HANOVER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING

November 13, 2019

Held at Hanover Township Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor, Jeffery Heath

Board members present: Jason Dorian, Angela Bodell, Tim Evans, Jeffery Heath, Rachel Heath

Absent: None.

Visitors: State Rep. Julie Alexander, Joann Worden, Kevin Worden, Mike Killian, Jesse & Donna Lytle, Sheri Levy, Stanley Bean, Aaron Losey

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Supervisor Heath

Public Comment: None.

Announcements:

State Rep Alexander gave updates on the following:

1. MCCA (car insurance) rate will be going down next July.
2. The agriculture committee is currently discussing industrial hemp and space for hens in relation to the 2018 USDA farm bill.
3. The budget was signed, but there were many vetoes, affecting local groups (college students and Andy’s Place are two examples).

Supervisor Heath gave updates on the following:

1. Scott Ambs was at the Supervisors Meeting and gave an update on the next flyover happening next year for GIS. They also have a new plow tracker on the website.
2. Sewer Update: Hanover Township passed two resolutions last month for the sewer authority. A letter has been sent to Judge LaFlamme regarding the progress.
3. There is a cell tower in the village that could possibly be used to enhance 911 calls.
4. Supervisor Heath will be meeting with the Farwell Lake Association President on Friday.

Motion by Dorian, support by Evans, to forgo the reading of the minutes for the October 9, 2019 Board Meeting and November 4, 2019 Special Board Meeting. Ayes all. Motion passed.

Motion by Evans, support by Dorian to approve the minutes as read by Supervisor Heath for the November 5, 2019 Fire Board Meeting. Ayes all. Motion passed.

Chief Johnston gave updates on calls for service, fire prevention, training, and PR.

Motion by Dorian, support by Bodell, to accept the Treasurer’s report. Ayes all. Motion passed.

Motion by Evans, support by Dorian, to approve the General Fund, Post-Audit, Round/Farwell and Fire Department bills as presented for payment with the addition of the lawn mowing invoice from K & C Lawncare in the amount of $300.

Roll Call: Bodell, yes; Dorian, yes; Evans, yes; J. Heath, yes; R. Heath, yes. Ayes all. Motion passed.

New Business:

Mrs. Sturgill wanted to know if the Township would be willing to buy cemetery spots back in the Horton Cemetery so that she could repurchase them. This is because the three people listed on the certificate are in disagreement. She feels that the spots were manipulated without her consent. She was told that the Township is willing to work with her, but that we currently cannot buy spots back.

Supervisor Heath opened the public hearing at 8:31PM for comment in regards to the Rainbow Lake Special Assessment District No. 2. After hearing no comment, the board moved forward with the resolution.

**HANOVER TOWNSHIP**

**LAKE IMPROVEMENTS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2**

**RESOLUTION NO. RL2019-4**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of Hanover Township, Jackson County, Michigan, held at the Hanover Township Hall on the 13th day of November, 2019, at 7:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight/Standard Time.

PRESENT: Rachel Heath, Angela Bodell, Jason Dorian, Tim Evans, Jeffery Heath\_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT:

The following resolution was offered by Evans\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and supported by Dorian\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan of 1954, as amended (“Act 188”), upon the receipt of petitions therefor, the Township Board may proceed to initiate and carry out lake improvements including lake improvements to Rainbow Lake including general lake improvements, sediment reduction, lake geese management, and the control of aquatic weeds and plants (hereafter referred to as “lake improvements”); and

**WHEREAS**, after receiving petitions, the Township Board previously adopted resolutions to initiate lake improvements to Rainbow Lake within the Hanover Township Lake Improvements Special Assessment District No. 2 (“Special Assessment District”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board, after public hearings, previously adopted resolutions approving the proposed lake improvements, the proposed location thereof, an estimate of the costs of the same, with the Special Assessment District’s share of the total costs not to exceed $100,424, and revenues not to exceed $104,800, and the Special Assessment District against which those estimated costs will be assessed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township assessing officer has prepared a proposed special assessment roll describing all of the parcels of land to be assessed within the Special Assessment District as above set forth, with the names of the owners thereof, if known, and the total amount to be assessed against each parcel of land, which amount shall be such relative portion of the whole sum to be levied against all parcels of land in the assessment district as the benefit to such parcel bears to the total benefit of all parcels of land in the Special Assessment District; and

**WHEREAS**, the assessing officer affixed a certificate to the proposed special assessment roll stating that said roll was made pursuant to the Township Board’s resolutions and that in making the assessment roll he has, according to his best judgment, conformed in all respects to the directions contained in the Township Board’s resolutions and the statutes of the State of Michigan, and he reported the proposed special assessment roll with his attached certificate to the Township Board.

**WHEREAS,** the Township Board previously adopted a resolution to set a time, date, and place for the Township Board to hold a public hearing to hear any objections to the proposed special assessment roll; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township Clerk caused notice of the public hearing to be given by publication twice prior to such hearing in a newspaper circulated in the Township, the first publication being at least ten days prior to the time of the hearing; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township Clerk also caused notice of the public hearing to be given by first class mail to all owners of land in the special assessment district at the address shown on the last Township tax assessment roll, at least ten (10) days before the date of such public hearing; and

**WHEREAS,** the attached **Exhibit A**, the proposed special assessment roll, was on file with the Township Clerk prior to the public hearing; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township Board conducted a public hearing at 7:30 p.m., November 13, 2019, at the Hanover Township Hall, to hear any objections to the proposed special assessment roll; and

**WHEREAS,** after hearing objections and comments regarding the proposed special assessment roll, the Township Board finds that the special assessment roll should be approved as shown in attached **Exhibit A**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Board of Hanover Township, Jackson County, Michigan, as follows:

1. The Township Board determines that the special assessments reflected on the special assessment roll prepared by the assessing officer are in proportion to the benefits to be derived by the properties specially assessed.

2. The special assessment roll shall be designated as the Hanover Township Lake Improvements Special Assessment District No. 2 Special Assessment Roll, and the district against which it is assessed shall be designated as the Hanover Township Lake Improvements Special Assessment District No. 2.

3. The Hanover Township Lake Improvements Special Assessment District No. 2 Special Assessment Roll in the final amount not to exceed $104,800 ($120 per assessed lot), as prepared and reported to the Township Board by the assessing officer and attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, is confirmed.

4. The Hanover Township Lake Improvements Special Assessment District No. 2 Special Assessment Roll shall be divided into ten annual installments of principal, with the first such installment to be due on October 15, 2020, and the following installments of principal to be due on October 15 of each of the following nine consecutive years. The assessments shall be billed and collected when they are due. As provided by 1954 PA 188, as amended, if any special assessment is not paid when due, then the special assessment shall be considered to be delinquent and there shall be collected, in addition to interest, a penalty at the rate of 1% for each month, or fraction of a month, that the special assessment remains unpaid before being reported to the Township Board for reassessment upon the Township Tax Roll.

6. The assessments made in said Special Assessment Roll are hereby ordered and directed to be collected by the Township Clerk, and the Township Clerk shall deliver said Special Assessment Roll to the Township Treasurer with her warrant attached, commanding the Treasurer to collect the assessments therein in accordance with the direction of the Township Board with respect thereto, and the Treasurer is authorized and directed to collect the amounts assessed as they become due pursuant to the terms of this Resolution and the provisions of the applicable statutes of the State of Michigan.

7. All prior resolutions and parts of prior resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

Yeas: Dorian, J. Heath, Bodell, R. Heath, Evans\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

Motion by Evans, support by Dorian to approve the requested 2020 Special Assessment amount for Pine Hill Lake.

Roll Call: Dorian, yes; J. Heath, yes; Bodell, yes; R. Heath, yes; Evans, yes. Ayes all. Motion passed.

Motion by Evans, support by Dorian to accept the bid from K & C Lawncare for snow plowing for the Hanover Township Office and Horton Fire Station.

Roll Call: Evans, yes; R. Heath, yes; Dorian, yes; J. Heath, yes; Bodell, yes. Ayes all. Motion passed.

Motion by Evans, support by R. Heath to approve the proposed zoning amendment to 4.5.5b as follows:

*All detached accessory structures in any residential district shall be subject to the same dimensional requirements affecting the principal structure, except, however, such accessory structure may be placed not less than give (5) feet from any rear lot line or the rear yard portion of any side lot line, and shall not exceed twelve (12) feet in height.* ***This exception does not apply to parcels abutting a body of water and the rear setback for accessory structures on said parcels will be 50’ from the waters edge.***

Roll Call: R. Heath, yes; Evans, yes; J. Heath, yes; Bodell, abstain; Dorian, yes. Motion passed 4-0, with 1 abstaining.

Motion by Evans, support by Dorian to approve for the Clerk to advertise the Ordinance Office Position, with a cost not to exceed $150.

Roll Call: Dorian, yes; J. Heath, yes; Bodell, yes; R. Heath, yes; Evans, yes. Ayes all. Motion passed.

Motion by Evans, support by Dorian to approve the quote from the Jackson County Department of Transportation to grade and gravel 0.773 miles of Buckman Road, with the Township share of the cost being $12,309.52.

Roll Call: R. Heath, yes; Evans, yes; J. Heath, yes; Bodell, yes; Dorian, yes. Ayes all. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Motion by Evans, support by Bodell to accept the quote from Murphs Pumps in the amount of $3,143.24 to start work on the Hanover Cemetery Well.

Roll Call: Bodell, yes; Dorian, yes; Evans, yes; R. Heath, yes; J. Heath, yes. Ayes all. Motion passed.

Motion by J. Heath, support by Evans to appoint Steve Keller to the Planning Commission, with a term ending January 2020.

Roll Call: J. Heath, yes; Bodell, yes; R. Heath, yes; Dorian, yes; Evans, yes. Ayes all. Motion passed.

Motion by Evans, support by Dorian to appoint Stanley Bean to the Zoning Board of Appeals, with a term ending February 2020.

Roll Call: Evans, yes; R. Heath, yes; Dorian, yes; Bodell, yes; J. Heath, yes. Ayes all. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Mr. Worden mentioned having a mailing to residents informing them of the Zoning Ordinance change. The Township will coordinate with the Lake Association Boards to ensure the information is received by residents.

Mr. Lytle asked who is responsible for trees hanging over the road. He was told that it is the Road Dept, but that the Township can make a call. He mentioned there is a tree hanging over the road by the “s” curve on Hanover Road.

Clerk Heath mentioned that the last day for Deputy Clerk, Jenny Crews, will be Friday, November 15. She thanked her for all of the work that she has done, and wishes her luck on her new job as the County Elections Director.

Meeting adjourned by Dorian at 9:19 PM, supported by Evans.

Submitted by:

Rachel L. Heath, Clerk