

The Harmony Township Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 P.M. following the Work Session.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present:

Glenn Angus, Chairman
Bradley Payne
Michael Marticek
Paul Kokoski, Vice Chairman
Donald Gunther

Other Township Representatives Present:

Rick Start, Damian, Amato and Start, P.C.
Chris Suehr, NIRA Consulting Engineers, Inc.
Tina Spragg, Township Secretary/Financial Administrator
Hedy Marinaccio, Administrative Assistant
Frank Presto, Road Foreman
Jim Ivancik, Code Enforcement Officer
Bob Sivewright, Police Chief
Michael Thomas, Road Crew
Paula Winne, Tax Collector/Treasurer

Residents:

Jack Bedalota	Joey Massiami
Robert and Rosemary Shrum	Jack E. Lively
Carlo Carter	Chris Whipple
Sandra Coon	Greg Paul
Steve & Marie Kammerdioner	Sam & Vicki DeBona
Jay Thatcher	Val Fitzpatrick
Cindi Schofield	Keith & Angela Myers
Cindie McCullough	Victoria Capone
Bob Laney	Chrissy McFarland
Gerald Lowen	Jason Herman
William & Marlene Gandjos	John Krepps
Gene Hrycyk	Amy Freed
Troy Bigrigg	Alan Freed
David Magiske	

John L. Capps, Vice President of the PA Police Assistance Foundation, presented Police Chief Bob Sivewright and Commissioner Mike Marticek a check in the amount of \$2,000.00. Mr. Marticek had applied for a grant for DUI Breathalyzer equipment. Mr. Capps, who is based in Philadelphia, represents a foundation who aids smaller community police forces with tools to perform their jobs more efficiently.

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I. Mr. Gunther made a motion to approve the June 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Payne seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

II. Approval of the following reports:

1. Code Enforcement Officer Report
2. Road Department Report
3. Police Department Report

Mr. Marticek made a motion to approve the above listed reports. Mr. Kokoski seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

III. Mr. Kokoski made a motion to approve the List of Accounts Payable from the General Fund, the Sewer Fund, the Police Pension Fund, and the Liquid Fuels Fund as of Wednesday, July 19, 2017. Mr. Marticek seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

IV. Mr. Payne made a motion to approve the Tax Collector/Treasurer's Report. Mr. Gunther seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

V. Public Comment on Agenda Items

A resident questioned Ordinance #421. The answer was that the Ordinance is to adopt the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code. The Township will utilize the updated Code to enforce property maintenance in Harmony.

VI. New Business:

1. Mr. Payne made a motion to enact Ordinance No. 421 to adopt the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code. Mr. Gunther seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Mr. Marticek made a motion to approve the Harmony Ridge Golf Club Plan at the recommendation of the Harmony Township Planning Commission. Mr. Payne seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Mr. Gunther made a motion to accept the only received quote from Concrete Repair Specialists in Freedom, PA to repair the underside of Valley Road Bridge at an estimated cost of \$4,994.00. Mr. Kokoski seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Mr. Marticek made a motion to approve the consent of taxing districts for the private offer to purchase 1015 Circle View Alley identified as tax parcel no. 64-002-0628.000 from the Repository of Unsold Properties. Mr. Gunther seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
5. Mr. Kokoski made a motion to advertise the P.R.P. Plan for submittal to the Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Payne seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
6. Mr. Payne made a motion to purchase line paint for the Road Department. Mr. Marticek seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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VII. Consulting Engineer's Report -Attached

Mr. Suehr used a map to identify French Creek and explain his recommendations to alleviate the concerns about MS4 Stormwater Requirements. Mr. Suehr stated that increasing the street sweeping and installing silt collection bags would be sufficient remedies.

VIII. Solicitor's Report -None

IX. Elected Officials' Report

Mr. Payne made a motion to dismiss Damian, Amato and Start, P.C. as solicitor for Harmony Township. Mr. Angus called for a second. After a pause, he called again for a second. With no second, the motion died on the floor.

X. Public Comment

There was a passionate display of support from the residents in attendance as they raised their concerns about the dismissal of a Harmony Police Officer at the June meeting. They voiced their support for the officer and his history of service to Harmony Township. As a group, the residents asked the Board of Commissioners to have a special meeting and reconsider the decision. The Board agreed to the request.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Marticek made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Payne seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.