

The Harmony Township Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 P.M. following the Work Session.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present:

Glenn Angus, Chairman
Paul Kokoski, Vice Chairman
Bradley Payne
Michael Marticek
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
Frank Presto, Road Foreman
Jim Ivancik, Code Enforcement Officer
Bob Sivewright, Police Chief
Michael Thomas, Road Crew
Paula Winne, Tax Collector/Treasurer
Hedy Marinaccio, Administrative Assistant

Residents in Attendance:

Robert & Rosemary Shrum
Victoria Capone
Fabiola Gergerich
Mike Settembrine
Roger Thomas
David Magill
MaryJane McAdams
Bill & Marlene Gandjos
Jack Bedalota
Cara Niderstros
Jack E. Lively

I. Mr. Payne made a motion to approve the August 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Marticek 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. Gunther seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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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, August 16, 2017. Mr. Payne seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

V. Public Comment on Agenda Items –

Jack Bedalota inquired about Code Enforcement not doing anything about garbage cans, high grass and loose trash at various residences he has complained about for months. Mr. Jim Ivancik, Code Enforcement Officer, responded that Mr. Bedalota needed to provide addresses of the offenders before he can move on active resolution of the matters.

Art Ammon inquired if any paving or roadwork was planned for Short Street which is in terrible condition. Frank Presto asserted that the road needs repaired. Mr. Payne also remarked that Columbia Gas has been doing work in the Township and just patching parts that they dig up. If Short Street is on the gas company's list, the Township wants to be sure any paving done by the Road Crew is in conjunction with Columbia Gas so that no new roadwork is dug up. Because of the logistics involved of getting estimates for the work and the timeline of protocol, it's likely that the residents will have to endure one more winter of the road condition.

VI. New Business:

1. Mr. Marticek made a motion to adopt the updated Civil Service Rules and Regulations at the recommendation of the Harmony Township Civil Service Commission. Mr. Payne seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Glenn Angus -yes
Bradley Payne -yes
Michael Marticek -yes
Paul Kokoski -yes
Donald Gunther -yes

With all in favor, motion carried.

2. Mr. Payne made a motion to approve the withdrawal of \$7,986.67 from the Unrestricted Funds of the Rate Mitigation Account to reduce the medical premium due for November 01, 2017. Mr. Kokoski seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Mr. Marticek made a motion to adopt the Resolution for the Police Pension Plan Three Percent (3%) Participant Contributions for 2018. Mr. Gunther seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Mr. Marticek made a motion to approve the 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Harmony Township Police Pension Plan at Three Percent (3%). Mr. Payne seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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5. Mr. Kokoski made a motion to approve the 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Harmony Township Union Employees' Pension Plan. Mr. Gunther seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
6. Mr. Kokoski made a motion to approve the 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Harmony Township Service Employees' Pension Plan. Mr. Payne seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
7. Mr. Payne made a motion to rescind the termination of Township employee that was taken on June 21, 2017 and impose an indefinite suspension without pay and without any benefits paid for by the Township. The motion is contingent upon the execution of an agreement between the Township and the affected employee. Mr. Marticek seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Glenn Angus -yes
Bradley Payne -yes
Michael Marticek -yes
Paul Kokoski -yes
Donald Gunther -yes

With all in favor, motion carried.

8. Mr. Marticek made a motion to run a full-page advertisement for \$100.00 in the Laughlin Memorial Library 14th Annual Taste of Autumn Celebration Program Booklet. Mr. Gunther seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
9. Mr. Kokoski made a motion to advertise the Budget Preparation Meeting for Tuesday, October 03, 2017 to be held at 5:30 P.M. Mr. Payne seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
10. Mr. Payne made a motion to purchase four (4) backhoe pads for the Road Crew from Walsh Equipment in the amount of \$586.64. Mr. Kokoski seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
11. Mr. Payne made a motion to approve the Tax Collector's (Paula Winne) 2017/2018 Membership Application for the PA State Tax Collector's Association in the amount of \$70.00. Mr. Kokoski seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
12. Mr. Marticek made a motion to direct the Civil Service Commission to conduct a promotional police exam for full-time hire. Mr. Payne seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

VII. Consulting Engineer's Report -Attached.

VIII. Solicitor's Report -Nothing Further

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Kokoski made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Marticek seconded the motion. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M.