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Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey was held on Thursday, February 8, 2018, at 8:30 o'clock in the evening, prevailing time, at the Municipal Building, 1000 Route 10, in said Township.

PRESENT: Members Ferramosca, Gallagher, Cahill and Mihalko

ABSENT: Mayor Francioli

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

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, we ask that you bless this governing body with an abundance of wisdom and understanding so that every deliberation will result in actions which will promote the common good and the general welfare for all of the people of Hanover Township...AMEN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Motion made by Member Gallagher to Open to the Public and seconded by Member Ferramosca and unanimously passed.

Motion made by Member Cahill to Close to the Public and was seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 25, 2018 have been presented to the members of the Committee prior to this meeting by the Township Clerk.

Member Mihalko moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 25, 2018 have been accepted and approved as presented by the Township Clerk. The motion was seconded by Member Gallagher and was unanimously passed.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

The following reports were presented and ordered filed as received:

Property Maintenance	E. DeSimone	Reports through February 7
Public Works	B. Foran	January Reports
Engineering	G. Maceira	Capital Projects
Police Department	M. Roddy	All Reports as of February 7

All reports are on file in the Business Administrator's Office.

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INTRODUCTION OF 2018 CURRENT FUND BUDGET: \$26,628,245.30

We have the introduction of the Township's 2018 Current Fund Budget. The budget is **\$26,628,245.30**. Now for the record this is the summary of the current fund section of the budget as it will be approved this evening. The appropriation within the caps for municipal purposes \$19,679,925.00. The appropriations excluded from the caps for municipal purposes \$3,476,448.00. The total general appropriations excluded from the caps again are \$3,476,448.00, the reserve from uncollected taxes 95% \$3,471,872.00 and once again the total general appropriations \$26,628,245.30 less the anticipated revenues other than current property taxes of \$10,093,319.00 and the difference in the amounts to be raised by taxes for support of the municipal budget for local tax purposes is \$16,534,926.30. We will have the public hearing and consideration of adoption of the budget at the Township Committee Meeting on the 8th of March and at that time any person wishing to be heard concerning the budget will be given the opportunity to speak. The Budget Synopsis will be printed in full by the Finance Department in the Daily Record.

Motion made by Member Ferramosca to introduce and set date and time for public hearing and adoption of the 2018 Budget and was seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

Member Ferramosca: A little bit of background on the budget which the Administrator just shared with you I will ask Mr. Esposito put a number on this to make sure that we have accuracy with the average household in Hanover Township if this budget were approved. We go up how much in dollars?

Mr. Esposito: The percentage is .96% increase and the increase per average home in Hanover Township will be a little under \$18.00.

Mr. Ferramosca: The Township Committee worked very diligently along with the Business Administrator, the CFO and Department Heads to minimize the increase as well as provide enhanced services to the municipality going forward.

So the increase will be less than a \$20.00 bill for the average household.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 3-2018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AUTHORIZING A ONE (1%) PERCENT INCREASE IN THE APPROPRIATION LIMIT OF THE TOWNSHIP'S CALENDAR YEAR 2018 CURRENT FUND BUDGET AND FURTHER ESTABLISHING A CAP BANK, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq. provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a, provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation, and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey finds it advisable and necessary to increase its Calendar Year 2018 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the governing body hereby determines that a 1% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$193,800.63 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

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WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

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

1. That a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the Calendar Year 2018 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Hanover shall, in accordance with this ordinance, and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by the 3.5%, amounting to \$678,302.21, and that the Calendar Year 2018 municipal budget for the Township of Hanover be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance.

2. That any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two (2) succeeding years.

3. That a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction.

4. That a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within five (5) days after such adoption.

The Ordinance will be further considered for Public Hearing on March 8th at 8:30 pm and at that time any person wishing to be heard concerning the Ordinance will be given the opportunity to be heard. The Ordinance and Notice of Introduction will be published in full in the Daily Record in accordance with the law.

Motion on introduction made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Ferramosca and unanimously approved.

So Introduced

ORDINANCE NO. 4-2018

AN ORDINANCE OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER REDUCING THE TWO CENT (\$.02) PER HUNDRED (\$100.00) DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUATION DEDICATED OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND TAX RATE TO ONE AND ONE-HALF CENT (\$.015) PER HUNDRED (\$100.00) DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUATION DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2018 ONLY AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP'S CHIEF MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER TO COLLECT THE ONE AND ONE HALF CENT (\$.015) DEDICATED TAX

WHEREAS, on November 2, 1999, by a vote of almost two to one in favor, the voters of Hanover Township approved a binding referendum question concerning the creation of an Open Space Trust Fund for the Township; and

WHEREAS, the binding referendum asked the voters whether the Township should adopt an ordinance establishing an "Open Space and Parkland and Facilities Preservation Trust Fund" and if so, should the Trust Fund be funded through the collection of local property taxes in the amount of two cents (\$.02) for each one hundred (\$100.00) dollars of assessed valuation; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Open Space Trust Fund would complement any other available funding sources to be used exclusively for the purchase of property or easements within the Township, for the preservation of resource open space and/or the maintenance and improvement of the Township's existing parkland and related facilities for outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee, on December 9, 1999, adopted Ordinance No. 32-99 which established an Open Space and Parkland and Facilities Preservation Trust Fund and the Open Space and Parkland and Facilities Preservation Advisory Committee (OSAC); and

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WHEREAS, the ordinance also established for the year 2000 and subsequent years, a two cent (\$.02) per hundred (\$100.00) dollar valuation tax which would be specifically dedicated for the acquisition of property for open space and recreational purposes and the maintenance and improvement to the Township's parkland and related facilities; and

WHEREAS, the two cents (\$.02) dedicated tax is shown as a separate line item on each property owners tax bill and not as part of the municipal tax rate in that the tax was established as a dedicated tax for the purposes described above; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in the year 2000, the two cent (\$.02) dedicated tax rate has not changed with the exception of calendar years 2009, 2010 and 2011 when the governing body reduced the dedicated open space tax rate from two cents (\$.02) to one (\$.01) cent; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016, the governing body reduced the dedicated open space tax rate from two cents (\$.02) to one-half cent (\$.005); and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the governing body increased the dedicated open space tax rate to one (\$.01) cent; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee proposes to decrease the two (\$.02) cent dedicated open space tax rate to one and one-half (\$.015) per hundred dollars of assessed valuation for 2018 only; and

WHEREAS, although the Township will receive grant funds through the State Green Acres Program for the forthcoming acquisition of approximately sixty-five (65) acres of excess Route 24/178 open space land, and County grant funds to acquire another parcel of land on Parsippany Road, it will be necessary for the Township to supplement these grant funds with moneys collected through the Township's dedicated open space tax; and

WHEREAS, while the two (\$.02) cent open space tax rate is being reduced to one and one-half (\$.015) cent of assessed valuation, it represents a one-half (\$.005) cent increase over 2017 in order to provide supplemental funds for the acquisition of the properties described above; and

WHEREAS, although the dedicated open space tax is not computed as part of the municipal tax rate which supports municipal operations and services, the reduction in the open space tax rate will help to minimize the impact of the property taxpayers' total 2018 tax bill.

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

Section 1. That the Open Space Trust Fund dedicated tax rate, as established by Ordinance No. 32-99, and codified under Chapter 50 of the Code of the Township entitled Open Space, Parkland and Facilities Preservation Trust Fund Advisory Committee, shall be reduced from two cents (\$.02) per hundred (\$100.00) dollars of assessed valuation to one and one-half cent (\$.015) per hundred (\$100.00) dollars of assessed valuation for calendar year 2018.

Section 2. That the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to collect the one and one half cent (\$.015) per hundred dollars of assessed valuation for calendar year 2018 only. The funds derived from this dedicated tax shall continue to be maintained in a separate account and shall only be utilized for the purposes described in Ordinance No. 32-99 which established the Open Space and Parkland and Facilities Preservation Trust Fund.

Section 3. That certified copies of this ordinance shall be transmitted to the Division of Local Government Services, the Township's Chief Municipal Finance Officer and members of the Township's Open Space Advisory Committee.

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Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistency, hereby repealed.

Section 5. In case, for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect any other section or provision of this Ordinance, except so far as the section or provision so declared unconstitutional or invalid shall be severed from the remainder or any portion thereof.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the law.

The Ordinance will be further considered for Public Hearing on March 8th at 8:30 pm and at that time any person wishing to be heard concerning the Ordinance will be given the opportunity to be heard. The Ordinance and Notice of Introduction will be published in full in the Daily Record in accordance with the law.

Motion on introduction made by Member Mihalko and seconded by Member Cahill and unanimously approved.

So Introduced

ORDINANCE NO. 5-2018

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE HANOVER TOWNSHIP LITTLE LEAGUE, INCORPORATED FOR THE OPERATION OF THE BLACK BROOK PARK CONCESSION STAND COMMENCING APRIL 21, 2018 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2018

WHEREAS, the **Hanover Township Little League, Incorporated** is a nonprofit organization which has requested permission from the Board of Recreation Commissioners and the Township Committee to operate the Black Brook Park Concession for the benefit of the public generally during the 2018 Little League Baseball season which begins on April 21, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the **Hanover Township Little League, Incorporated** agrees to comply with the Township's Specification which sets forth in full the standards and criteria for the proper operation of the Black Brook Park Concession Stand; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover believes it to be in the public interest that a lease agreement for ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR be entered into with the **Hanover Township Little League, Incorporated** upon commencement of the baseball season on April 21, 2018 through August 31, 2018.

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

SECTION 1. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a lease agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance, with the **Hanover Township Little League, Incorporated**, a nonprofit organization, for the nominal sum of ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR commencing on April 21, 2018 through August 31, 2018 for the purpose of having the **Hanover Township Little League, Incorporated** operate the concession stand at Black Brook Park in serving the public generally.

SECTION 2. The Superintendent of the Department of Recreation and Park Administration is hereby designated as the officer of the Township to enforce the operational terms of the Lease Agreement.

SECTION 3. Prior to the inception of the lease, the **Hanover Township Little League, Incorporated** shall submit to the Hanover Township Business Administrator, proof of continuance of the tax-exempt status of the said non-profit organization pursuant to both State and Federal law.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with law.

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The Ordinance will be further considered for Public Hearing on March 8th at 8:30 pm and at that time any person wishing to be heard concerning the Ordinance will be given the opportunity to be heard. The Ordinance and Notice of Introduction will be published in full in the Daily Record in accordance with the law.

Motion on introduction made by Member Cahill and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously approved.

So Introduced

RESOLUTION AS A CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 38-2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING 2017 BUDGETARY APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 sets forth the manner in which appropriation transfers may be made; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be insufficient funds in the following accounts (excepting the appropriation for contingent expenses or deferred charges) to meet the demands thereon for the balance of the 2017 current year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris, that this resolution be adopted (by not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) in accordance with the provision of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58, part of the surplus in the accounts mentioned below be and the same are hereby transferred to the accounts (excepting the appropriation for Contingent Expenses or Deferred Charges) mentioned as being insufficient, to meet the current demands of the 2017 operating budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to make the following transfers:

FROM:			TO:		
ACCOUNT			ACCOUNT		
<u>NO</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
127-0018-029	Group Hlth Ins.	\$20,000.00	127-0018-036	Opt-Out Hlth Ins	\$20,000.00

RESOLUTION NO. 39-2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 (FINAL) TO A.J.M. CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF VINCENT TERRACE AND THE RESURFACING OF A PORTION OF ERTMAN DRIVE THE IN WHIPPANY AND DECREASING THE TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT FROM \$299,788.00 TO \$264,232.69 OR AN \$35,555.31 REDUCTION WHICH REPRESENTS AN 11.86% DECREASE OF THE TOTAL CONTRACT DOLLAR AMOUNT

WHEREAS, the Township of Hanover entered into a contract with **A.J.M. Contractors, Inc.** for the reconstruction of Vincent Terrace and the resurfacing of a portion of Ertman Drive in the Whippany Section of Hanover Township; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the competitively bid contract was a unit price bid totaling \$299,788.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer submitted Change Order No. 1 (Final), dated February 8, 2018, which Change Order provides a detailed description of extra items and reduced quantities and unit prices; and

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WHEREAS, the Township’s Change Order No. 1 (Final) signed by the Township Engineer is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution as if set forth in full; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has now determined that the reduced quantities for items needed in the reconstruction of Vincent Terrace and the resurfacing of a portion of Ertman Drive, in combination with the extra, shall decrease the total contract amount from \$299,788.00 to \$264,232.69 or a 11.86% decrease in the total dollar amount of the adjusted contract.

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. The governing body approves the recommendation of the Township Engineer that Change Order No. 1(Final), in the amount of \$35,555.31 be accepted.
2. That the final total adjusted contract amount with **A.J.M. Contractors, Inc.** be fixed at \$264,232.69.
3. The Business Administrator/Township Clerk is hereby authorized to execute the final Change Order, Change Order No. 1.
4. A certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Township Engineer, the Chief Municipal Finance Officer and **A.J.M. Contractors, Inc.**

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2018

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the following tax overpayments, as certified by Silvio Esposito, Collector of Taxes, be and are hereby refunded:

BLOCK	LOT	QUAL. #	NAME	AMOUNT
701	19		Jacobus & Associates LLC Trustee for Lanra Enterprise LLC 201 Littleton Road – 1 st Floor Morris Plains, NJ 07950 Location: 11-13 Saddle Road Reserve for Tax Appeal:	\$3,899.00
3901	6		Jacobus & Associates LLC Trustee CDM Properties/Thermoplast 201 Littleton Road – 1 st Floor Morris Plains, NJ 07950 Location: 53 South Jefferson Rd Reserve for Tax Appeal:	\$42,788.00
5402	15		Corelogic Tax Collection Services, LLC PO Box 9205 Coppell, TX 75019-9214 Location: 30 Hamilton Ct	\$4,926.72
7801	1.07		Corelogic Tax Collection Services, LLC PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9214 Attn: Refund Dept Location: 15 Magnolia Drive	\$3,643.18

Motion made by Member Ferramosca and seconded by Member Gallagher accepting and approving of all Resolutions as a Consent Agenda and was unanimously passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

The governing body approved a grand total disbursement of **\$7,580,032.34** for the payment of all bills as of this Regular Township Committee Meeting. A copy of the "Bills Payment List – by Vendor" is hereby approved and made a part of this resolution as if set forth in full. Moved by Member Ferramosca and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

A copy of the Bill 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.

RAFFLES:

- RL-3090 – Morristown Area Fortitude Foundation – Tricky Tray**
- RL-3091 - William Mason Home & School Assoc – 50/50 off premise**
- RL-3092 – William Mason Home & School Assoc – Casino Night**

Motion to be approved made by Member Mihalko and by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Motion made by Member Mihalko to Open to the Public and seconded by Member Cahill and unanimously passed.

No public wishing to speak.

Motion to close public portion made by Member Mihalko and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Gallagher: Tomorrow night is week 6 of Friday Nights at Mennen Arena, so far we have averaged between 250 and 300 children every Friday night which is pretty good for the wintertime. We have a different feature every Friday night and due to popular demand tomorrow night we are going to have once again free photo ids for all of our students that want one and a lot of adults wanted them and they can have them too. Morris County Park Police is providing that service for us and what is nice also they made it clear that if Hanover Township would like their men and their equipment that they will be happy to come in and do photos so we are currently talking with Denise Brennan about possibly lining something up for little league opening day to have everyone there to get a photo id if they would like one. It's a very important piece of information for our youngsters to have on them at all times.

Tuesday night a lot of people probably heard about this already but Tuesday night is the Master Class with the Morris Area Coalition for Education and Positive Choices along with the Hanover Township Police Department, Morris County Prosecutor's Office, Morris County Sheriff's Office and Hanover Township Substance Awareness Council. The Master Class is going to cover largely vaping. A lot of the children are vaping and us parents are wondering what they are vaping and where they are getting it and what the equipment looks like. We are going to have equipment on hand and we are going to hear from one of our men Eric Prach who was handpicked by Chief Roddy. Chief Roddy is a very important player in this Morris Area Coalition. Thank you Chief and the HTPD for everything you do for us every day. We are also discussing the reason the coalition is together to work we plan on doing, we have Morris County Prosecutor Fred Knapp and he is going to talk about opiates and heroin. The Assistant Prosecutor Brad Seabury is going to come in and talk about phentanol with us. It's a new drug and it's very deadly and its very inexpensive and it's everywhere and closing out the night is going to be our Morris County Sheriff James Gannon. James is going to close with treatment and different initiatives on treatment and of course going back through it it's going to be introduction and prevention and what do you do when you are there, the law enforcement end of it, and it's going to be the treatment end. We are going to try and cover everything and try to educate the families

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as much as we can. And, I'm putting myself in that category too cause I'm not an educator or law enforcement officer and the more I learn the more nervous I get and we decided that instead of hoping it gets better and being nervous we are all going to drink a little bit of coffee, take off the gloves, and start taking care of business and try and be as helpful as we can.

This Sunday at 3:30 is the Chinese New Year, Mike announced it twice before and I found out on Tuesday night it is Cultural Arts but I think they are doing it now with the Recreation Department because of the great turn out. We are planning on such a big turn out that it will be at the Recreation Center and a lot of people are working very hard, Mike if you have the poster when you do your presentation you can hold it up. Go to the website.

Just to conclude I know I took a lot of time on the Master Class on vaping, I would just like to say once again, I would like to say thank you to our DPW and we had a crazy storm yesterday where they had to salt and push, salt and push, they are great they are 24/7 we all appreciate what they do and also every time there is a storm like that it puts a lot more stress on our police department too so thank you everybody great work and that's it John.

Member Ferramosca: Please be considerate the DPW works very hard trying to get those roads clean and make it safe for us to travel; we also need to be considerate to the school children who try to board the bus and I know it is difficult and I know it was hard cause I was out there trying to push the ice, the water and the salt and I tried to clean my walkway. It is important to clean those walkways because if you don't, what happens is there is a child who is going to need to walk most likely across that walkway to get onto that school bus and it was a very dangerous condition for them in the morning, so if you didn't do it please do it.

Member Gallagher: John asked me before the meeting if I would help him out with this announcement and this public address on the sidewalks and working with Brian Cahill on School and Park Traffic Safety, I would like to thank Hanover Township residents for getting out there in this bad storm and doing a much better job in shoveling the sidewalks but we have a lot of kids walking to school and if we can just continue to reinforce the fact that we do have to get out there and clean the sidewalks if we have them because it is such an issue when it's solid ice and we don't want to encourage especially people and children to walk on the street because that is even worse cause some of our streets don't have shoulders. So number one, thank you everybody for taking care of your sidewalks and if you couldn't for any reason we really want to get together and make this a priority especially around routes leading to bus stops and the routes leading to schools. Thank you for the extra time John.

Member Mihalko: I say this at each meeting I have the best assignments, let me start with the Recreation Department. If you haven't seen it yet but the bathroom and concession stands are in place in the brick yard. Which is a big step forward ~ Gerry do we know when that is going to be operational?

Mr. Maceira: The spring, I don't have a firm date but a lot of the work is weather dependent and right now because of the weather.

Member Mihalko: I know they will definitely be done for the summer concert series. That was a big step going forward is getting that up and going on the same nature the Brick Yard Bee Meadow Ponds Phase I of the nature trail is in the works. We can get this map up soon just to show where the trail is going to go. It's between the first second and third ponds on the pool side, Phase 2 is going to be going around the backside that hasn't been exactly established yet where it is going to go. But Phase I we are going to be starting on that soon too hopefully. We have a lot of things going on at the Rec Sting-o which is Bingo with the Bee Sting. That is going to be at the Rec Center and it's to raise some funds and awareness of the Bee Meadow Pool and it is going to be Friday, February 16th from 7-9 it's \$10 per family and you will get some pizza some beverages some prizes. It will be a good time, come out if you can.

There is also Aquatopia for Monday, President's Day, February 19th and that is for students, 6-8 grade going to Camel Beach Water Park in Pennsylvania. They are going to make a day trip there and I believe there is a few more spots available if you want to check the website check with the Rec Department and sign up.

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One of my other assignments are the Senior Citizens and unfortunately the meeting yesterday got cancelled again, so I keep missing out and they are a very active group and I know they have a senior citizen group camp going on right now and a couple other fitness classes. As of now, I don't have a lot to report because we keep missing meetings because of the weather.

Water Department, they have been pretty busy. There is an upgrade slated for Cedar Knolls and Morris Plains, they are scheduled to do the system, I don't have a lot of the details yet as to what they are going to do but I do believe they are going to be switching systems and if anyone knows more about it please chime in.

Mr. Maceira: I know it's a three phase approach to that where the first phase is mostly the Morris Plains area and the second and third phase really dealing with the Cedar Knolls residents to get away of being dependent on the pump system and the gravity system so you don't have the same issue that occurred during Thanksgiving.

Member Mihalko: As more information becomes available we will certainly let you know. I was at the meeting, Mr. Iannaccone was there of course and they did allocate a sum of money to start inspecting the pipes and looking for leaks because they are being proactive looking for a leak that's where they are going to have a water main so they are going to start working on those. They had said about 40 – 60 miles they are going to work on this year. Sounds like a lot but they have a lot of miles to do. But it is a step in the right direction. They are going to start on those problems and be proactive.

Open Space we had a good meeting the other night and again this is where the trails system was talked about again and I think we are doing the 6 foot path.

Mr. Maceira: Yes it is a 6 foot wide path the majority will be stone dust so we have ADA accessibility there are some steeper sections where stone dust is not the optimal material because it tends to wash out when we get heavy rains but we are working on that and it does need some DEP permitting which as we all know can take upwards to 6 months so we are looking at construction later in the year.

Member Cahill: Thank you John, lets start talking about budget. One of the big topics as we tried to work through the budget was trying to get a couple of more police officers on the payroll and pending the budget approval we have agreed to put on two more officers over the course of 2018. This will bring manpower levels essentially about two less than they were at their peak and this is talking back to 1990 so manpower levels have been flat for a very long time and we all know how the time has evolved in change since the 1990's so it was clearly time. To give you some examples that I took a snapshot of what December 2017 looked like for our Police Department, there were 50 arrests and 12 of those for CDS, 4 DUI, 94 motor vehicle accidents that they responded to and over 300 summonses were issued and 250 9-1-1 calls were responded to in one month. We need to keep in mind that all of this is being done to protect the Township and protecting the citizens while the same time they are conducting over 900 property checks, visiting our schools, and involved in a number of different programs as well, I think last month I talked about law enforcement against drugs program well two police officers are implementing that program for our 5th graders, they are 4 weeks into a 10 week program, so it takes a lot of time.

Coming up in the spring there is going to be a program called Share the Keys, where parents and new drivers with graduated licenses will attend a program again given by the Hanover PD and these programs are imperative and very important and that's what gets lost if these guys are so busy that they can't keep up with the calls. So, I think it's about time and I think that was a great win for everyone.

I am reporting this because I am the liaison for Public Safety, I can tell you for sure that this has been discussed and talked about for a long time and credit goes to past and present Committeemen and leadership in the PD as well as the Administration and Silvio in order to make this happen. Again, presuming that the budget passes as we hope and plan.

Moving on, another program that is coming in place for both Fire District and the Recreation Department are sponsoring an AED and CPR training session for all

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Hanover Coaches and refs and this will take place on February 13th at 7 at Monroe Hall so all are welcome there.

Lastly, both Fire Districts 2 & 3 Fire Commissioners will be holding their annual elections and that is going to occur on Saturday February 17th from 2pm-9pm and the voting will take place at both fire houses.

Member Ferramosca: I know that all of the members of the Township Committee are very interested in Public safety and encouraged by the expansion and I think Mr. Gallagher has a comment he would like to say as well.

Mr. Gallagher: I have one more comment about Hanover Township PD and what they do above and beyond their normal duties, for instance with our drug coalition they are all very active and February 24th we have a pilot program called training with HTPD which started with two of my daughter's friends looking at two of our policemen thinking they were cool, big and strong and they said look at the muscles on that guy. After talking with Chief Roddy we put together a program and many surrounding towns are interested in it and they are going to be looking at us and visiting us so that's Saturday afternoon if anybody wants to come down and see some of our 8th graders train with HTPD and talk about gym etiquette and proper nutrition and self-respect, respect of others and proper techniques on weight equipment. So, it's just another thing that these guys do above and beyond and I have one question for you Brian, so that will bring our number up to 32 correct if the budget goes through?

Mr. Cahill: That is correct.

Mr. Ferramosca: At this time I have the pleasure to speak about the Hanover Green Team initiatives. Hanover's Green Team is highly recognized in the State of New Jersey for sustainability efforts for being ranked silver level. Hanover Township's Green Team and the Whippany Park's Green Team in conjunction will hold an energy fair, this energy fair will be on Saturday, February 24th 9-1 at Whippany Park High School. The theme for this will be the smart and healthy home. It's a great opportunity to learn about LED lighting to learn about solar energy and how to insulate your house and how to use smart thermostats, the use of home energy audience and high efficiency rebates and cooling that is available as well as to see some neat things like electric cars and we will have a Chevy bolt on display we will have a Honda Clarity on display so it will be a great opportunity for people of all ages, so please come out your Green Teams on February 24 9:00am-1:00pm

Last piece I spoken about before but I think I need to talk about it again because it is a big opportunity and it is a big opportunity for our college aged students and the opportunity is to get an Internship Program within Hanover Township this Spring/Summer. Hanover has an opportunity for you especially if you are interested in the ever growing demand to prepare for positions with Local, State or Federal levels of Government and the career path our students can have the opportunity to work in one of the following areas, public management potentially, finance, healthcare and or engineering just to name a few, to learn about this and there is only a limited number of slots it's first come first serve you need to contact the website to learn about it and also access information at Town Hall so please take this information and act upon it it's a great opportunity.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to close at 9:05 p.m. was by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Mihalko and unanimously passed.

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