

Hanover Township Board Meeting

Wednesday August 6, 2025

A meeting of the Hanover Township Board was called to order at 6:00pm followed by Prayer offered by Charlie Kortokrax and the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all in attendance.

Roll call as follow: Board members present were Richard Niemeyer, President, Charlie Kortokrax, Vice President and Marily Kaper, Secretary. A quorum was established.

Also in attendance were Trustee Kevin Toth and Terri Blagojevic and Beth Tate staff members.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read by Marilyn Kaper. Marilyn made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2025 meeting, Charlie seconded the motion. All in favor motion carries 3-0.

Fire Department reports were reviewed by the board members and accepted as a matter of record.

OLD BUSINESS:

2025 Horton Ambulance is now in service. Trustee Toth stated that there is a problem with a brake sensor on the ambulance. The Town has taken the vehicle to Art Hill Ford and they have ordered the new sensor and will replace once received.

Discussion took place regarding Senate Bill 1. Terri discussed our meeting with the DLGF to review our 2026 Budget. Trustee Toth discussed the reduction in revenue for the 2026 budget. Our office has reduced our budget, due to the loss in revenue of approximately \$50,000.00 directly from Senate Bill 1. He also stated that we are proposed to have continued revenue loss for the budget year 2026 and 2027.

Terri stated that she will need direction from the board as to whether or not to request our full max levy for our fire fund. She reviewed the proposed tax rates with the board and discussed the impact to the tax payers. After discussion the board is in favor of asking for the max levy for our fire fund. President Niemeyer asked for a vote from the board. All members were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Toth discussed 2026 Fire contracts with the Town of Cedar Lake and the Town of St John. He will begin talks with each of the Town's; he stated that we may increase the contracts and eliminate the maintenance section from the contracts.

Capital Improvement Plan was explained by Terri. A mistake was clarified and amended for the actual cost of a new roof for the office. Actual expense should be between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

President Niemeyer discussed the HB 1461 Road and Infrastructure Bill. He spoke about complying with state statute. All township's need to develop a Capital Improvement Plan and submit it to the County Council in August for a non-binding review and to the DLGF no later than September 30th.

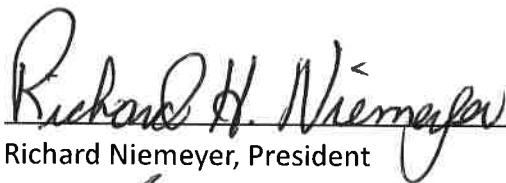
Marilyn made a motion to accept the Capital Improvement plan as a matter of record and Charlie seconded the motion. All in favor motion passes 3-0.

Terri stated that the Capital Improvement Public Hearing will be held on September 3, 2025

Any and All:

2026 Budget was presented to the board for our upcoming Public Hearing on September 3, 2025

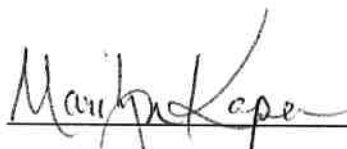
Marilyn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Charlie. All in favor motion carries 3-0.



Richard Niemeyer, President



Charles Kortokrax, Vice President



Marilyn Kaper, Secretary