

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 2, 2026
7:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Heimbecker, Cruz, Rossi, Woolley, Paulus; Kevin Chimic, P.E.; Jason Ulrich, Esquire; Melissa A. Wehr; Josef A. Fragnito; Audrey Anderson

Absent: 0

Attendance: 5

Will Hummel, Assistant Fire Chief of Han-Le-Co Volunteer Fire Company, appeared before the Board this evening to inform them that as of this past Sunday, their Chief Keith DeAngelis stepped down and he will be acting as the Interim Fire Chief for the remainder of 2026.

Courtesy of the Floor:

Ryan Meyer, Director of Planning and Programming, with the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority appeared before the Board to inform them of recent projects going on at the Airport. At this time, he is requesting a reduction in the Letter of Credit in the Escrow amounts that were previously presented. The Attorney stated that if Council should agree to this reduction, it should be conditioned upon the review of the Engineer, the Solicitor and Township administrative staff with the bulk of it being the Engineer's review of the project itself. The Engineer's recommendation after discussions with the Manager and the Solicitor is to roughly do the \$1,400,000 security.

Motion: I move we approve the reduced Letter of Credit request from the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority to the amount of \$1,400,000 conditioned upon review by the Engineer, Solicitor and Township staff and a reduced Escrow amount to be reviewed by the Engineer, Solicitor and Township staff and final approval subject to the September 16, 2026 Council Meeting.

Heimbecker, Rossi: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Cruz, Rossi, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

Mark Thomas, a resident on Sherwood Street who was joined by Jean Rossi also a resident of Sherwood Street, addressed the Board regarding a Township email list which was previously discussed at Council's February 18 Meeting which was suggested by another resident of the Township. After discussions, the decision was made at that time that the current method of communicating with our residents specifically the Township Calendar, the annual newsletter, Facebook page and the website. It was determined that those methods were sufficient. They come before the Board to ask for that decision to be reconsidered. They suggested utilizing Constant Contact, which is utilized by neighboring Townships and Boroughs. The Manager will research this further and report back to Council.

Approval of Minutes: August 19, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: I move we approve the reading of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated August 19, 2026, and accept same as presented.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Cruz, Rossi, Woolley, Paulus:

Aye

Unan.

Reports:

1. Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager

1. The Manager received a card regarding a Shredding Event from Senator Nick Miller for Saturday, September 12, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at East Allen Township Municipal Building. Manager will post this info. on the website and social media page. Also, the electronic recycling flyer has been posted on the website and social media page.

2. No planning commission or zoning hearing board in September.

3. As reported in the past, we received our grant money of \$25,637.03 for the 2024 recycling. We anticipate receiving that within the next couple weeks.

4. Our Grant for the D&L Trail for the request for the extension was approved until June, 2027.

5. Later this month, the Township Clerk and Manager will be attending the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors regional forum in Lehigh Valley.

6. The Manager requested an Executive Session to go over the results from the last Executive Session.

2. Kevin Chemic, P.E.
Township Engineer

1 Engineer gave an update on the Sherwood Park Pickleball & Basketball Court Project.

Chairman asked the Engineer to look at the drainage and ponding at the Pickleball Court.

Vice Chairman asked how many miles of sewer is the Township responsible for. The Engineer directed this to the Public Works Supervisor in attendance. He said that our engineers, Keystone Consulting Engineers, is in the process of doing their annual sewage and water report and that information will be in the report. He is in the process of reviewing the draft. He will make sure Council members receive a copy of

the final report. That should be within the next month. The sewer mileage is approximately 18.1 miles of gravity of sewer ranging from six inches to 15 inches and we have an additional 2.72 miles of pressurized sewer force main that ranges from four to eight inches.

3. Jason Urich, Esquire
Township Attorney

1. Attorney did not have anything to report. His other items are on the Agenda.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1. Ordinance No. 675, Bill No. 2026-07, an Ordinance of Hanover Township, Lehigh County, Approving the Solicitation of Bids for a Contract Regarding the 2026 Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Project, a Public Capital Improvement, to be Substantially in the Form Provided to Council, its Approval in an Amount not to Exceed \$1,000,000.00, Subject to Certain Change Order and Unit Price Adjustments, and its Award by Resolution of Council after such Public Bidding (Introduction)

The Township Engineer introduced Ordinance No. 675, Bill No. 2026-07.

2. Authorization for the Manager to sign proposal with Tuway for 2 years of System Update Maintenance and Priority Service Response not to exceed \$20,000.00.
(Vote)

Motion: I move for Authorization for the Manager to sign proposal with Tuway for 2 years of System Update Maintenance and Priority Service Response not to exceed \$20,000.00.

Heimbecker, Cruz: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Cruz, Rossi, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

Payment of Bills:

Motion: I move Council authorize payment of Payroll (08/28/26), Voucher Nos. 29539-29565 from the General Fund Account in the amount of \$84,511.13; Voucher Nos. 4815 from the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$8,290.00; Voucher Nos. 4905-4906 from the Water Account in the amount of \$140.75; Voucher Nos. 6777-6779 from the Sewer Account in the amount of \$12,040.84; Voucher Nos. 5727-5730 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$1,200.00 for a Grand Total Expenditure of \$106,182.72.

Paulus, Woolley: Moved and Seconded

Heimbecker, Cruz, Rossi, Woolley, Paulus: Aye Unan.

Courtesy of the Floor:

Mr. Bill Leiner with the Catasauqua Press said on a recent visit to Sherwood Park with his grandkids he notice the great job that the Township staff has done with the park and in making it a real kids park.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Wehr
Township Manager