

BOROUGH OF HANOVER
PRESS RELEASE
MAY 22, 2020

Hanover Borough Council met on Wednesday May 20, 2020. The following are the meeting highlights:

1. EVENTS

- **MEMORIAL DAY:** The parade is cancelled. Veterans organizations will be handing small flags from the square over the weekend.
- **FIREWORKS:** The July 4th Fireworks will be held on the farmland adjacent to Gateway Hanover, where they were held in 2017 so that the public can enjoy the fireworks while maintaining the required social distance to avoid COVID contagion.
- **LIBERTY DAY:** The Liberty Day (July 4th Celebration) Events will not be held in 2020 and will resume in 2021.
- **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**
 - Snacktown Brewfest is scheduled for September 19, 2020.
 - Hanover (Downtown) Dutch Festival is scheduled for September 26, 2020.
 - PennCares Pizza 5K Fun Run / Walk is scheduled for September 27, 2020

2. COUNCIL ACTIONS

- **NO BOROUGH OR COUNTY LATE PENALTIES FOR 2020 BOROUGH REAL ESTATE OR PER CAPITA TAXES:** Borough Council approved that there will be no penalties on 2020 Real Estate and Per Capita tax bills for the Borough if they are paid in full by December 31, 2020. York County approved the same for County Real Estate tax bills at a prior meeting. NOTE -- this does not impact School Taxes, which come out in August. The Borough previously acted to permit a delay in the filing of tax returns for Earned Income and Business Privilege taxes until July 15, 2020. Water shut-offs are temporarily suspended.
- **YORK COUNTY RAIL TRAIL APPLICATION:** Borough Council voted to support the York County Rail Authority's request for grant funds for the design of a project to convert recently acquired sections of the Genesee Wyoming rail line into a non-motorized trail.
- **TRANSFER STATION HAULING CONTRACT:** Borough Council awarded a two-year contract to Sullivan Hauling at a cost of \$153.49 per trip which is a reduction from the current per trip cost of \$169.50, saving an estimated \$83,536 over the two-year contract.
- **APPOINTMENT OF ZONING OFFICER:** Eric Mains, the Borough's new Director of Planning & Engineering, was appointed Borough Zoning Officer, saving the costs of a third-party contractor and allowing for more efficient processing of zoning related matters.

3. REFUSE AND RECYCLING:

- a. Memorial Day scheduling: Trash pick-up normally scheduled for Monday May 25, 2020 will be moved to Wednesday May 27, 2020. All other trash pick-up days will continue as regularly scheduled. The Recycling Center and the Transfer Station will be closed on Memorial Day.
- b. All trash set out for collection must be secured in a tied or sealed bag, this includes trash in cans. No loose items will be collected and are subject to citation.

- c. Large item collection will resume the week of June 1, 2020. All large items must be scheduled for pick-up by calling 717-632-3939. 1 free large item per week may be scheduled for residential properties with paid refuse service. There is a charge for multiple large items. Commercial properties and apartments must call for scheduling and payment details for large item pick-up.
 - d. Starting the week of June 1, 2020, The Recycling Center will be open 7AM-3PM M-F. Saturday operations will resume June 6, 2020 from 7AM to noon.
 - e. The Transfer Station, located at 25 Barnhart Drive, has resumed normal operating hours 7AM-2:30PM M-F and is open to the both the public and commercial trash haulers. There is a \$30 minimum fee for up to 700lbs.
4. **OTHER NEWS:** Borough Committee, Workshop, and Council meetings will be in-person starting in June, with a maximum of 25 participants allowed to comply with Pennsylvania social distancing requirements for gatherings under the “Yellow Phase”. The schedule of meetings and the means for public access and comment at meetings will be posted on the Borough website.