
REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY MEETING
March 12, 2013

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

Present were Supervisors Salvesen, Nagle, Tanczos and Walbert, Engineer Jim Milot for 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. 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. Nagle, seconded by Mr. Salvesen, the Board approved the minutes, as written, from the meeting of the Board of Supervisors dated February 12, 2013. Mr. Salvesen aye, Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

Upon motion of Mr. Salvesen, seconded by Mr. Tanczos, the Board approved the List of Bills and Transfers dated February 26, 2013 as presented by the Township 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, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

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

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Diacogiannis stated he attended the first Crime Watch meeting under new leadership. Crime Watch is looking for volunteers and looking for ideas and suggestions on what is needed from them. Mr. Diacogiannis stated that the committee is in good hands and they are looking forward to getting started on serving the Township.

REPORT OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr. Walbert had nothing to report.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS & ROAD REPORTS

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

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

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

Mr. Tanczos – Road District #4 had nothing to report.

Mr. Diacogiannis – Road District #5 had nothing to report.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS – BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

It was noted that there were no items on the agenda.

ADMINISTRATION

Proclamation 2013-4, for 2013 Hanover Township Solicitors Week

Mr. Nagle moved that the Board approve the following Proclamation recognizing 2013 Hanover Township Solicitors Week:

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

PROCLAMATION NO. 2013-4

2013 Hanover Township Solicitors Week

WHEREAS, Solicitors use their legal skills and technical knowledge in creative and innovative ways to improve society's quality of life in Townships; and

WHEREAS, Solicitors face the major legal and moral challenges of our time; and

WHEREAS, Solicitors are encouraging our young economics, law, history, political science, english, social studies, government, mathematics, psychology and sociology students to realize the practical power of their knowledge and challenge their abilities; and

WHEREAS, Hanover Township has had the good fortune of Broughal & DeVito, LLP providing legal guidance in assisting Hanover become the Best Place to Live, Work and Play in the Lehigh Valley; and

WHEREAS, we look more than ever to Solicitors, their knowledge and skills to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Hanover Township has had the good fortune of James L. Broughal, Esq. and his firm as our Township Solicitor since 1979.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, by the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township, County of Northampton, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

That on behalf of the residents, business community and visitors to Hanover Township, the Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim the week of March 17 – 23, 2013 to be Solicitors Week in Hanover Township.

Mr. Salvesen seconded the motion.

Mr. Broughal thanked the Board.

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

Authorize Chairman to Execute the Independent Contractor Agreement with Stacy Salabsky to Provide Zumba Classes

Mr. Nagle moved that the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the Independent Contractor Agreement with Stacy Salabsky to provide Zumba classes at the Hanover Township Community Center.

Mr. Salvesen seconded the motion.

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

Authorize Chairman to Execute the Independent Contractor Agreement with Cristina Higgins to Provide Personal Learning and Development Targeted Towards Woman with Children

Mr. Nagle moved that the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the Independent Contractor Agreement with Cristina Higgins to provide Personal Learning and Development targeted towards Woman with children at the Hanover Township Community Center.

Mr. Salvesen seconded the motion.

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

Adoption of Proposed Intergovernmental Cooperation Ordinance with Lower Nazareth and the Borough of Bath for the Colonial Regional Police Commission, Amended Articles of Agreement.

Mr. Nagle moved that the Board approve to adopt Ordinance 2013 -2, Intergovernmental Cooperation Ordinance with Lower Nazareth and the Borough of Bath for the Colonial Regional Police Commission, Amended Articles of Agreement.

ORDINANCE NO. 13 – 2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER NAZARETH, COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, AND THE BOROUGH OF BATH, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, IN ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TOWNSHIP OF LOWER NAZARETH, COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, AND THE BOROUGH OF BATH, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, REGARDING THE COLONIAL REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION AND THE EXECUTION OF AMENDED ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

Mr. Salvesen seconded the motion.

Mr. Salvesen stated he would like to recognize all the hard work done by Jay, John and Glenn regarding the above ordinance.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

It was noted there were no items on the agenda.

DEVELOPMENTS

Deed of Dedication Acceptance for Proposed Bridle Path Road Right-of-Way Acquisitions in Regards to the Traditions of America at Bridle Path Subdivision

Mr. Tanczos moved that the Board approve to accept the Deed of Dedications for Proposed Bridle Path Road Right-of-Way Acquisitions in regards to the Traditions of America at Bridle Path Subdivision with the following property owners: Martin A. Pillar, III and Gail L. Pillar at 2750 Jacksonville Road; Craig Wasem and Michelle Van Why at 2770 Jacksonville Road; David Lugo and Adelaida Lugo at 2830 Jacksonville Road; Mary M. Paine at 2725 Jacksonville Road; and Victoria R. Pillar at 2790 Jacksonville Road.

Mr. Walbert seconded the motion.

Mr. Broughal stated that this motion and the following two motions need to also include Hanover Garden Center, Inc.

Mr. Tanczos amended the motion to include Hanover Garden Center, Inc., 2720 Jacksonville Road.

Mr. Walbert seconded the amendment.

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

Authorize Township Manager and Chairman to Sign the Consent to Temporary Construction Easement Agreements in Regards to the Traditions of America at Bridle Path Subdivision

Mr. Tanczos moved to authorize the Township Manager and Chairman to sign the Consent to Temporary Construction Easement Agreements in regards to the Traditions of America at Bridle Path Subdivision with the following property owners: Martin A. Pillar, III and Gail L. Pillar at 2750 Jacksonville Road; Craig Wasem and Michelle Van Why at 2770 Jacksonville Road; William D. Snyder at 1170 Bridle Path Road; Eldridge Lubber and Charlotte E. Lubber at 2745 Jacksonville Road; Mary M. Paine at 2725 Jacksonville Road; Victoria R. Pillar at 2790 Jacksonville Road, and Hanover Garden Center, Inc., 2720 Jacksonville Road.

Mr. Walbert seconded the motion.

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

Authorize Township Manager and Chairman to Sign the Permanent Storm Sewer Drainage Easement Agreements in Regards to the Traditions of America at Bridle Path Subdivision

Mr. Tanczos moved to authorize the Township Manager and Chairman to sign the Permanent Storm Sewer Drainage Easement Agreements in regards to the Traditions of America at Bridle Path Subdivision with the following property owners: Martin A. Pillar, III and Gail L. Pillar at 2750 Jacksonville Road; Craig Wasem and Michelle Van Why at 2770 Jacksonville Road; Larry C. Wentz and Jean J. Wentz at 1215 Stonewood Drive; Eldridge Lubber and Charlotte E. Lubber at 2745 Jacksonville Road; Mary M. Paine at 2725 Jacksonville Road; Victoria R. Pillar at 2790 Jacksonville Road; Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church at 2700 Jacksonville Road; and Hanover Garden Center, Inc., 2720 Jacksonville Road.

Mr. Walbert seconded the motion.

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

PLANNING & ZONING

Zoning Hearing Petition – PFC Bethlehem LLC, 2310 Schoenersville Rd., Bethlehem, PA, Requesting Variance Relief from the Provisions of the Sign Ordinance

Mr. Walbert noted that the Applicant is requesting variance relief from the provisions of the Sign Ordinance; and recommended that the Solicitor and/or Engineer attend the hearing to enforce the Ordinance.

Attorney Kate Durso was present representing the Applicant.

Mr. Finnigan stated that Board representation should ensure that the Applicant follows the signage along Schoenersville Road and to enforce the Ordinance.

Mr. Diacogiannis directed the Township Solicitor and Engineer to work together to determine who will represent the Board at the hearing.

Zoning Hearing Petition – Specialty Minerals, 35 Highland Ave., Bethlehem, PA, Requesting Variance Relief from the Regulations of the Sign Ordinance

Mr. Walbert noted that the Applicant is requesting variance relief from the regulations of the Sign Ordinance; and recommended that the Solicitor and/or Engineer attend the hearing to enforce the Ordinance.

Mr. Diacogiannis directed the Township Solicitor and Engineer to work together to determine who will represent the Board at the hearing.

Zoning Hearing Petition – David and Lisa Balash, 1199 Yorkshire Rd., Bethlehem, PA, Requesting Variance Relief from the Rear Yard Setback Provisions of the Ordinance and Prior June 29, 1979 Zoning Hearing Board Decision

Mr. Walbert noted that the Applicants are requesting a variance relief from the rear yard setback provisions of the Ordinance and prior June 29, 1979 Zoning Hearing Board decision; and recommended that the Board let the Zoning Hearing Board handle the decision.

The Board agreed with the recommendation.

Conditional Use Hearing: 3894 Courtney Street, Bethlehem, PA – Exercise Facility and Nutrition Bar including Retail Rack

Mr. Walbert closed the regular meeting and opened the Conditional Use Hearing for 3894 Courtney Street, Richard and Rhonda Bartolacci – Exercise facility and Nutrition Bar including Retail Rack.

It was noted that the hearing has been duly advertised and the Secretary has received Proof of Publication. A Court Stenographer was present to record all testimony. After everyone who wished to speak, had spoken, the hearing was closed and the regular meeting was re-opened.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

It was noted there was no one to offer any comment.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Milot had nothing to report.

Solicitor Broughal had nothing to report.

Mr. Milite had nothing to report.

Mr. Finnigan reported that the new website is up and running.

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

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

Lori A. Stranzl
Township Secretary