## REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY MEETING January 14, 2014

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 Nagle, Tanczos, and Walbert, Jim Milot for Engineer Brien Kocher, 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. Walbert, the Board approved the Agenda; with an addition of an Executive Session for Litigation. Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

Upon motion of Mr. Nagle, seconded by Mr. Walbert, the Board approved the minutes, from the meeting of the Board of Supervisors dated December 17, 2013. Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

Upon motion of Mr. Nagle, seconded by Mr. Walbert, the Board approved the minutes from the Reorganization meeting dated January 6, 2014 with the addition of a Note for the Record that Supervisor Salvesen has been serving as a Board Member for thirty (30) years since January 3, 1984.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Nagle, seconded by Mr. Walbert, the Board approved the List of Bills and Transfers dated January 14, 2014 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. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

## COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Resident Mike Prendeville of 5545 Karen Drive was present to ask the Board if they decided to take any action against the City of Bethlehem's water rate increase.

Mr. Diacogiannis stated the Board did discuss this since their last meeting; and no action will be taken at this time.

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Diacogiannis noted that Supervisors Salvesen took a nasty fall this past Saturday and broke his leg. He underwent surgery this afternoon and wished him well on his recovery.

### **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; but commented that he attended his first Library meeting last night and it was informative and will keep the Board up to date.

## <u>APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS – BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND</u> <u>COMMITTEES</u>

### PLANNING & ZONING

# Zoning Hearing Petition – School Sisters of Saint Francis, 395 Bridle Path Road – Requesting Zoning Relief from the Provisions of the Ordinance.

Applicant is requesting approval to add to the existing uses and structures on the property by adding a community garden, production farms, organic/natural agriculture demonstration, pick your own retail sales of vegetables and flowers, bee hives, parking area, eight foot high deer fence, prefabricated outbuildings for storage of farm equipment and sale to community of agricultural products, two green houses and portable sanitation unit.

Mr. Walbert recommended that the Board not send the Solicitor and Engineer to the hearing and let the Zoning Hearing Board handle the petition.

The Board agreed.

# Zoning Hearing Petition – Traditions of America at Bridle Path Road – Requesting Zoning Relief from the Provisions of the Ordinance

Applicant is looking for approval to reduce the size of driveways and a variance from the maximum land cover.

Mr. Walbert recommended that the Board not send the Solicitor and Engineer to the hearing and let the Zoning Hearing Board handle the petition.

The Board agreed.

## ADMINISTRATION

It was noted there were no items on the agenda.

### PUBLIC WORKS

It was noted there were no items on the agenda.

### **DEVELOPMENTS**

## Note for the Record – Lehigh Northampton Airport Authority 1,144 Acre Lot Consolidation Plan Extension

Mr. Tanczos noted for the record that Lehigh Northampton Airport Authority 1,144 Acre Lot Consolidation has granted the Township an extension to April 28, 2014.

### COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

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

## STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Milot had nothing to report.

Mr. Broughal had nothing to report.

Mr. Milite reported on the following:

- In 2013 the Public Works crew collected 1,035 tons of leaves and 470 tons of yard waste
- Updated the Board on the potholes forming in the streets; they are being filled
- Completed sectors 1 and 3 for Christmas tree pickup today; Sectors 2 and 4 are next week
- Installed additional "Snow Emergency Route" signs on various streets within the Township
- Noted that he is happy with the brine spraying and set up another vehicle to be able to go out; will be able to get through the Township quicker and more areas covered.

Mr. Diacogiannis noted that he admires the public works staff, Vince and Jay for how well orchestrated the crew is during snowstorms; and stated they do an incredible job and he appreciates them taking care of the Township.

Mr. Finnigan reported on a field meeting he had yesterday with the contractors working on Jacksonville Road and Bridle Path Road. Road should be open temporarily January 20, 2014.

Upon motion of Mr. Nagle, seconded by Mr. Tanczos, the Board approved adjournment of the regular meeting and to enter into an Executive Session at 7:18 P.M. Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

The Executive Session on Litigation concluded at 7:35 P.M.

Lori A. Stranzl Township Secretary