

NOVEMBER 8, 2012

Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey was held on Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 8:30 o'clock in the evening, prevailing time, at the Municipal Building, 1000 Route 10, in said Township.

PRESENT: Mayor Francioli, Members Schleifer, Ferramosca, Brueno and Coppola

ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

STATEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by posting written notices and agenda of the meeting on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, 1000 Route 10, Township of Hanover and by hand delivering, mailing or faxing such notice and agenda to the following newspapers:

**HANOVER EAGLE
MORRIS COUNTY'S DAILY RECORD
THE STAR LEDGER**

and by filing same with the Township Clerk.

(Signed) Ronald F. Francioli, Mayor

**PRESENTATION: PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER AS "PANCREATIC
CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"**

RESOLUTION: NO. 197-2012

Member Schleifer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE DECLARING THE MONTH
OF NOVEMBER AS 'PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH' IN HANOVER
TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, in 2012, an estimated 43,920 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year in the United States and 37,390 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers and is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States and is the only major cancer with a five year relative survival rate in the single digits at just 6%; and

WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is usually too late for an optimistic prognosis and 74% of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of the diagnosis while 94% of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first 5 years; and

WHEREAS, of all the racial/ethnic groups in the United States, African Americans have the highest incidence rate of pancreatic cancer; between 34% and 70% higher than the other groups; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1130 deaths will occur in the State of New Jersey in 2012 from pancreatic cancer; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there have been no significant improvements in survival rates in the last 40 years; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government invests significantly less money in pancreatic cancer research than it does in any of the other leading cancer killers; and pancreatic cancer research constitutes only approximately 2% of the National Cancer Institutes Federal research funding, a figure far too low given the severity of the disease, its mortality rate and how little is known about how to arrest it; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the pancreatic cancer community in Hanover Township and nationwide by focusing its efforts on public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Hanover Township support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure; and

WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of the residents of Hanover Township are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee wishes to call to the attention of its residents this serious disease, and the need by the Federal Government to devote substantial financial resources toward researching a cure for pancreatic cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the month of November, 2012 is hereby declared

“Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month”

In Hanover Township so that the good health and well-being of the residents of our community are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection causes and effective treatments.

The motion was seconded by Member Ferramosca, was passed and the resolution adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Francioli, Members Schleifer,
Ferramosca, Brueno and Coppola

NOES: None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Francioli opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. David Voza, Program Manager, Municipal Employee Health Benefits Fund, presented a dividend check representing unused funds in the amount of \$98,262 to the Township Committee. He described Hanover Township as a major player in the Fund and expressed his thanks and appreciation for its continued participation and support.

Mayor Francioli noted that he was a member of the governing body at the time that Hanover Township along with several other pioneer towns joined together to make the Fund become a reality.

No further comments forthcoming, Member Ferramosca moved the public hearing be declared closed. The motion was seconded by Member Coppola and was unanimously passed.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

The following reports were presented and ordered filed as received:

Police Department	S.W.Gallagher	Month Ending 10/31/12
Municipal Court	E.Vitellaro	Month Ending 9/30/12
Property Maintenance	E.DeSimoni	Month Ending 10/31/12
Treasurer's Report	S.Esposito	Month Ending 10/31/12
Building Dept.	S.Donlon	Month Ending 9/30/12

DPW
Parks Department

B.Foran
B.Foran

Month Ending 10/31/12
Month Ending 10/31/12

**(Authorizing the Purchase &
Install of One or More Boilers –
Police Dept. Wing of Municipal
Building & Approp. \$75,000 from 2012
CIF & Prior)**

ORDINANCE: NO. 21-2012

Member Brueno offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ONE OR MORE REPLACEMENT BOILERS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS WING OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$75,000.00 FROM THE TOWNSHIP'S 2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND ALL PRIOR YEARS FOR THE FINANCING OF THE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT", be read by title on second reading and a hearing held thereon.

The motion was seconded by Member Coppola, was passed and the resolution adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Francioli, Members Schleifer,
Ferramosca, Brueno and Coppola

NOES: None

Following the reading of said Ordinance by title, the Clerk presented the Proof of Publication of said Ordinance as published in the October 18, 2012, issue of the Morris County Daily Record. Said Proof of Publication was ordered filed as received.

Mayor Francioli opened the meeting to the public for discussion of the proposed Ordinance. No comments forthcoming, Member Coppola moved the public hearing be declared closed. The motion was seconded by Member Brueno and was unanimously passed.

Member Coppola offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ONE OR MORE REPLACEMENT BOILERS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS WING OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$75,000.00 FROM THE TOWNSHIP'S 2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND ALL PRIOR YEARS FOR THE FINANCING OF THE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT", be passed on final reading and that a Notice of the final passage of said Ordinance be published in the November 15, 2012 issue of the Morris County Daily Record.

The motion was seconded by Member Brueno, was passed and the resolution adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Francioli, Members Schleifer,
Ferramosca, Brueno and Coppola

NOES: None

**ORDINANCE: NO. 22-2012 (Amend Chapter 250 of the Code Taxicabs
And Limousines)**

Member Coppola offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 250 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP ENTITLED, TAXICABS AND LIMOUSINES", be read by title on second reading and a hearing held thereon.

The motion was seconded by Member Ferramosca, was passed and the resolution adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Francioli, Members Schleifer,
Ferramosca, Brueno and Coppola

NOES: None

Following the reading of said Ordinance by title, the Clerk presented the Proof of Publication of said Ordinance, as published in the November 1, 2012 issue of the Morris County Daily Record. Said Proof of Publication was ordered filed as received.

Mayor Francioli opened the meeting to the public for discussion of the proposed Ordinance. No comments forthcoming, Member Brueno moved the public hearing be declared closed. The motion was seconded by Member Coppola and was unanimously passed.

Member Ferramosca offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 250 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP ENTITLED, TAXICABS AND LIMOUSINES", be passed on final reading and that a Notice of the final passage of said Ordinance be published in the November 15, 2012 issue of the Morris County Daily Record.

The motion was seconded by Member Schleifer, was passed and the resolution adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Francioli, Members Schleifer,
Ferramosca, Brueno and Coppola

NOES: None

<u>ORDINANCE:</u>	<u>NO. 24-2012</u>	(LUO Adopting Definitions & Development Standards for Solar Energy Facilities & Amending Provisions for Rooftop Equipment Screening)
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Member Ferramosca offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 166 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP ENTITLED, LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT LEGISLATION BY ADOPTING DEFINITIONS AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES AND AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN PROVISIONS FOR THE SCREENING OF ROOFTOP EQUIPMENT", be introduced and read by title on first reading.

The motion was seconded by Member Coppola, was passed and the resolution adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Francioli, Members Schleifer,
Ferramosca, Brueno and Coppola

NOES: None

Following the reading of said Ordinance by title, Member Ferramosca offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 166 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP ENTITLED, LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT LEGISLATION BY ADOPTING DEFINITIONS AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES AND AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN PROVISIONS FOR THE SCREENING OF ROOFTOP EQUIPMENT", be introduced and read by title on first reading.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at the meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover on the 13th day of December, 2012, at 8:30 o'clock in the evening, prevailing time, at the Municipal Building, in said Township of Hanover, at which time and place all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk be authorized and directed to advertise said Ordinance in full with the Notice of Introduction thereof, in the Morris County Daily Record, according to law.

The motion was seconded by Member Coppola, was passed and the resolution adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Francioli, Members Schleifer,
Ferramosca, Brueno and Coppola

NOES: None

RESOLUTION: NO. 198-2012

Member Francioli offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AUTHORIZING THE
TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO OBTAIN PROPOSALS FOR
THE PREPARATION OF PLANS TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC
IMPLICATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF WHIPPANY ROAD
WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Township of Hanover received and adopted a Traffic Capacity Analysis Report prepared by Gordon Meth, PE, PP, relative to the changes and anticipated development in the area of Whippany Road; and

WHEREAS, the report recommended various improvements for the Whippany Road area with or without any further development in that vicinity of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer recommends that the Township Committee obtain an engineering plan to address the traffic concerns and recommendations set forth in the Traffic Capacity Analysis Report, as it would be in the best interest of the safety and welfare of the general public.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township Engineer is authorized to submit proposals for engineering plans to address recommendations in the Traffic Capacity Analysis Report prepared by Gordon Meth, PE, PP, which was adopted by the Township Planning Board.

2. That the property owners located at 67 Whippany Road are requested to fund the preparation of such plans for the improvement of traffic in the vicinity of Whippany Road.

3. That certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to 67 Whippany Investors, LLC, Bayer HealthCare LLC and the Township Engineer for reference and information purposes.

The motion was seconded by Member Brueno, was passed and the resolution adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Francioli, Members Schleifer,
Ferramosca, Brueno and Coppola

NOES: None

RESOLUTION: NO. 199-2012

Member Francioli offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY, NO. 3393 CLARIFYING VERIZON'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REMIT BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES

WHEREAS, in 1997, at the request of incumbent utilities, the laws regarding State taxation of telecommunications corporations were amended in response to technological and market innovations, in order to increase competition; and

WHEREAS, the amendments sought to preserve revenues to local governments by providing that local exchange telephone companies subject to the New Jersey Franchise and Gross Receipts Tax on April 1, 1997 would continue to be subject, annually, to the Business Personal Property Tax (“BPPT”); and

WHEREAS, the statute defines local exchange companies as those telecommunications carriers “providing dial tone and access to 51% of a local telephone exchange”; and

WHEREAS, Verizon’s self-serving interpretation of the statutory definition has led it to claim exemption from the BPPT in any municipality where the corporation unilaterally determines, in any given year, that it no longer supplies dial tone and access to at least 51% of the local telephone exchanges; and

WHEREAS, Hopewell Borough’s challenge to that claim was upheld by the Mercer County Board of Taxation in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Verizon’s appeal of that determination to the Tax Court resulted in a June, 2012 trial court decision accepting the corporation’s self-serving interpretation of the law; and

WHEREAS, as things now stand, over 100 municipalities know that they enter 2013 without BPPT revenues that will cost property taxpayers well in excess of \$8 million and, unless matters change, more municipalities will lose more millions in the future; and

WHEREAS, remedial legislation, docketed as Assembly, No. 3393 has been introduced by Assemblyman Ralph Caputo, which will clarify the perceived ambiguity of the statutory definition to further implement the original legislative intent to preserve revenues to local governments; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bob Smith intends to introduce companion legislation as soon as the Senate is scheduled to convene.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The governing body commends Assemblyman Caputo and Senator Smith for their foresight to introduce corrective legislation known as Assembly No. 3393, and strongly supports these measures, which would clearly identify the telecommunications carriers subject to taxation on their business personal property and remove the budget uncertainty caused by Verizon’s obfuscation.

2. That certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Chris Christie, General Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver, Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney and members of the Morris County Legislative Delegations in Districts 25, 26, and 27, the Executive Director of the New Jersey League of Municipalities, the Morris County League of Municipalities and all Morris County municipalities.

The motion was seconded by Member Brueno, was passed and the resolution adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Francioli, Members Schleifer,
Ferramosca, Brueno and Coppola

NOES: None

RESOLUTION: NO. 200-2012

Member Francioli offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2012/2013 SKI/SNOWBOARD SEASON PROGRAM BY THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARK ADMINISTRATION FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AT SHAWNEE MOUNTAIN SKI AREA IN SHAWNEE ON DELAWARE, PENNSYLVANIA BASED ON THE UNIT PRICE RATES AND SKI AREA CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, there exists a need to provide the Township's middle and high school students with a ski/snowboard program that will offer the most advantageous ski/snowboard conditions for the more advanced student and sufficient slope conditions and expert training and supervision by the resort; and

WHEREAS, although the Township's attorney has rendered a legal opinion that while the ski/snowboard program packages may in fact fall within the category of an Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Service, it was also the Township Attorney's opinion that since the funds expended for the payment of the ski/snowboard program trips do not arise from tax dollars or revenues collected by the Township but are funds provided by the youth which pay for the ski/snowboard packages, that the sponsorship and implementation of the program are not controlled under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, although this legal opinion has been rendered, this resolution serves to memorialize the actions of the Township in making every attempt to comply with the requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law in the award of this service contract; and

WHEREAS, because of the closure of the Craigmear Ski Lodge, the Board of Recreation Commissioners has carefully reviewed the rates of, and conditions at one (1) ski area and recommends that based on price and ski/snowboard area conditions, the Township continue to conduct its ski/snowboard program for middle school students at the Shawnee Mountain Ski area located at Shawnee on Delaware, Pennsylvania 18356.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris as follows:

1. That the Department of Recreation and Park Administration is hereby authorized to utilize the Shawnee Mountain Ski area located at Shawnee on Delaware, Pennsylvania 18356 in the sponsorship of its 2012/2013 ski/snowboard season program for the middle school students based on a per unit price quotation for the following:

Bus.....	\$ 200.00	
Ski/Snowboard Only	140.00	
Ski/Snowboard & Instruction- (3 Lessons)	\$167.00	185.00 (5 Lessons)
Ski/Snowboard & Equipment	190.00	
Ski/Snowboard Equip & Instruction (3 Lessons).....	217.00	
(5 Lessons).....	230.00	

2. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Superintendent of Recreation and Park Administration and the Township's CMFO for their reference and information.

The motion was seconded by Member Brueno, was passed and the resolution adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Francioli, Members Schleifer, Ferramosca, Brueno and Coppola

NOES: None

RESOLUTION: **NO. 201-2012**

Member Francioli offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL
ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR
MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87
(CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the Budget of the county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount.

Section 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2012 which item is now available as a revenue from:

State of New Jersey, Department Of Energy and Environmental Protection, Office of Recycling Recycling Act of 1981 (P.L. 81, c. 278)	\$25,703.41
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Section 2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$25,703.41 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Other Operations Excluded from Caps: State and Federal Programs Offset by Revenues: Recycling Act of 1981 (P.L. 81, c. 278) Recycling Program: Other Expenses	\$25,703.41
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The motion was seconded by Member Brueno, was passed and the resolution adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Francioli, Members Schleifer,
Ferramosca, Brueno and Coppola

NOES: None

RAFFLE APPLICATIONS:

The following applications for raffle licenses were presented to the Committee for their consideration:

1. Morris Catholic High School, 200 Morris Avenue, Denville, New Jersey a Basket Raffle to be held on 3/23/13 at the Hanover Marriott, 1401 Route 10 East, Whippany, New Jersey. Said application was assigned No. RL-2607. Identification of the application is No. 104-5-21677.
2. Morris Catholic High School, 200 Morris Avenue, Denville, New Jersey, an on-premise 50/50 to be held on 3/23/13 at the Hanover Marriott, 1401 Route 10 East, Whippany, New Jersey. Said application was assigned No. RL-2608. Identification of the application is No. 104-5-21677.
3. Morris Catholic High School, 200 Morris Avenue, Denville, New Jersey, an of-premise 50/50 to be held on 3/23/13 at the Hanover Marriott, 1401 Route 10, Whippany, New Jersey. Said application was assigned No. RL-2609. Identification of the application is No. 104-5-21677.

Member Schleifer moved that approval be granted to the above-mentioned applications and the licenses be issued. He further moved authorizing and directing the property officials to sign forms LGCCC5A and LGCC6B/4, thereby indicating this Committee's approval to the granting of said licenses. The motion was seconded by Member Brueno and was unanimously passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

The governing body approved a grand total disbursement of \$9,158,995.54 for the payment of all bills as of this Regular Township Committee Meeting. A copy of the "Bills Payment List – by Vendors" is hereby approved and made a part of this resolution as if set forth in full. Moved by Member Schleifer and seconded by Member Francioli.

A copy of the Bills Payment List – by Vendor has been incorporated in the Supplemental Minute Book – Payment of Bills which is on file in the Township Clerk's Office.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Member Coppola read into the record the following e-mail he sent to the members of the governing body the day immediately following Superstorm Sandy:

"Gentlemen:

I would be truly remiss if I were not to acknowledge the great job that our employees of the Public Safety Department, Fire Departments, OEM Department and Public Works Department are doing for the residents of Hanover Township. I say are doing because right now it is the morning of Tuesday 10/31 and I just completed a survey of the Township with Chief Gallagher who has been at the Command Center all night. The

Chief informed me that all of the OEM personnel have been at the Command center through the wee hours of the morning. As a matter of fact when I returned this morning I saw the same Superior Officers and Patrolmen that were there when I left around 11 pm last night. Brian Foran informed me that his staff was working last night and returned early this morning to begin opening roadways. We all should be pleased to see how well all our departments are working together when it comes to a major emergency, I know I am. The residents of Hanover Township can also be proud of the works all these groups are doing for them. Last night when the Chief and I were surveying the damage, our employees really gave it their all especially our Police Officers and Public works employees because they were the first and second responders on every scene and there were many reported incidents. Some were extremely dangerous due to high tension wires being down. They provided all of the safety barriers so no one would be injured.

As for the damages around town it is hard to comprehend. There are literally telephone and electrical poles down all over town in many thoroughfares just to name a few:

The list was huge and too extensive to read since we all know of the many road closures.

In addition to the many electrical poles damaged the number of fallen trees is unbelievable. There are trees down all over town. I would have to say that most of those trees fell on our residents' properties. However we also had a good number of trees that fell across our roadway which continue to make traversing the township difficult. I even saw two huge trees across the top of two vehicles at one of our resident's homes. I am hoping that we will have our power restored within a few days. Unfortunately unless I am mistaken, the power companies are going to have their hands full just to disconnect, remove and replace all the downed poles. I hope I am wrong.

I would like to acknowledge the following department heads:

- Police Chief Gallagher and his entire Police Department
- OEM Director Tom Quirk and his support group
- Whippany Fire Chief Joe Cortright and his department
- Cedar Knolls Fire Chief Jim Davidson and his department
- Deputy Chief for EMS Bob O'Hare
- Superintendent of Public Works Brian Foran and his department

Yet in all this devastation there was a bright side and that was that we had no flooding. Right now as I look out the window of Chief Gallaghers Office I see traffic flowing east and west on Rt. 10. All we can do is watch and wait for the cleanup to be completed. I just want you all to have first-hand knowledge in the event you are approached by our residents. I will keep you abreast of any new development.

As an added note, I know I speak for the Township Committee and all our residents when we say thank you all for everything you all did to insure our safety and well-being.

Respectfully submitted.....George”

Thanks and appreciation was then extended by the members to all emergency and non-emergency first responders, OEM & Police & Fire Departments, and to all those sometimes unsung heroes who participated and volunteered their time and effort to assist residents who were without power. Those mentioned included DPW employees who worked non-stop to clear debris, those who manned the Community Center which was being used as a warming center who collected and sorted donated clothing and food, to those service organizations that cooked hot meals, the K of C and Rotary, and to those employees who answered calls from frustrated citizens who lacked power.

Special thanks were extended to Hanover Township’s new neighbor Bayer Health Care who offered generators and personnel and to Care One which assisted shut-ins with medical needs.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Francioli opened the meeting to the public. No comments forthcoming, Member Ferramosca moved the public hearing be declared closed. The motion was seconded by Member Schleifer and was unanimously passed.

No further business appearing, Member Ferramosca moved the meeting be

adjourned. The motion was seconded by Member Schleifer and was unanimously passed.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Joseph A. Giorgio,
Township Clerk