
REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY MEETING
June 28, 2011

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

Present were Supervisors Salvesen, Nagle, Tanczos, and Walbert, Solicitor Broughal, Engineer Birdsall, 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 with deletion of an item under Administration.

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 June 14, 2011.

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

It was noted for the record that the Bids were opened for the 2011 Road Work Project on June 24, 2011 at 1:15 P.M. at the Township Building.

Upon motion of Mr. Nagle, seconded by Mr. Salvesen, the Board approved the List of Bills and Transfers dated June 28, 2011 as prepared 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 had nothing to report.

REPORT OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr. Walbert had nothing to report.

SUPERVISORS'S COMMENTS AND ROAD REPORTS

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

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

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

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

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

PLANNING AND ZONING

Conditional Use Hearing – Georges Carreira and Kierstin Carreira, 4614 Kathi Drive, Bethlehem, PA, 18017 – Installation of Roof Top Solar Panels Facing the Road

Mr. Walbert closed the regular meeting and opened the Public Hearing. It is noted for the record that the hearing has been duly advertised and the Secretary received Proof of Publication. A Court Stenographer was present to record all testimony. After everyone who wished to speak, has spoken, the Public Hearing will be closed and the regular meeting will be reopened.

Mr. Walbert moved that the Board approve the Conditional Use Application of Georges and Kierstin Carreira, property owners of 4614 Kathi Drive, for the installation of roof-top solar panels conditioned upon the Owners meeting the requirements listed in Hanover Engineering's letter dated June 2, 2011.

Mr. Tanczos seconded the motion.

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

Conditional Use Hearing – Greenway Creative Learning Center, LLC, 52 Highland Avenue, Bethlehem, PA, 18017 – Seeking Relief to Allow a Day Care / Preschool in the P.I.B.D. Zoning District.

Mr. Walbert closed the regular meeting and opened the Public Hearing. It is noted for the record that the hearing has been duly advertised and the Secretary received Proof of Publication. A Court Stenographer was present to record all testimony. After everyone who wished to speak, has spoken, the Public Hearing will be closed and the regular meeting will be reopened.

It is noted that the hearing is being continued from the May 10, 2011 Board of Supervisors' meeting.

It is noted that the Conditional Use Approval will be on the July 26, 2011 Board of Supervisors' meeting.

David and Susan Hicks, 5351 Greenbriar Drive, Bethlehem, PA, 18017 – Installation of an In-Ground Pool and Consideration of Owner's Requests

Mr. David Hicks was present to discuss three items in his letter to the Board dated June 20, 2011 in regards to the installation of an in-ground pool on his property. (1) Encroachment into the existing SCD Zone on his property with a fence and landscaping (2) Encroachment in the 10' undeveloped drainage easement on either side of his property with a fence and (3) Permission for pool and landscape contractors to access his property from the rear, using the existing service access in the cul-de-sac at the end of Gloria Lane.

After a discussion, the Board directed Mr. Hicks to work with the Township Engineer and Township Manager to come up with a reasonable solution and present it to the Board at the July 26, 2011 meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

Discussion – City of Bethlehem – Water Rate Increase

Mr. Finnigan discussed a notice from the City of Bethlehem regarding the rate increases for water service. Rate increases include an increase of 13.9% for commercial, 18.1% for industrial and 17.5% for residential.

The Board expressed their concerns on the rate increases and directed the Township Manager to draft a letter to the PUC explaining such.

PUBLIC WORKS

Awarding of Bid – 2011 Road Work Project

Mr. Salvesen moved that the Board approve to award the Bid for the 2011 Road Work Project to Livengood Excavators, Inc., 4661 Lehigh Drive, Walnutport, PA 18088 at the total bid price of \$278,418.65; to notify Livengood Excavators, Inc. of the Board's action. Mr. Salvesen further moved to notify the second lowest bidder that we will be holding their bid bond until all the necessary paperwork is completed by the awarded bidder; and to return all other bid bonds to the remaining bidders. It is noted that the following roads will be overlaid: Highland Avenue, Muhlenberg Court, Princeton Drive, Wellesley Road, Dartmouth Drive, Colgate Drive and Vassar Avenue.

Mr. Nagle seconded the motion.

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

DEVELOPMENTS

Airport Road Management, LLC – Farmhouse Mews – Extension Request

Mr. Tanczos noted for the record that Airport Road Management, LLC for Farmhouse Mews, granted the Township a 180-day extension to January 1, 2012 for review of the plan.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Eugene Doyle of 35 Bachman Street, Hellertown, PA was present to ask the Board to support the Glass-Steagall Resolution, H.R. 1489 "The Return to Prudent Banking Act".

Frank from Upper Nazareth was also present to state he supports the Glass Steagall Resolution.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Birdsall had nothing to report.

Mr. Broughal had nothing to report.

Mr. Milite – Public Works Director was not in attendance.

Mr. Finnigan – Township Manager distributed the Fire Company report.

Upon motion of Mr. Walbert, seconded by Mr. Nagle, the Board approved adjournment at 8:20 P.M.

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

Lori A. Stranzl
Township Secretary