

**Township of South Hanover
Board of Supervisors Re-organization
161 Patriot Way
Hershey, PA 17033
Tuesday, January 14, 2025**

Supervisors:

Stephen Cordaro, Chairman
Frank Tomasic, Vice Chairman
Robert Cassel, Secretary
Jack Studer, Assistant Secretary
Kevin Busher

Township Personnel:

Michael Miller, Solicitor
Lynn Wuestner, Manager
Brian Engle, Engineer
Art Heilman, Treasurer
Christy Ricker, Admin. Asst.

Public Present: Sarina Middletown, Melissa Flinn, Brian Fosnot, Tim Henry, Niles Long III, Paul Mcamee, Brandyn Mesinger, Andrea Messinger, Aura Hill.

Call to Order: Mr. Stephen Cordaro called the Township of South Hanover Board of Supervisors meeting to order on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 6:46 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Executive Session: Chairman Cordaro announced that the Board had an executive session prior to this meeting to discuss legal and real estate matters.

Public Comment: Melissa Flinn, 17 Cheltenham Drive updated the Board members with some answers to questions they had from a previous Board meeting regarding the Harrisburg Humane Society contract. She stated that the Harrisburg Humane Society had 40 local contracts so she doesn't think there should be a concern regarding residents outside of our Township "dumping" animals. The Humane Society has the right to reject an animal if a cruelty case is involved to avoid the cost of litigation. Manager Wuestner reported she received the information regarding the rate increase for the Harrisburg Humane Society. The rates for the same contract from last year have increased 300%. The charge went from \$250/year to \$1200/year with a three-year minimum. The Township would also pay a fee for each animal requiring services. Manager Wuestner requested a breakdown of the increase from the Director of the Humane Society and hasn't received a reply.

Brian Fosnot, 121 W. Main St. reported that he has concerns regarding ordinance and code violations occurring in the Village of Union Deposit. He stated that he filed written complaints last year and a half and hasn't received any response from the Code Enforcement Officer or the Township. He feels the conditions have gotten worse and noted that the traffic has increased significantly. Mr. Fosnot presented photos including a propane tank too close to a residence, appliances with open lids left in back yards, stacks of mattresses, and grass not being mowed along with other complaints. He feels these problems are not only unsightly but could be a potential safety hazard. Tim Henry, 116 W. Main St. and Niles Long III, 124 W. Main St. introduced themselves and reinforced they also had the same concerns. Mr. Brian Fosnot noted that domestic disputes have occurred, and the State Police have been called several times. He noted several structures that should be condemned and are not structurally sound, including a porch and a barn. Mr. Fosnot had asked if he could use millings owned by the Township to fill potholes on private property and he was asked not to do that. Manager Wuestner reported that some action has been taken regarding these concerns including the removal of a food truck. Manager Wuestner continued that residents received warnings regarding code violations. They temporarily remedy the

problem but problems quickly return and it becomes a cycle. The Solicitor explained that the Township sometimes must secure a court order to get compliance which can take some time to come at a significant cost to the Township. Mr. Long stated that there is also an issue with very loud music late at night. The State Police have been out to address that several times. Vice Chairman Tomasic clarified that the process requires a certified noise meter and certified reader to pursue the enforcement of a noise ordinance which can be very challenging. Supervisor Busher wanted to reiterate that the Township Manager has both handled and has started the process of addressing some of these issues and thanked the residents for bringing these issues to the Board's attention. Manager Wuestner expressed her condolences for Mr. Long's loss of his father, long-time resident Buddy Long.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Assistant Secretary Studer made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 23, 2024, with corrections. Seconded by Secretary Cassel. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Motion: Assistant Secretary Studer made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 6, 2024, with corrections. Seconded by Secretary Cassel. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Miller had nothing to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Resolution 3-2025 Approval and Adoption, by Resolution, of the Greenways and Trails Master Plan. Assistant Secretary Studer made a motion to approve Resolution 3-2025. Seconded by Supervisor Busher. Secretary Cassel expressed concern about using eminent domain for the Trails that would be open to the public and how this would affect the homeowners. Secretary Cassel proposed a way to work it out with the property owners without using eminent domain. Chairman Cordaro hoped that using eminent domain would be a last resort. Supervisor Busher asked if we could add/change the language that would delineate the use of eminent domain. The Solicitor noted to keep in mind that the Trailways Plan is in fact just a plan and not an obligation. The Solicitor doubts that language can be written that would guarantee that everyone is satisfied. **Motion passed 5-0.**

FOR DISCUSSION: 41 Hanshue Road Subdivision Plan Time Extension to May 14, 2025.

The Engineer reported that the landowners (McKinney/Leuschner) had submitted a plan at the last Planning Commission meeting and extensive comments followed. Assistant Secretary Studer asked if there was any indication of which direction the landowners wanted to go regarding possible modifications. Engineer Engle couldn't share any specific decisions made by the landowners but noted that the Planning Commission gave a clear opinion on which direction the Township was hopeful it would go. Secretary Cassel made a motion to approve a time extension granted to the applicants to expire May 14, 2025. Vice Chairman Tomasic seconded. **Motion passes 5-0.**

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Wuestner shared the new Fire Chief; Shane Peterson was sworn in and replaces Mr. Tom Brumbaugh.

FOR DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL: Resolution 2-2025 Managers' Salary

Vice Chairman Tomasic made a motion to approve Resolution 2-2025 Managers' Salary. Supervisor Busher seconded. Supervisor Busher thanked Manager Wuestner and her entire staff for their hard work for the citizens of the Township. especially after hours. **Motion passes 5-0.**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Mr. McNamee, Strategic Consulting reported that the proposals for the Hayshed Project will be delivered to the Township Office by the three Engineering firms on Thursday Jan 21, 2025. Mr. McNamee suggested that the Board schedule the oral presentations the first week of February. Manager Wuestner reported that she had not received the signed agreement from PennDot, so the clock has not started running. Mr. McNamee suggested that the presentations should take about 45 minutes to an hour and be held in the Board room to access internet and presentation equipment. Manager Wuestner suggested we schedule the meetings in the evening. The Solicitor clarified that these meetings are informational and not considered deliberation. Discussions that include deliberation would require an Executive Session. Vice Chairman Tomasic asked if this is a conceptual presentation. Mr. McNamee agreed that they will be conceptual presentations and any concepts/ideas presented by a firm may be used going forward.

Secretary Cassel wanted to note that the Board and Managers should be careful when speaking about alleys and the laws that pertain to them seeing that they can be problematic. Manager Wuestner reported that Zoning Officer Chlebnikow has visited the Village many times and is both knowledgeable and cautious regarding alleys.

Chairman Cordaro commented that the Board may want to start looking into discussions for future planned communities. It was agreed to have it put on the agenda for the next Planning Commission meeting.

Assistant Secretary Studer asked to add some language regarding fill activities to the next Planning Commission meeting and the Solicitor confirmed he was working on that.

TREASURER REPORT:

The Treasurer had nothing to report.

Payroll and Invoices:

Motion: Secretary Cassel made a motion to approve the payment of payroll of \$61,610.71 and invoices of \$240,022.23. Seconded by Assistant Secretary Studer. **Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.**

Accounts Payable & Payroll Total

General Fund (SH1)	\$103,615.58
Sewer Revenue Fund (SH2)	\$69,974.01
Fire Protection Fund (SH3)	\$5,704.63
State Fund (SH4)	\$47,072.40
Street Light Fund (SH8)	\$3,678.31
Fire Hydrant Fund (SH9)	\$4,131.84
Engineer Escrow Fund (SHE)	\$5,696.48
Payroll Fund (SHP)	\$148.98
Accounts Payable Total	\$240,022.23

P/E 12-23-24 Payroll Total	\$30,239.35
P/E 01-05-25 Payroll Total	\$31,371.36
GRAND TOTAL	\$301,632.94

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Adjournment:

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Assistant Secretary Studer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Cassel seconded.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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