
REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY MEETING

May 11, 2021

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

Present via virtual Zoom meeting were Supervisors Nagle, Lawless, Warren, Prendeville, Diacogiannis, Engineer Brien Kocher, and Solicitor Jim Broughal.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

Upon motion of Mr. Nagle, seconded by Ms. Lawless, the Board approved the Agenda.

Mr. Nagle aye, Ms. Lawless aye, Mr. Warren aye, Mr. Prendeville aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye

Upon motion of Mr. Nagle seconded by Ms. Lawless, the Board approved the minutes from the meeting of the Board of Supervisors dated April 27, 2021.

Mr. Nagle aye, Ms. Lawless aye, Mr. Warren aye, Mr. Prendeville aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye

Upon motion of Mr. Nagle seconded by Ms. Lawless, the Board approved the list of bills and transfers dated May 11, 2021.

Mr. Nagle aye, Ms. Lawless aye, Mr. Warren aye, Mr. Prendeville aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Joan Steinberg stated she reviewed the audit information that was presented at the last meeting. She questioned why the Township Manager was paid 3% more than was budgeted for and the public works budget was under for expenditures. She asked if work the Public Works was scheduled to did not get done.

Mr. Finnigan advised that there were 27 pay periods in 2020 which put the salary line over. Public Works was under budget as there was less overtime due to less snowstorms. All work that was scheduled to be completed was completed by Public Works.

Mr. Milite advised some of the equipment that was budgeted for was not purchased.

Ms. Steinberg indicated she understood the explanation provided.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Diacogiannis stated the Colonial Regional Police Commission has three final applicants in review.

REPORT OF THE VICE CHAIR

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Nagle – Road District #1, had nothing to report. Mr. Nagle stated the road crew continues to do a great job.

Mr. Diacogiannis – Road District #2, had nothing to report.

Mr. Warren – Road District #3,

Ms. Lawless – Road District #4,
Mr. Prendeville – Road District #5, had nothing to report.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS – BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Appointment – Recreation & Assistant Recreation Director

Mr. Prendeville moved to appoint Matthew S. DeGeorge, Recreation Director effective May 17, 2021 and Cornelius L. Lindsay, Jr. Assistant Recreation Director effective May 24, 2021. I further move to adopt Resolution Number 2021 - 12. Appointment contingent upon the completion of Act 15 background checks.

Mr. Warren seconded the motion.

Mr. Nagle aye, Ms. Lawless aye, Mr. Warren aye, Mr. Prendeville aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye

PLANNING & ZONING

ZHB – 4408 Tracey Lane – Swimming Pool

The applicant is seeking a variance from the setback provisions of the ordinance to install a swimming pool less than 50-feet from the Road Right-of-Way to the edge of water.

The Board will not be sending representation.

ADMINISTRATION

Community Center

Mr. Warren stated there is light at the end of the tunnel for reopening the community center, as a Recreation Director and Assistant Recreation Director have been approved for hire.

Mr. Finnigan spoke briefly about the new hires.

Mr. Diacogiannis stated it would be beneficial to have them introduced at a future meeting.

Ms. Lawless asked where the Township is with a Preschool Director.

Mr. Finnigan advised he will review the applications with the new Recreation Director.

Ms. Lawless asked when the Board would be looking to meet in person again with the ability to broadcast the meetings.

Mr. Diacogiannis advised the equipment is on order.

Mrs. Ritter advised that the initial installation of the equipment is scheduled for May 12th.

Mr. Diacogiannis stated that once the install is complete and we are comfortable with the software, then we will be moving forward with the live meetings.

Resolution – Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

Mr. Warren moved the Board adopt Resolution Number 2021 – 13, expressing support for the designation of May 2021 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

Mr. Prendeville seconded the motion.

Mr. Nagle aye, Ms. Lawless aye, Mr. Warren aye, Mr. Prendeville aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye

Proclamation – Jacob Russell Orrico

Mr. Warren moved the Board adopt Proclamation 2021 – 5, honoring Jacob Russell Orrico on the achievement of his Eagle Scout Award.

Ms. Lawless seconded the motion.

Mr. Nagle aye, Ms. Lawless aye, Mr. Warren aye, Mr. Prendeville aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye

Insurance Policy Renewal

Mr. Warren moved the Board authorize the Township Manager to sign the insurance renewal documents in the amount of \$60,315.00.

Ms. Lawless seconded the motion.

Mr. Nagle aye, Ms. Lawless aye, Mr. Warren aye, Mr. Prendeville aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye

Distribution Election Form – Signature Authorization

Mr. Warren moved the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the Distribution Election Form under the Hanover Township Non-Uniformed Employees Money Purchase Pension Plan for Robert Cepen.

Mr. Nagle seconded the motion.

Mr. Nagle aye, Ms. Lawless aye, Mr. Warren aye, Mr. Prendeville aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye

DEVELOPMENTS

SWB&R Recording Deadline

Mr. Nagle noted for the record the developer of SWB&R granted the Township an extension to April 20, 2022 for recording of the plans, per the developer letter dated May 5, 2021.

PUBLIC WORKS

Pool

Mr. Kocher briefly reviewed the Terrecon report, that provides a set of data for a future pool consultant to use with a future design or location of a pool. Mr. Kocher advised the RFP bids are due on Friday. Hanover Engineering will review the bid documents once received.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Joan Steinberg asked if there is a proposed date for reopening of the Community Center. Mr. Diacogiannis there is not a set date, the first step will be getting the new Director in and he will be involved with deciding on a reopening date. Ms. Steinberg asked if all five Board members were involved with choosing the Director and Assistant Recreation Director.

Ms. Lawless advised that in the executive session the Board was presented with the top candidates and the choices were made from that information.

Ms. Steinberg asked if it was a unanimous decision to close the community center back in 2020?

Mr. Diacogiannis and Mr. Warren both stated it was.

Mr. Broughal advised that there was no vote taken in executive session, it was only discussion.

Ms. Lawless stated that she did stand behind closing the community center, she advised that the Board is continuing to work on being as transparent as possible in decisions that are being made.

Jennifer Levens – 1370 Gaspar Ave – Ms. Levens asked for clarification on if the pool has decided on a site for a new pool.

Mr. Diacogiannis advised that no a site has not been chosen. The Board hired Terrecon to perform studies, and an RFP for pool design consultants has been solicited.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Kocher – Engineer – had nothing to report.

Mr. Broughal – Solicitor – had nothing to report.

Mr. Milite – Public Work Director – had nothing to report.

Mr. Finnigan – Township Manager – had nothing to report.

Upon motion of Mr. Prendeville the Board adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Elizabeth D. Ritter
Township Secretary