maintenance

Mr. Tanczos moved that the Board, as recommended by the Township Engineer, end the Maintenance Period for Northeast PA Eye Bank and return the security on the condition that the tree stakes and wire ties are removed and the Developer adheres to Township Policy #25 (payment of Plans and Appeals Account Charges); 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.

Myers Power Products, LVIP IV Lot 38/39 End of Maintenance – Update

Mr. Kocher reported that the Developer never gave a 90 day notice for the end of maintenance. The bond expires in 2 days, they do not have final inspection from the conservation district, do not have certification that their infiltration facilities have been maintained, 7 trees and 5 shrubs are dead and they will be issuing the Developer a letter.

Mr. Broughal stated that a claim was made against the bond to the bonding company.

LVCC II, Lot 12 Hotel Site Plan (Holiday Inn Express)

Mr. Kocher stated that since the update at the last Board meeting; the landscaping has been installed and their office will be inspecting it. The Developer needs to clear the storm sewer and that will need to be re-inspected.

ADMINISTRATION

Proposed 2012 Budget for Discussion

Mr. Walbert stated that the proposed budget was delivered to the Board members and noted that the revenue and expenses are remaining pretty much the same and the tax rate will remain the same.

Mr. Finnigan stated there are no extraordinary expenses for 2012; the only two items that have a substantial increase is Colonial Regional Police and the Library and those numbers are based on the 2010 Census.

A brief discussion was held on some line items.

Mr. Finnigan stated that the Recreation Staff will be on the October 25th agenda.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

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

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Kocher had nothing to report.

Mr. Broughal had nothing to report.

Mr. Milite – finishing up on the blacktop

Mr. Finnigan had nothing to report.

The Board adjourned to an Executive Session for Personnel Issues at 7:35 P.M.

The Board exited Executive Session at 8:01 P.M.

Mr. Nagle moved that the Board approve to appoint Robert C. Cepin as Treasurer-Assistant Secretary at an annual pay of \$40,000.00 per year; \$1,563.46 bi-weekly plus \$50.00 per Board of Supervisors meeting attended effective October 24, 2011. The attendance at the Board of Supervisors' is at the direction of the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors; this is an exempt position.

Appointment is contingent on Mr. Cepin obtaining a \$2,000,000 bond per the Township's Certified Public Accountant Todd Bushta's August 19, 2010 letter.

Mr. Salvesen seconded the motion.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Nagle, seconded by Mr. Salvesen, the Board approved adjournment at 8:02 P.M.

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

Lori A. Stranzl
Township Secretary