

# The Harmony Township Board of Commissioners

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 P.M. following the Work Session.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present:

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

Absent:

Michael Marticek

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  
Paula Winne, Tax Collector/Treasurer  
Hedy Marinaccio, Administrative Assistant  
Jim Ivancik, Code Enforcement Officer

Residents in Attendance:

Curtis Kossman -Kossman Development  
Fabiola Gergerich  
Joe McWilliams -Valley Waste Service  
Jack E. Lively  
John Young -Young Refuse  
Rosemary and Robert Shrum  
Jack Bedalota  
Vicki Capone  
MaryJane McAdams

Mr. Curtis Kossman, of Kossman Development made a brief presentation before the Board concerning the property his company is making plans to develop. Jack Bedalota inquired about the truck traffic routes since his concern was that School Street would be an access point. Mr. Kossman explained that School Street would only be used as an emergency exit and would have a locked gate that only police and emergency vehicles would be able to unlock.

- I. Mr. Gunther made a motion to approve the October 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Kokoski seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- II. Approval of the following reports:
  1. Code Enforcement Department Report

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2. Road Department Report
3. Police Department Report
4. Sewage Department Report

Mr. Payne made a motion to approve the above listed reports. Mr. Gunther 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, November 15, 2017. Mr. Payne seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

IV. Mr. Kokoski 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 -None

VI. New Business:

1. Open sealed bids for the Garbage and Refuse Collection Contract formal bidding process; announcement of the lowest bid; the award of the contract is subject to verification of the amounts and qualifications of the lowest bidder.

Valley Waste bid was \$11.80 per month per home

J. Young bid was \$11.16 per month per home

Mr. Payne made a motion to accept the bids with the contingency of the above verification. Mr. Kokoski seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Mr. Kokoski made a motion to advertise the proposed Ordinance setting the 2018 Real Estate Tax Rate and the Operating Budget in *The Times* for public inspection. Mr. Gunther seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Mr. Payne made a motion to approve the Harmony Partners Consolidation Plan at the recommendation of the Harmony Township Planning Commission and contingent upon receiving and addressing any comments from the Beaver County Planning Commission. Mr. Kokoski seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Mr. Kokoski made a motion to release the Fire Escrow money to the property owner for the shed located on Ridge Road at the recommendation of the Code Enforcement Officer who inspected the fire damages and the repairs made. Mr. Payne seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
5. Mr. Gunther made a motion to secure a Tax Anticipation Note for the 2018 fiscal year with First National Bank at a tax-free rate of 2.49%. The two authorized signers on the loan will be Glenn Angus, Chairman, and Tina Spragg, Township Secretary/Financial Administrator. Mr. Kokoski seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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**VII. Consulting Engineer's Report -Attached**

Mr. Suehr additionally recommends that Mr. Ivancik, Code Enforcement Officer, should contact Mr. Pournaras concerning the subdivision to clarify what their intentions are.

It is also recommended that Bruce Graff of NIRA Engineering and Jim Ivancik, Code Enforcement Officer for Harmony Township investigate whether or not logging is underway at Harmony Ridge.

**VIII. Solicitor's Report -None**

**IX. Elected Officials' Report**

Mr. Angus commented that Project Holiday Dreams is underway once more with 157 families to be served this year. Donations can be made to:

Project Holiday Dreams Headquarters  
1053 Norwood Avenue  
Ambridge, PA 15003  
OR  
Glat Auto Detailing  
c/o Project Holiday Dreams  
925 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Rear  
Ambridge, PA 15003

**X. Public Comments:**

Jack Bedalota said, "Thank you that there is no raise in our taxes this year."

Rosemary Shrum commented about how nice and informative the newsletters are that the residents receive quarterly. She specifically mentioned her frustration that several residents are not adhering to the ordinance concerning putting out garbage cans and removing them timely even though that information was included in October's newsletter. The answer was that Code Enforcement Officer will take steps to bring it to the residents' attention, hopefully alleviating the problem.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Kokoski made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Payne seconded the motion. With all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 P.M.