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## **REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY MEETING**

### **February 10, 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, Versteeg, Pepitone, Township Engineer Brien Kocher, and Township Solicitor Anthony Giovanninni.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

Ms. Lawless asked for the will of the Board to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Lawless asked for the will of the Board to approve the minutes from the meeting of the Board of Supervisors dated January 27, 2026. Motion passed 4-0. Ms. Versteeg abstained.

Ms. Lawless asked for the will of the Board to approve the list of bills and transfers dated February 10, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

#### COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

#### PRESENTATORS IN ATTENDANCE

Senator Nick Miller and Representative Steve Samulson were in attendance to present a check in the amount of \$292,581.00 for the Hanover Township Volunteer Company to purchase emergency management county radios. The Township applied for two grants and received \$200,000.00 from the LSA Statewide Grant and \$92,581.00 from the Lehigh/Northampton County LSA Grant.

#### **Emergency Management County Radio Purchase for the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company**

Mr. Pepitone moved the Board to approve the purchase of Motorola radios for the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$418,540.76, using the funds from the LSA grants that the Township was awarded and funds from the Fire Equipment fund.

Mr. Gross seconded the motion.

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

Karen Peters, EMS Director of the HTVFC, thanked the Board and reported that since the transition to Advanced Life Support (ALS), the department has been very busy. The medics and EMTs have been participating in a lot of training over the last month and are doing great. The HTVFC are looking into additional funding for a second ALS monitor.

#### **Community Center HVAC and Roof Replacement**

Jason Dill, McClure Company, Chris Devers, Exterior Building Solutions, and Mike Fallon from Atlantic Roofing were present to discuss with the Board the final details for the Community Center HVAC and roof replacement.

The Board directed Mr. Dill to move forward with the commercial HVAC unit for the gym area and to remove HVAC units from the meeting room area.

#### REPORT OF THE CHAIR & Road District #4

Ms. Lawless had nothing to report.

#### REPORT OF THE VICE CHAIR & Road District #2

Ms. Versteeg shared this year, the Colonial Regional Police Department (CRPD) will continue to play a central role in our Municipal operations and public safety efforts. CRPD remains the largest single line item in the Township's budget, reflecting both the scope of its responsibilities and our continued commitment to maintaining a safe community. It is going to be a busy and important year for the department. At the end of last year, we proudly swore in three new officers, strengthening our ranks and enhancing our ability to serve residents effectively.

2026 will mark a significant leadership transition. Chief DePalma will retire after over 30 years of dedicated service to our Townships. We are grateful for his leadership and contributions to the CRPD and the community at large. Following his retirement, a new Chief of Police will be appointed. This transition will also require several succession appointments, ensuring continuity in leadership and maintaining a strong command structure within the department.

Finally, we will undertake negotiations to renew the collective bargaining agreement with the Colonial Regional Police Association. This process is an important part of ensuring fiscal responsibility while continuing to support a professional, well-staffed police department. We will continue to keep residents informed as these leadership transitions and negotiations move forward and remain committed to transparency, fiscal responsibility, and public safety throughout the year.

Ms. Lawless noted for the record that the Board will not participate as it was delegated to the commission members and the commission members will participate in things like vetting a new Chief. Ms. Versteeg stated there are two Townships involved in the CRPD, Lower Nazareth and Hanover Township. Each Township delegates two of two members of either Supervisor or Township Manager. One a voting member and one an alternate member, and the four in the Colonial Regional Police Commission have the discussions, interviews, and make the decisions on who the appointments will be.

#### SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Pepitone – Road District #1, had nothing to report. Mr. Pepitone stated there was a large fire on Sugar Maple Court and commended the fire company for their response to it.

Mr. Gross – Road District #3, had nothing to report. Mr. Gross stated the Bethlehem Area Public Library is offering museum passes with a library membership.

Mr. Prendeville – Road District #5, had nothing to report. Mr. Prendeville noted that the fire hydrant on Sugar Maple Court was not dug out.

#### PLANNING & ZONING – Ms. Versteeg

##### **Zoning Variance Application – 3760 Fairview Street – Signage (Chase Bank)**

The applicant, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., is requesting a variance for the maximum allowed sizes of a monument sign and wall mounted sign.

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

##### **4300 Airport Road LLC – 4000-4030 Airport Road Lot Consolidation & Land Development Recording Deadline**

Mr. Gross moved the Board to grant the developer of the 4000-4030 Airport Road Lot Consolidation

& Land Development an extension to October 31, 2026, to record the plans, per the developer letter dated October 22, 2025.

Mr. Prendeville seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION – Mr. Pepitone

**Adjustment to Township Manager Compensation**

Mr. Pepitone moved the Board to increase the manager’s salary by 3.1% and to pay the manager retroactively beginning on January 1, 2026.

Mr. Prendeville seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Prendeville

**Authorization to Advertise the Gaspar Storm Sewer Extension Project**

Mr. Prendeville moved the Board to authorize the Township Secretary to advertise the bid documents for the Gaspar Storm Sewer Extension project.

Mr. Gross seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Scott Harney, 1065 Yorkshire Road, encouraged the Board to review the LVPC publication regarding industrial land uses and to review and address the Township’s zoning ordinance regarding data centers.

STAFF REPORTS

**Engineer** – Mr. Kocher had nothing to report.

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

**Township Manager** – Mr. Hudson reported the Hanover Township Community Center is having a 3-on-3 Youth Basketball Tournament for March Madness on Sunday, March 15. Grades 1 through 6 can participate. The Public Works Department have been doing inside work in the community center and cleaning up the shop due to the cold temperatures outside. They have been opening up some intersections by moving the snow.

Mr. Hudson stated that Chase Bank submitted an application to amend the conditions to the Wegmans Lots and the plans will be reviewed at the Zoning Hearing Board meeting on February 26, 2026. Jaindl Land Development Lot 11 dropped off plans to the Township on February 9 for a small warehouse located on the corner of Steuben Road and Township Line Road. The administration staff are currently planning the America 250 Celebration for September 26, 2026, at the First Responders Park Pavilion.

Ms. Lawless noted the next Board of Supervisor meeting will be on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 7:00pm.

Upon motion of Mr. Prendeville, the Board adjourned at 8:03pm.

Kimberly Lymanstall  
Township Secretary