

**BOROUGH OF HANOVER BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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Hanover Borough Council met on Wednesday December 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The following are the highlights of the meetings:

**BOROUGH COUNCIL ACTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**TAXES:** Borough Council approved the real estate tax rate for 2021 at 5.65 mills or no increase for 2021.

**BUDGET:** Borough Council approved the operating and capital budgets for 2021.

**WARD 1 COUNCIL SEAT:** Mr. Timothy Kress was sworn in by Mayor Whitman to fill the unexpired Ward 1 Council Seat until December 31, 2021. Council welcomed Mr. Kress and he took his seat at the Council table.

**ANNUAL APPROVALS:** Borough Council approved and authorized the advertisement of the 2021 public meeting schedule, liability and worker's compensation insurance, brokers of record for health insurance and general insurance, non-union employee salary and insurance contributions, fee schedule, reappointments to various boards and commissions for expiring terms, and a proposed set of goals for 2021.

**CBDG GRANTS:** Borough Council approved the extensions of Community Development Block grants previously approved by the County until June 30, 2021; and approved a scope of work for the new grant round which will be focused on the renovation of Doss Alley from Frederick Street to Exchange Place, in coordination with the redevelopment of 34 Frederick Street.

**BID RESULTS:** Borough Council awarded the Third Street Water Main Replacement Contract to E.K. Services, Inc. in the amount of \$319,805.30 to make necessary repairs on an aging and problematic water main.

**WATER SYSTEM EXTENSION AGREEMENT:** Borough Council authorized the agreement for the construction of the water system extension for Brookside Phase 4, in Penn Township, by the developer.

**PROPOSED REMOVAL OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS:** Borough Council approved advertisement of an Ordinance to remove overnight parking restrictions on Broadway between York Street and Locust Street. This is the first action in Council's strategic plan to improve parking in the downtown area. More to come.

**PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:** Borough Council approved advertisement for a public hearing for a Zoning Ordinance text amendment to permit senior housing dwelling units in the LM Limited Manufacturing District. This stems from a request for a senior housing development on Wilson Avenue next to the Hampton Inn. Although if approved, the amendment would affect all properties in the LM District, it is noted that Hanover Borough has very few existing undeveloped properties in this district.

**SANTA:** Borough Council thanked Fire Chief Clouser and Main Street Hanover for taking Santa on the ladder truck through neighborhoods in the Borough and Penn Township for the children to see him, in lieu of the regular visits to the Santa cabin, which was not able to happen due to the COVID 19 restrictions.

All documents are available at [www.hanoverboroughpa.gov](http://www.hanoverboroughpa.gov).

**Borough Council wishes Happy Holidays and a good 2021 to all of our residents!**