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## REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY MEETING

### January 27, 2026

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

Present were Supervisors Lawless, Prendeville, Gross, Pepitone, Township Engineer Brien Kocher, and Township Solicitor James Broughal.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

Upon motion of Mr. Prendeville, seconded by Mr. Gross, the Board approved the agenda. Mr. Prendeville, aye, Mr. Gross, aye, Mr. Pepitone, aye, Ms. Lawless, aye.

Upon motion of Mr. Prendeville, seconded by Ms. Gross, the Board approved the minutes from the meeting of the Board of Supervisors dated January 27, 2026.

Mr. Prendeville, aye, Mr. Gross, aye, Mr. Pepitone, aye, Ms. Lawless, aye.

Upon motion of Mr. Prendeville, seconded by Mr. Gross, the Board approved the list of bills and transfers dated January 27, 2026.

Mr. Prendeville, aye, Mr. Gross, aye, Mr. Pepitone, aye, Ms. Lawless, aye.

#### COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Director of Field Operations, Michael Salvo, and Senior Manager of Operations, Don Kessler of PA American Water were present to address the Board about the merger with Community Utilities.

Nexus, the holding company of Community Utilities, decided to sell off certain water and wastewater companies they own. American Water, the parent company of PA American Water, participated in the procurement and were selected to participate and ended up being a successful company to acquire Nexus Utilities. PA American Water entered into an agreement in May 2025 and are anticipating approval to acquire Nexus Utilities by April 2026.

Mr. Salvo explained each homeowner in the Westgate area will receive a welcoming packet with a letter and information regarding the new water utility.

The Board shared concerns about changes Community Utilities were to make regarding fire hydrants and water supply. They also shared concerns about rate increases.

Mr. Salvo stated that Community Utilities is required to continue their work up through April and then PA American Water will step in and complete the work per COUPAs settlement.

Glynis Daniels, 1280 Gaspar Avenue, shared that she lived in the Westgate area twenty years ago and had concerns about the quality of water.

#### REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Ms. Lawless shared that she is pleased with the communication the Administration Department provided to the residents about the snowstorm and a job well done by the Public Works Department.

#### REPORT OF THE VICE CHAIR

### SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Pepitone – Road District #1, had nothing to report. Mr. Pepitone complimented the Public Works Department on snow removal.

Ms. Versteeg - Road District #2, was absent.

Mr. Gross – Road District #3, had nothing to report. Mr. Gross attended his first police commission meeting and stated the police commission is in the early stages of forming a foundation.

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

Mr. Prendeville – Road District #5, stated the fire hydrants at the Southland Condos on Cheryl Drive are buried with snow. Mr. Prendeville explained the importance of shoveling out fire hydrants.

### PLANNING & ZONING – Ms. Gross

#### **ZHB Application - Zoning Amendment Request – Wegmans Food Markets – 3760 Fairview St & 5000 Wegmans Dr**

The applicant for Wegmans Food Markets, Inc., is requesting an amendment to the conditions from the Zoning Hearing Board decision of August 24, 2000, with regards to Lot 1B. The applicant wants to remove the ownership/conveyance restriction to the lot.

Mr. Broughal explained nothing is changing. Ms. Lawless stated it's a business transaction.

Does the Board wish to send representation to the Zoning Hearing Board meeting scheduled for February 26, 2026?

The Board does not wish to send representation.

### DEVELOPMENTS – Mr. Gross

#### ADMINISTRATION – Mr. Pepitone

#### **Berkheimer – In-person Real Estate Tax Collection Dates at the Hanover Township Community Center**

Mr. Pepitone noted for the record, Berkheimer will be at the Hanover Township Community Center on February 13 from 10:00am to 5:00pm and March 27 from 10:00am to 5:00pm to collect tax payments from residents.

#### **Resolution 2026 - 09 Hanover Township Emergency Operation Plan and Promulgation**

Mr. Pepitone moved the Board to adopt Resolution 2026-09 and the accompanying Promulgation concerning the Township's Emergency Operations Plan. Mr. Pepitone further moved the Board of Supervisors, Township Emergency Management Coordinator, and Secretary to execute the appropriate documents for submission to the County of Northampton.

Mr. Prendeville seconded the motion.

Mr. Prendeville, aye, Mr. Gross, aye, Mr. Pepitone, aye, Ms. Lawless, aye.

#### **Authorization to engage Environmental Planning & Design to complete the Township 10 Year Park and Recreation Plan. The Township has received a grant help to complete this plan in 2025.**

Mr. Pepitone moved the Board to approve the proposal from Environmental Planning & Design to assist the Township completing a 10-year Park and Recreation Plan.

Mr. Hudson explained the Township submitted a grant application and an RFP to several companies. The Township received two proposals back, from Environmental Planning & Design and from Gilmore Associates. After discussing with Board members, they've decided on Environmental Planning & Design since they have done a lot of plans for local communities and were the most cost effective.

The plan is to help with grants and road maps for the Township areas that may need upgraded amenities and/or parks. The grant was received in 2025 and the plan is to begin the process in 2026. Community feedback will be a part of the process.

Mr. Gross seconded the motion.

Mr. Prendeville, aye, Mr. Gross, aye, Mr. Pepitone, aye, Ms. Lawless, aye.

#### PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Prendeville

#### **PA Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Application - Crosswalks**

Mr. Prendeville moved the Board to authorize Hanover Engineering to assist with the preparation of the PA Multimodal Transportation Fund application for the installation of the crosswalks at Harriet Lane/Crawford Park and Toni Lane/Crawford Drive.

Mr. Gross seconded the motion.

Mr. Prendeville, aye, Mr. Gross, aye, Mr. Pepitone, aye, Ms. Lawless, aye.

#### **First Responders Park Pavilion – AK Petersheim Builders Extension**

Mr. Prendeville moved the Board to grant the developer of the First Responders Park Pavilion an extension to March 31, 2026, per AK Petersheim Builder's email dated January 19, 2026.

Mr. Gross seconded the motion.

Mr. Prendeville, aye, Mr. Gross, aye, Mr. Pepitone, aye, Ms. Lawless, aye.

#### COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

John Aulenbach, 3755 Jacksonville Road, had questions regarding the roof and HVAC replacement with the Hanover Township Community Center and how long the center will be closed for. Mr. Aulenbach is interested in purchasing a membership at the community center.

Mr. Hudson explained there is no expectation of the replacement to affect the whole building. The repairs are estimated to take one to two weeks. If the weather is too hot or too cold, there may be a chance of the building being closed but it is not definite.

#### STAFF REPORTS

**Engineer** – Mr. Kocher reported that Gaspar Storm Sewer Extension project plans will be prepared for the next Board of Supervisors meeting in February.

**Solicitor** – Mr. Broughal had nothing to report.

**Recreation Director** – Mr. Terenzio stated the current programs at the community center are Tennis, Lacrosse, and Martial Arts. Upcoming programs are the Women Move for Health Spring Season and Kids Summer Camp beginning in June. Registration begins February 1<sup>st</sup>. The Hanover Township Pickleball League is still open for registration. Bingo will be on Thursday, February 5 with Star of Bethlehem as the beneficiary.

Mr. Terenzio thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work with snow cleanup.

**Township Manager** – Mr. Hudson reported that on February 1, the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company will be an active ALS for the community. The conditional use hearing for the Hot Yoga Hut, LLC, 272 Brodhead Road, that was discussed at the last Board meeting has been withdrawn.

Mr. Hudson noted that the Public Works Department did a fantastic job with the snowstorm and asked residents to stop shoveling snow into the roadways and to shovel sidewalks and fire hydrants. Ms. Lymanstall noted the Berkheimer Real Estate bills will be mailed January 31<sup>st</sup> and the Residential Waste & Recycling bills will be dropped off at the post office on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Lawless noted the next Board of Supervisor meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 7:00pm.

Upon motion of Mr. Prendeville, the Board adjourned at 7:58pm.

Kimberly Lymanstall  
Township Secretary