
REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY MEETING

June 9, 2020

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, Mr. Diacogiannis aye

Upon motion of Mr. Nagle seconded by Mr. Warren, the Board approved the minutes from the meeting of the Board of Supervisors dated May 26, 2020.

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 June 9, 2020.

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

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

REPORT OF THE VICE CHAIR

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

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

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

Mr. Warren – Road District #3, Mr. Warren advised he had received a complaint from a resident regarding Jake Breaking of trucks on Route 22. Mr. Finnigan advised he has reached out to PennDot and it does not appear that the area meets the requirements to be posted but is waiting to hear back.

Mr. Warren thanked the Township staff for everything they have done during the pandemic.

Mr. Warren spoke about the racism and law enforcement issues in the country. He spoke on the mental health struggles of the country. He relayed that he wants to see a positive change made by all communities.

Ms. Lawless – Road District #4, Ms. Lawless spoke about striving for a more diverse police department. She stated that she would like to see the Supervisors get involved early in the next hiring process for the police. Ms. Lawless requested that the Supervisors be able to review the policy for the use of chokeholds, and if one is not in place one needs to be created.

Mr. Diacogiannis advised the Police Commission is preparing to review the policies, and he will make those policies available for the Board as well.

Mr. Nagle advised regarding diversity within the police department, that the challenge with hiring is that there were only 7 applicants, as there are less people choosing law enforcement careers.

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

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS – BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

PLANNING & ZONING

Public Hearing – Faulkner Subaru

Ms. Lawless noted for the record the hearing has been duly advertised and the Secretary has received proof of publication. A court stenographer is present to record all testimony.

Zoning Hearing Board – 1202 Foxview Drive

The applicant is installing an in-ground swimming pool and is requesting a variance from the provision that the pool shall not be nearer than 50 feet from the street right-of-way line.

The Board will not send representation to the hearing.

ADMINISTRATION

Proposed Ordinance – RCN Cable Franchise

Mr. Warren moved the Board authorize the Township Solicitor to advertise the proposed ordinance granting RCN Telecom Services, Inc. a non-exclusive franchise to erect, install, maintain and operate cable service in, under, over, along, across and upon the streets, sidewalks, alleys, bridges, roads, highways and other public places in the Township of Hanover.

Mr. Prendeville seconded the motion.

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

BB&T Custody Agreement

Mr. Warren moved the Board authorize the Township Manager to execute the Custody Agreement with BB&T.

Mr. Prendeville seconded the motion.

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

Settlement RCN

Mr. Warren moved the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the settlement agreement and mutual release between RCN Telecom Services, LLC and Hanover Township Northampton County.

Mr. Prendeville seconded the motion.

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

Residential Waste & Recycling Bid Package

Mr. Warren noted for the record the Residential Waste & Recycling Bid packages were distributed.

DEVELOPMENTS

PUBLIC WORKS

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Kocher – Engineer – nothing to report.

Mr. Broughal – Solicitor – nothing to report.

Mr. Milite – Public Works Director – Mr. Milite thanked the Board and Township Manager for authorizing him to come back to work.

Mr. Finnigan – Township Manager – Mr. Finnigan advised the Board to get any conditions to him regarding the Faulkner Subaru conditional use by June 17.

Mr. Finnigan stated the zoning department has worked with three restaurants to set up outdoor dining.

Mr. Finnigan informed the Board that the Township has received 1300 new e-mail signups during the pandemic.

Upon motion of Ms. Lawless the Board adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Elizabeth D. Ritter
Township Secretary