
REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY MEETING
October 25, 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 Nagle, Tanczos and Walbert, Mr. James Milot for Engineer 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. Tanczos, the Board approved the Agenda with an addition under Appointments and Resignations and Developments and the addition of an Executive Session for Personnel Matters.

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, as written, from the meeting of the Board of Supervisors dated October 11, 2011.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Nagle, seconded by Mr. Walbert, the Board approved the List of Bills and Transfers dated October 25, 2011, as prepared by the 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 with the exception of General Fund Check# 2354, Mr. Tanczos aye with the exception of General Fund Check# 2354, Mr. Walbert aye with the exception of General Fund Check# 2354, Mr. Diacogiannis aye with the exception of General Fund Check# 2354.

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.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS AND ROAD REPORTS

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

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

Mr. Diacogiannis - Road District #5, had nothing to report.

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

Mr. Finnigan noted that the motion approving the List of Bills needs to include the exception of General Fund Check # 2354, portion of the check which benefits the Board.

Mr. Diacogiannis noted Mr. Finnigan's note for the record.

APPONTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS – BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Mr. Finnigan noted for the record that at last meeting the Board appointed Mr. Robert Cepin as Treasurer and read into the record the following letter signed by Mr. Cepin:

“Dear Board of Supervisors: Thank you very much for your email appointing me the position of Treasurer with Hanover Township, Northampton County. While I believe firmly that the position acknowledges my work ethic and appreciate the challenging opportunity you offer, I feel that my current position closely aligns with my current career goals and interests. Therefore, although it was a difficult decision, as I explained to Mr. Diacogiannis when we spoke in person last week, I must decline your offer. I do appreciate all the courtesy and hospitality extended to me by the Board, and I wish you the best in your endeavors.”

PLANNING AND ZONING

Public Meeting: Adoption of Proposed Ordinance 2011-12, Portable Storage Units

Mr. Walbert moved that the Board approve Ordinance 2011-12, amending Ordinance 02-01, Chapter 134, Providing for the Regulation of Portable Storage Units.

ORDINANCE 2011-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER, COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 02-01, CHAPTER 134 PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF PORTABLE STORAGE UNITS, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

Mr. Nagle seconded the motion.

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

ADMINISTRATION

Proclamation 2011-8, honoring Joseph Thomas Schmidt on the Achievement of his Eagle Scout Award

Mr. Nagle moved that the Board approve the following Proclamation honoring Joseph Thomas Schmidt:

HANOVER TOWNSHIP NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

PROCLAMATION NO. 2011-08

A PROCLAMATION HONORING JOSEPH THOMAS SCHMIDT ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF HIS EAGLE AWARD

WHEREAS, Joseph Thomas Schmidt has achieved a significant accomplishment in life's path earning his Eagle Award as a member of the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Joseph will officially receive his award during an Eagle Presentation Ceremony on Sunday, November 6, 2011 as a member of Boy Scout Troop 352, Notre Dame of Bethlehem Roman Catholic Church, Bethlehem, PA; and

WHEREAS, Joseph added yardage markers on sprinkler heads and at par-3 tee boxes at the Bethlehem Municipal Golf Club; and

WHEREAS, Joseph has exemplified the virtues of scouting and has exhibited leadership skills in his troop serving as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader. He was also a member of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's honor society.

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

That Joseph Thomas Schmidt is applauded and recognized on the occasion of his Eagle Award and the Board of Supervisors congratulates him for his dedication and devotion in preserving the finest virtues of American life as set forth by Scouting principals. The Board of Supervisors also proclaim Monday, November 7, 2011 as Joseph Thomas Schmidt Day in Hanover Township.

Mr. Walbert seconded the motion.

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

Authorize Signatures: Revision to Automated Red Light Enforcement Program – Project Funding Agreement.

Mr. Nagle moved that the Board approve to authorize the Chairman and the Secretary to initial revisions made to Exhibit A of the Automated Red Light Enforcement Program Project Funding Agreement.

Mr. Walbert seconded the motion.

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

Resolution 2011-17, Disaster relief and Emergency Assistance Act

Mr. Nagle moved that the Board approve and sign Resolution 2011-17, for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Management Assistance Act (Public Law 93-288 as amended by Public Law 100-707).

RESOLUTION 2011-17

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township THAT John J. Finnigan, Jr., Township Manager IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE FOR AND IN BEHALF OF Hanover Township, Northampton County, a public entity established under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, all required forms and documents for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Public Law 93-288, as amended by Public Law 100-707).

Mr. Walbert seconded the motion.
Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

Proposed 2012 Budget - Recreation

Cathy Heimsoth and Fran Taglang were present regarding the 2012 Recreation budget. Mrs. Heimsoth advised the Board of the changes for 2012, answered some questions from the Board, and discussed the events over the next 6 weeks.

PUBLIC WORKS

DEVELOPMENTS

Note for the Record: LNAA 1,144 Acre Lot Consolidation Extension

Mr. Tanczos noted for the record that Lehigh Northampton Airport Authority has granted the Township and extension to February 1, 2012 to review the 1,144 Acre Lot Consolidation Plan.

LNAA Lot Location – Lot Consolidation Extension Request

Mr. Nagle moved that the Board approve to grant Lehigh Northampton Airport Authority an extension to February 22, 2012 to meet conditions of approval for the Lot Location Plan – Lot Consolidations.

Mr. Walbert seconded the motion.
Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

LNAA Cul-de-sac Subdivision Extension Request

Mr. Tanczos moved that the Board approve to grant Lehigh Northampton Airport Authority an extension to February 22, 2012 to meet conditions of approval for the Cul-de-sac Subdivision.

Mr. Walbert seconded the motion.
Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

LNAA Parcel E – Lot 2 Subdivision Extension Request

Mr. Tanczos moved that the Board approve to grant Lehigh Northampton Airport Authority an extension to February 22, 2012 to meet conditions of approval for Parcel E – Lot 2 Subdivision.

Mr. Nagle seconded the motion.
Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

Villani – Dewire Subdivision Extension

Mr. Tanczos moved that the Board authorize the Chairman and Secretary to execute the revised Extension Agreement, which grants an extension to December 31, 2016

Mr. Walbert seconded the motion.

Mr. Broughal stated that the motion needs to include a condition that the Township received the Letter of Credit.

Mr. Tanczos amended his motion adding “conditioned upon the receipt of the Letter of Credit in the amount of \$249,413.24.”

Mr. Walbert seconded the amendment.
Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

Newly Weds Foods Extension

Mr. Tanczos moved that the Board notify the Developer of the Newly Weds Foods Building Addition Plan that the plan is denied unless an extension request is received prior to November 7, 2011.

Mr. Walbert seconded the motion.

Mr. Broughal stated that the motion needs to include a reason as to why it is being denied; therefore the motion needs to be amended to include "failure to meet the provisions of Hanover Engineering's letter dated January 7, 2010."

Mr. Tanczos amended the motion to include the above statement.

Mr. Walbert seconded the motion.

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.

STAFF REPORTS

Engineer Milot had nothing to report.

Solicitor Broughal had nothing to report.

Mr. Milite reported that leaf pickup has begun.

Mr. Finnigan reported on the following:

- Fire Company reported distributed
- Updated the Board on the Bid package for the Waste/Recycling contract that ends April 2012.
- Updated the Board on Borough of Freemansburg withdrawing from the Bethlehem Area Public Library
- Received a call from Growing Greener asking that we join with other municipalities to pass a resolution to convince Legislature to continue their funding

Upon motion of Mr. Walbert, seconded by Mr. Tanczos, the Board approved adjournment of the regular meeting at 8:05 P.M. and entered into an Executive Session.
Mr. Nagle aye, Mr. Tanczos aye, Mr. Walbert aye, Mr. Diacogiannis aye.

Lori A. Stranzl
Township Secretary