# HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUGUST 13, 2025 BUSINESS MEETING

The Hanover Township Board of Commissioners conducted a public meeting on August 13, 2025, at the Hanover Township Municipal Building, 1267 Sans Souci Parkway, Hanover Township, Luzerne County, PA 18706. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm.

<u>PRESENT:</u> Chairman George Andrejko, Vice-Chairman Jeffrey Lewis, Commissioners: Albert Bagusky, George Bowers, Joseph Howanitz, William Howatt and Ronald Krushnowski

Terence J. Ostrowski, PE – President Earth Conservancy regarding land near the Hanover Recreational Soccer Fields

Carl Handman, AIA, Temple B'nai B'rith Cemetery - request for Local Share Account Grant support from Hanover Township

# **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers that the Secretary's Report for the month of July 2025 be accepted and filed. The report indicated that an Executive Session of the Board was conducted on August 13, 2025, to discuss personnel and possible litigation. On the motion the following voted yes: Bagusky, Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko MOTION CARRIED

#### MANAGER'S REPORT

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers that the Manager's Report for the month of July 2025 be accepted and filed. On the motion the following voted yes: Bagusky, Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko MOTION CARRIED

# **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers that the reports from the Police, Road, Sewer, Fire Department, Code Enforcement Office and Health Officer for the month of July 2025 be accepted and filed. On the motion the following voted yes: Bagusky, Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko MOTION CARRIED

# **MINUTES OF MEETING OF JULY 9, 2025**

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers that the minutes of the meeting of July 9, 2025, be accepted and filed. On the motion the following voted yes: Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko ABSTAIN: Bagusky (Absent from July 9, 2025 Meeting) MOTION CARRIED

#### LIST OF BILLS

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers that the list of bills for July 2025 be ratified and approved for payment. On the motion the following voted yes: Bagusky, Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andreiko MOTION CARRIED

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers that the communications for the month of July 2025 be accepted and filed. On the motion the following voted yes: Bagusky, Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko MOTION CARRIED

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers that the Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2025 be accepted and filed. On the motion the following voted yes: Bagusky, Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko MOTION CARRIED

### HIRING - TEMPORARY LABORERS

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers that Nicholas Havey, Daniel Fuller, Dylan Mislivets and Aiden Geisinger be hired as temporary laborers in the Public Works Department effective August 14, 2025 to September 9, 2025 at a rate of \$17.50 per hour for a maximum of twenty eight (28) hours per week. On the motion the following voted yes: Bagusky, Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko MOTION CARRIED

# HIRING – TEMPORARY FIRE TRUCK DRIVERS

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers that Dwayne Taggart, Dan Wegrzynowicz, Robert Williams, John Engleman, Sean Reilly, Bill McDaniels, Dan Harkenreader, Paul Rakowski, Joseph Hudak, Cayden Schiel, Jeff Sabecky, Ray Masher and Jared Baucum be hired as temporary, as needed, drivers in the Hanover Township Fire Department Headquarters effective August 14, 2025 to September 9, 2025 at a rate of \$17.50 per hour for a maximum of twenty eight (28) hours per week, per individual. Total of all combined temporary as needed drivers shall not exceed ninety (90) hours per week. On the motion the following voted yes: Bagusky, Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko MOTION CARRIED

# HIRING OF SUMMER LABORERS

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers that Todd Kolbicka, and Dylan Martinez be hired as temporary laborers in the Public Works Department and Alicia Orzechowski be hired as a temporary intern in the Administration Area effective August 14, 2025 to September 9, 2025 at a rate of \$16.00 per hour for a maximum of twenty-eight (28) hours per week. On the motion the following voted yes: Bagusky, Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko MOTION CARRIED

# INVOICES - VERDANTAS ENGINEERING

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers to authorize the payment of Township Engineer Verdantas' invoices for various projects in the amount of \$2,649.73. These will be paid through various funds and grants including from the Liquid Fuels Account, Sewer Fee Account and Capital Fund. On the motion the following voted yes: Bagusky, Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko MOTION CARRIED

# INVOICE - BHW INSPECTIONS, LLC

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers move to approve Invoice No. H25007 in the amount of \$1,550.36 to BHW Inspections, LLC for plan examinations on several projects within Hanover Township during the month of July. On the motion the following voted yes: Bagusky, Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko MOTION CARRIED

# APPROVAL - BULK ITEM PICK UP PROGRAM

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers to approve the Hanover Township Bulk Item Pick Up Program and fees set at \$10.00 for small items, \$20.00 for large items and \$30.00 for mattress/box springs effective July 15, 2025. On the motion the following voted yes: Bagusky, Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko MOTION CARRIED

# OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers to authorize the Township Manager to sign the Opioid Litigation Agreements with Purdue Pharma, Sandos, Inc. and remaining Manufacturer Defendants as recommended by the Township Consulting Law Firms Cherundolo, PLLC or Brindisi Pearlman, LLP. On the motion the following voted yes: Bagusky, Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko MOTION CARRIED

# APPROVAL - 2025 TANYA DRIVE PAVING PROJECT

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers move to approve the advertising of the 2025 Tanya Drive Paving Project. On the motion the following voted yes: Bagusky, Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko MOTION CARRIED

# SOLOMON'S CREEK DEBRIS REMOVAL PROJECT

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers move based upon the recommendation of the Township Manager, to reject all bids for the Solomon's Creek Debris Removal Project. On the motion the following voted yes: Bagusky, Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko MOTION CARRIED

#### INVOICE - GOLDEN BUSINESS MACHINES

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers to approve the invoice from Golden Business Machines in the amount of \$7,800.00 for IT support. On the motion the following voted yes: Bagusky, Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko MOTION CARRIED

# INVOICE - ZONING CONSULTANT

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers to approve the invoice from Jack Varaly in the amount of \$1,200.00 for Zoning Consulting. On the motion the following voted yes: Bagusky, Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko MOTION CARRIED

# APPROVAL – ATTENDANCE AT PMAA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers to approve the Township Manager's attendance at the PMAA Annual Conference in Bethlehem, PA on September 7th and 8th. On the motion the following voted yes: Bagusky, Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko MOTION CARRIED

#### **HIRING – POLICE OFFICERS**

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers that pursuant to Section 611 of the Rules & Regulations of the Civil Service Commission, we move to recognize that conditions affecting public safety currently exist which requires the appointment of certified police officers without formal competition. The suspension of formal competition shall remain in effect until the requested number of police officer positions are filled. On the motion the following voted yes: Bagusky, Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko MOTION CARRIED

# APPROVAL – WAIVING OF FEES

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers to waive all permit fees for the park improvements for the Hanover Recreation Club of Nanticoke project at the Hanover Section of Nanticoke Park. On the motion the following voted yes: Bagusky, Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko MOTION CARRIED

# APPROVAL - SOUTH MAIN STREET SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers that based upon the recommendation of the Township Engineer, to approve the award of the South Main Street Sewer Extension Project in the amount of \$285,080.00 to J. Leiphart Construction, LLC. On the motion the following voted yes: Bagusky, Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko MOTION CARRIED

# TAX REFUND 256 BUNKER DRIVE

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers that based upon the recommendation of the Tax Collector, to reimburse Steven & Jacki McLean, 256 Bunker Drive, for an overpayment in the amount of \$107.26. On the motion the following voted yes: Bagusky, Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko MOTION CARRIED

# PAY APPLICATION NO. 2 SOLOMON CREEK INTERCEPTOR REHABILITATION PHASE 5 PROJECT

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers that based upon the recommendation of the Township Engineer, to approve Pay Application No.2 from InfraHorse in the amount of \$19,868.87 for work on the Solomon Creek Interceptor Rehabilitation Phase 5 Project. This will be paid from the Sewer Account and reimbursed through the previously awarded grant for this project. On the motion the following voted yes: Bagusky, Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko MOTION CARRIED

# <u>CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 SOLOMONS CREEK INTERCEPTOR REHABILITATION</u> <u>PHASE 5 PROJECT</u>

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers that based upon the recommendation of the Township Engineer, to approve Change Order No.5 from InfraHorse in the amount of \$80,529.75 for work on the Solomon Creek Interceptor Rehabilitation Phase 5 Project. On the motion the following voted yes: Bagusky, Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko MOTION CARRIED

# APPROVAL - HANOVER AREA QUARTERBACK CLUB REQUEST

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers move to approve the request of the Hanover Area Quarterback Club in the amount of \$500.00 from the Community Benefit Fund. On the motion the following voted yes: Bagusky, Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko MOTION CARRIED

#### **ADJOURN**

Motion by Lewis secc. by Bowers to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. On the motion the following voted yes: Bagusky, Bowers, Howanitz, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko MOTION CARRIED

Jennifer Dukes, Township Secretary