
REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY MEETING

February 28, 2023

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 were Supervisors Prendeville, Lawless, Check, Nagle, Engineer Brien Kocher, Solicitor Anthony Giovannini and Manager Finnigan.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

Upon motion of Mr. Nagle, seconded by Mr. Prendeville, the Board approved the agenda.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Nagle seconded by Mr. Prendeville, the Board approved the minutes from the meeting of the Board of Supervisors dated February 14, 2023.

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

Upon motion of Ms. Lawless seconded by Mr. Prendeville, the Board approved the list of bills and transfers dated February 28, 2023.

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

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

No one offered comments.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Nothing to report.

REPORT OF THE VICE CHAIR

Mr. Nagle shared that PPL has had billing issues and he cautioned everyone especially if you have electric heat to review your account online and look at your daily usage from January 10 to January 25 and you may find that your kilowatt usage is tripled for those days. PPL has not announced the error.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

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

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

Mr. Check – Road District #3, had nothing to report.

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

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

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS – Mr. Nagle

Appointment – Public Works Director

Mr. Nagle moved the Board to appoint Tanner J. Melinsky to the Public Works Department as a laborer effective March 6, 2023. Appointment is subject to the normal and customary background checks.

Mr. Check seconded the motion.

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

PLANNING & ZONING – Ms. Lawless

Declaration of Covenant – 52 Highland Ave

Ms. Lawless moved the Board to authorize the Chairman and Secretary to sign the Declaration of Covenant, Agreement and Easement for maintenance of stormwater management facilities on the property located at 52 Highland Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

Mr. Prendeville seconded the motion.

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

ADMINISTRATION – Mr. Prendeville

PNC Pension Presentation

Paul Kamor from PNC presented the 2022 pension report.

Resolution 2023-12 – Permitting the Disposal of Municipal Assets

Mr. Prendeville moved the Board to approve Resolution 2023-12 permitting the Disposal of Municipal Assets.

Mr. Finnigan explained this is for the disposal of the 1997 leaf vacuum machine.

Ms. Lawless seconded the motion.

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

Performance Contract – Easton Municipal Band

Mr. Prendeville moved the Board to authorize the Chairman to sign the performance contract with Easton Municipal Band for their performance at the Community Center on April 22, 2023.

Mr. Nagle seconded the motion.

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

DEVELOPMENTS – Mr. Check

Lehigh Valley Flex Center – Improvements Deadline

Mr. Check moved the Board to grant the developer of Lehigh Valley Flex Center an extension to July 12, 2023, regarding the improvement's deadline, per the developer email dated February 23, 2023.

Mr. Nagle seconded the motion.

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

52 Highland – Site Plan Maintenance and Site Plan Improvements Agreements

Mr. Check moved the Board to approve, accept and authorize the Chairman and Secretary to sign the Site Plan Improvements Agreement and the Site Plan Maintenance Agreement for Indigo Investments, LLC for the property located at 52 Highland Ave, Bethlehem, PA 18017. It is noted that the letter of credit has been received.

Mr. Nagle seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Nagle

Pool – Township Manager to discuss timeline.

Mr. Finnigan, Township Manager reviewed the project timeline for the new pool construction. The project timeline has been placed on the website. On February 13, 2023, the contractor made their submission to Northampton County DEP to correct the technical deficiencies in the initial review letter and express mailed a check for the re-application fee which was received on February 14, 2023. On February 24, the contractor called Northampton County Conservation District and received a call back on Monday, February 27; the email and submission were lost. It has been found and the clock for the 22 day review period started on February 27, 2023. Mr. Finnigan subsequently followed-up with the NCCD and has requested a meeting with the Conservation District as it was their mistake. The building permit and everything has been approved. Mr. Finnigan is working on expediting the review and obtaining a demolition permit. The previous reviewer is no longer with the Conservation District so it is being reassigned. Heim has been on-site and set up their field office and they are ready. The tentative winterization date for the pool is Monday, November 6, 2023. The electrical contractor will need to reroute some electric sources to update previous electrical decisions and to upgrade the service. Due to how the electric service is routed the Community Center may be without electricity for a day as it is revised. Mr. Diacogiannis asked about the timeline and if there was a critical point that if not achieved would cause a delay. Mr. Limpar explained that when they demolish the current pool they will be drilling to install piers to protect from sink holes. Depending on how deep they have to make the piers could tentatively change the time line. Mr. Limpar's expectation is that the pool would run for a week or prior to winterizing.

Joan Steinberg, 4417 Tracey Lane, asked if the splash pad would also be run; Mr. Limpar is anticipating it to be completed at the same time.

Pool – Colliers Engineering & Design

Mr. Nagle moved the Board to authorize the Chairman to sign the proposal from Colliers Engineering & Design to provide geotechnical engineering support, Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) and Special Inspection services for the new pool complex.

Mr. Broughal and Mr. Kocher have reviewed the proposal. Mr. Kocher explained that Colliers Engineering review will be more specialized as related to the pool. Hanover Engineering will inspect the site for utilities.

Jean Versteeg asked a question related to the daily field reports that the reports will not be available for one to two weeks until being finalized. Mr. Limpar explained that there will be a weekly meeting.

Ms. Lawless seconded the motion.

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

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Nick Tapler, Boy Scout Troop 302 was in the audience as part of his requirement to fulfill the Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

STAFF REPORTS

Engineer – Mr. Kocher had nothing to report. Mr. Diacogiannis asked what the next step on Comprehensive Plan with the Nazareth area COG. Mr. Broughal has reviewed the plan and at a future meeting agreement and Resolution will be presented. Mr. Kocher has expressed a few concerns with the agreement and is working with Attorney Asteak and Becky. Mr. Diacogiannis asked Mr. Check to be the interface with the new agreement and the Planning Commission, Mr. Check agreed.

Solicitor – Mr. Broughal had nothing to report.

Public Works Director – Mr. Limpar stated we received our new loader. The older loader is on Municibid. Trucks are on order.

Township Manager – Mr. Finnigan stated that we used 140 tons of salt. Postcards are in the process of getting ready to be mailed announce Nixle. The 3500 chassis is at the upfitter. The Interceptor SUV will be purchased by the Colonial Regional Police Department.

Ms. Lawless asked what the situation was with Berkheimer and the tax error. Mr. Finnigan explained it was a human error. Berkheimer had a tax sitting at the Community Center on February 22, 2023; which had a favorable turn out.

It was mentioned that Dante Terenzio, Recreation Director will be starting on March 6, 2023.

Upon motion of Mr. Diacogiannis the Board adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Christina M. Thomas
Secretary