Township of South Hanover
Board of Supervisors
161 Patriot Way
Hershey, PA 17033
Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Supervisors:	**Township Personnel:**
Stephen Cordaro, Chairman	Andy Francos, Solicitor
Frank Tomasic, Vice Chairman - absent	Lynn Wuestner, Manager
Robert Cassel, Secretary	Brian Engle, Engineer
Jack Studer, Assistant Secretary	Cheyanne Hench, Admin. Assist.
Kevin Busher	Art Heilman, Treasurer

Public Present: Public Works Foreman Justin Strohm, Fire Chief Shane Peterson, Terry Shaffer, Anju Singh, Christina Errickson, Justin Gulliver, Joe Cronin, and Anna Miller (the Sun)

Call to Order: Chairman Cordaro called the Township of South Hanover Board of Supervisors meeting to order on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 6:38 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Executive Session: Solicitor Francos announced that prior to this meeting the Board had an executive session to discuss legal issues, litigation, and litigation surrounding the data center ordinance.

Public Comment:
Manager Wuestner announced that public comments will be held to three minutes per person and the Supervisors have chosen to enact § 710.1(a) under the Sunshine Act which allows the Supervisors to limit public comment to South Hanover residents and taxpayers only.

Terry Shaffer – 139 Grandview Dr
Mr. Shaffer said that he did not know how many right to know requests have been submitted over time. He thinks it may have been a way for residents to attempt to fill in the gaps of unanswered questions. The productive road to the future is to continue to build trust and relationships. There has been substantial progress in the last few months. Can a timeline be provided to residents for the Data Center Ordinance? Mr. Shaffer said that the original Facebook group that took a break is looking to work together and find common ground and utilize teamwork.

Anju Singh – 103 Cardinal Ln
Ms. Singh said that actions speak louder than words. Residents want to know what words are not being heard by the Supervisors and what actions the Supervisors plan to take in response to their words. Ms. Singh said that in South Annville Township, when the residents said they were not in favor of a data center, it was taken off the table and that is an example of good governance because the elected officials were trusted to listen to and serve the people. Across the river, the opposite happened where the Township moved forward with a data center application despite the

residents saying they do not want it. Residents do not want South Hanover to end up like that. What is the Board going to do? What are their words and actions going to be? Ms. Singh urged the Supervisors to listen to us residents and serve in our best interest.

Christina Errickson – 7106 Fox Meadow Dr

Ms. Errickson said she has been a resident for thirty two years. Recalling a Supervisor stating that residents have not been transparent or forthcoming about what they truly want, she noted that numerous letters and emails have been sent and residents have voiced their thoughts and concerns at every meeting for months. She asked how much more transparency the Board wants from residents. The public is not required to be transparent but the elected officials of the Board are. Ms. Errickson said that the requests from the public have been met with resistance and pushback from Supervisors. It is the responsibility of the Supervisors to make the best decisions for the Township, give the residents the attention they deserve when they speak and to set workshops for the public receive updates.

Justin Gulliver – 14 Grandview Dr

Mr. Gulliver read a letter from Amber Elia who could not attend the meeting. Ms. Elia's letter said that residents asked the Supervisors not to rush the ordinance, take a pause. The Board did just that. Listening does not require agreement. Residents should acknowledge when public input results in actual changes. Another resident group submitted a draft data center ordinance that has good ideas that should be considered and determined if the ideas can strengthen the ordinance. Ms. Elia's letter stated that the Supervisors should not pass this ordinance drafted by residents for advertisement just because residents asked for it to be adopted. It should go through the appropriate municipal review process. Residents need to understand that "they didn't do what I wanted" is not the same as "they do not listen".

Joe Cronin – 25 Elm St

Mr. Cronin provided some items that may be of use for ordinance refinement. A gravel cartway for emergency responder use can also limit stormwater runoff concerns and minimizes environmental impact compared to a paved roadway. Underground electrical lines would not only clean up the ugly above ground wiring but also limit the risk of trees bringing down the lines during storms. Mandatory public safety meetings should be held annually for transparency and annual disaster drills being run along since local emergency services to ensure threats can be handled by properly trained individuals. Developers, builders, and future tenants should adhere to mandatory inspections by Township officials with 24-hour written notice. This will reduce the risk of becoming the next Erin Brockovich case.

Motion to Approve August 25, 2026, Meeting Minutes: Supervisor Studer made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 25, 2026. Seconded by Supervisor Busher. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Solicitors' Report:

FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Resolution Authorizing Hayshed Road ROW and Drainage Easement

Supervisor Studer made a motion to approve the Resolution 5-2026 to authorize the Hayshed Road right of way and drainage easement. Supervisor Busher seconded. **Motion passed 3-0-1.**

Secretary Cassel abstained.

FOR DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL: Pedestrian Connections on Hayshed

Manager Wuestner asked for permission to move this item from her report to the Solicitor's to have all Hayshed Road related items together. Supervisor Studer made a motion to approve the amendment. Supervisor Busher seconded. **Motion passed 3-0-1.** Secretary Cassel abstained. Chris Bauer from Bowman Construction was in attendance to discuss this item. Mr. Bauer said there needs to be walkways added to the roundabouts for pedestrian crossing. The two proposed crossings are on Hayshed Road and across the driveway of the Cassel Farm property. There is a path to nowhere that Supervisor Busher asked why not plan to retrofit it. Chairman Cordaro said that it will not obstruct the flow of traffic if it is done before the roundabout is complete. Supervisor Studer made a motion to authorize the design of the proposed pedestrian crossings at the roundabout as presented by Mr. Bauer during this meeting. Supervisor Busher seconded. **Motion passed 3-0-1.** Secretary Cassel abstained.

Engineer's Report:

FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Hospodavis SWM Plan – 120 Short Drive – Financial Security – Reduction No. 2 and Final - $1,098.63

Engineer Engle said that this plan is for a new home. RETTEW recommends a final release of financial security balance of $1,098.63. Secretary Cassel made a motion to approve the release of financial security balance for this stormwater management plan. Supervisor Busher seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Swatara Creek Pump Station Force Main Replacement – Change Order No. 1 - $17,234.00

Engineer Engle said that this change order covers several items including way the force main connects to the manhole as requested by DTMA along with additional notice signage and changing the header piping. Work is substantially complete. Supervisor Studer mentioned that on the quote provided, sales tax was charged, the Township is sales tax exempt. Supervisor Studer made a motion to approve change order number one in the amount not to exceed $17,234.00 subject to the revision to eliminate the sales tax cost. Secretary Cassel seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Murphy SWM Plan – 3 Banbury Road – Full Stormwater Plan and O&M Agreement

Engineer Engle said that this applicant has submitted the required financial security and executed O&M agreements. RETTEW recommends approval of this stormwater plan and O&M agreement under the conditions that any comments from the August 31, 2026, letter are addressed and any outstanding balances are paid. Supervisor Busher made a motion to approve the stormwater plan and O&M agreement for 3 Banbury Road with RETTEW's recommended conditions. Supervisor Studer seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Chairman Cordaro asked Engineer Engle to review the Willow Creek escrow amounts since they have not yet put the gravel path in along Red Top. He told Engineer Engle to check any other items on the punch list and upgrade the financial security requirement if necessary. Manager Wuestner said that there is money owed to the Township from this development. The developer

was uncooperative in previous attempts. Engineer Engle said that the developer believes that this issue is the responsibility of the home builder.

Manager's Report:

FOR APPROVAL: Sewer Foreman

Manager Wuestner asked the Supervisors for approval of the hiring of Clint Kreiger as the full time Sewer Foreman to start Monday, September 14, 2026. Supervisor Studer made a motion to approve the hiring of Clint Kreiger. Supervisor Busher seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

FOR INFORMATION: Hydrant Water Increase

Manager Wuestner told the Supervisors that there has been an increase in the bill for hydrant water. The increase took the bill from around $3,800 to approximately $4,500. Manager Wuestner said she wanted to present this item so that necessary changes can be made in the upcoming budget. She said another hydrant related issue is that when a new hydrant is added in the Township, properties within a certain distance to a hydrant need to pay a hydrant tax, but these properties have never been added to the list.

FOR DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL: Waverly Drive Culvert Stabilization

Chairman Cordaro said that currently, there is a project happening to reline the culvert under Waverly Drive to improve its durability but there is no headwall. Due to this there is evidence of water coming up underneath. This proposal is to use the method of injecting grout to seal the spaces around the pipe so that the water can't get through and will have to go into the pipe. Secretary Cassel made a motion to approve the proposal from Utility Services Group, INC. for the Waverly Drive Culvert Stabilization for the amount of not to exceed $34,780.00. Supervisor Studer seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

FOR DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL: Oakshire Drive Pipe Stabilization

Manager Wuestner said that stabilization is needed beneath the settled culvert pipe on Oakshire Drive. Public Works Foreman Justin Strohm said that during sewer construction, it was found that the concrete pipe separated causing a leak. Grout can be put in to push the pipe back into place and then grout around the inside to seal it. Mr. Strohm said that this would be a project for 2027 but getting it approved now will lock in the estimated cost of $10,550. Manager Wuestner said that we should also get this project approved so the work can be done prior to the sewer infrastructure project is completed and paved over. Supervisor Studer made a motion to approve the proposal from Utility Services Group, INC. for the Oakshire Drive pipe stabilization in the amount of $10,550.00. Secretary Cassel seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Manager Wuestner mentioned that the Fire Police were requested to participate at an event in Hummelstown. Since the request came in after the agenda was published, Manager Wuestner is requesting to give the Fire Police permission now and put in on the next meeting agenda for retroactive approval. With no disagreement from the Solicitor, the Supervisors were all in support of the Fire Police assisting in Hummelstown and Manager Wuestner putting the event for retroactive approval at the next meeting.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Cordaro had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report:

FOR DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION: 2027 Potential Capital Projects and Street Paving

Treasurer Heilman said that the 2027 budget process has started. He said that there are several road projects proposed and the Supervisors would have to determine if they're comfortable using more money from the general funds for these projects. Chairman Cordaro asked if the construction restoration crew plans to have the roads in decent enough condition that they will be plowable in the winter. No one wants to have to replace manholes or plow trucks because of preventable damage. Supervisor Busher asked if someone could look into why Blackbird and Whippoorwill were not micro surfaced at the same time as Hayshed and Sparrow.

Treasurer Heilman said that another budget area requiring attention is the Fire Company. They need new equipment, especially radios, that cost of new radios alone is three times the amount of their annual budget. Fire Chief Shane Peterson said that their current radios are twenty plus years old and the proposed radios are the required brand from the required vendor of the county. He said they are not looking to buy the fun, shiny, new toys, they are trying to replace necessary equipment to stay operational and efficiently save lives when they are called. Chairman Cordaro said that grants for first responder equipment are available. Treasurer Heilman reminded everyone that the adopted Fire Company budget for 2026 was $80,000 in the hole and the estimated 2027 budget mirrors 2026 for a grand total of $160,000 in the hole. Grants that were awarded for debt service have not been received yet and if they are not received by the end of the year that would be an additional $66,000 missing. Supervisors Busher said that we need to do a deep dive into the budget and see what revenue we can potentially benefit from because running that size deficit year after year is going to add up.

Chairman Cordaro told Mr. Strohm to connect with Mr. Kreiger when he starts to discuss what is needed as replacement parts for pump stations. Supervisor Studer noted that replacement parts for every pump station should be kept on hand in case of an emergency.

Other Business:

Supervisor Busher wanted to recognize the residents that contributed to the proposed draft ordinance. He sincerely appreciates the level of engagement shown throughout this process. As a Supervisor, he does not believe it is appropriate to adopt an unreviewed, resident authored ordinance. The goal is an ordinance that is well intentioned, lawful, defensible, practical, and in the best interest of the Township as a whole. Supervisor Busher said that he fully respects the public's right to refine its views as new information becomes available, in the same way he hopes the public understands that the Supervisors have an obligation to exercise diligence before acting on any proposal. If the Township devoted substantial time and resources evaluating and incorporating portions of the resident's draft, would that represent a broadly supported path forward or be just another step in an ongoing discussion? There have been occasions when individuals privately expressed their support for certain concepts, compromises or approaches but then publicly advocate for something entirely different which makes it difficult to identify a meaningful path forward. Effective public engagement requires transparency, consistency and candor from all participants, not just elected officials. Supervisor Busher does not believe his responsibility as a Supervisor is to meet only with those who share his views, in fact the most valuable conversations he has had were with residents that challenged his assumptions or offered a different perspective. We can disagree respectfully while continuing to work towards the best for

this Township. Supervisor Busher said that he hopes the Board does not support any data center ordinance until a public townhall type forum is held where both the developer and members of the public have the opportunity to discuss and present their ideas, concerns and desired outcomes.

Payroll and Invoices:

Motion: Secretary Cassel made a motion to approve the payment of payroll of $28,411.15 and invoices of $**161,177.59**. Seconded by Supervisor Studer. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Payable Accounts & Payroll Total

General Fund (SH1)	$84,002.95
Sewer Revenue Fund (SH2)	$65,985.41
Fire Protection Fund (SH3)	$2,471.72
Street Light Fund (SH8)	$3,886.99
Fire Hydrant Fund (SH9)	$4,830.52
Account Payable Total	**$161,177.59**
P/E 08-30-26 Payroll Total	$28,411.15
Grand Total	**$189,588.74**

Motion to Adjourn: Supervisor Busher made a motion to adjourn. Secretary Cassel seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheyanne Hench
Administrative Assistant