

**The Harmony Township Board of Commissioners**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, May 16, 2018**

The Meeting was called to Order at 6:15 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present:

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

Other Township Representatives Present:

Rick Start, Amato, Start and Associates, P.C.  
Chris Suehr, NIRA Consulting Engineers, Inc.  
Bob Vilella, Township Manager  
Paula Winne, Tax Collector/Treasurer  
Hedy Marinaccio, Administrative Assistant  
Jim Ivancik, Code Enforcement Officer  
Robert Sivewright, Chief of Police  
Frank Presto, Road Foreman

Residents in Attendance:

Robert and Rosemary Shrum  
Jack Bedalota  
Eleanor Smith  
Vicki Capone  
Ross Gulori  
Sherin Campbell

**I.** Mr. Cermak made a motion to approve the April 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Kokoski seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- II.** Approval of the following reports:
1. Code Enforcement Department Report
  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.

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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, May 16th, 2018. Mr. Cermak seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

**V.** Public Comment on Agenda Items

Sharon Cable of McCabe Avenue inquired about the lot beside her home that is owned by Harmony Volunteer Fire Department that is in need of mowing.

**VI.** New Business:

1. Mr. Payne made a motion to advertise bids for 1963 International 140 with bid bonds to be received by June 20, 2018 by 4:00 P.M. Mr. Kokoski seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Mr. Cermak made a motion to increase the Life Insurance for the Township Manager and create the new Class for Township Manager with a Flat \$100,000 Basic Life/AD&D benefit. Mr. Payne seconded the motion.
3. Mr. Payne made a motion to approve the sub division at 3071 Woodland Road contingent upon resubmittal addressing corrections noted by NIRA Engineers and any forthcoming comments from the Beaver County Planning Commission. Mr. Cermak seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Mr. Gunther made a motion to authorize an increase to the fees associated with Lien Letters, Sewage Payment Status, Smoke and Dye Testing, Residential Inspections and other tests or verifications required for the sale or transfer of properties which require an accelerated response in less than two (2) weeks or the absence of a formal written request in an amount equal to \$50.00. Mr. Payne seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
5. Mr. Cermak made a motion to set Conditional Use meeting for June 20, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. concerning the proposed "Villas at Harmony Ridge". Mr. Payne seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
6. Mr. Cermak made a motion to have Jim Ivancik, Code Enforcement Officer, check into condemning the clubhouse at Harmony Ridge Golf Course. Mr. Gunther seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Angus -yes  
Mr. Gunther -yes

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Mr. Cermak -yes

Mr. Kokoski -yes

With all in favor, motion carried.

**VII. Township Manager's Report**

1. The Township Manager Updates have been provided to members of the Township Commissioners. The reports detail a variety of activity ranging from the Township fund balances, to payroll comparisons on a year to date basis to different types of activity being proposed.

2. There are a few items, The Twp. Manager and Ambridge Borough Manager met with representatives of the Beaver Valley Ambassadors to establish a dialogue to attempt to get more input on situations that might impact upon this area of the County resulting from the Cracker Plant. The Allegheny Land Trust has developed a Grant for looking at the Big Sewickley Creek watershed and possible development and other ideas for this area.

3) Code Enforcement may be one of the most crucial aspects of the Township at this time. We will be focusing a lot on neighborhoods as well as those areas that represent gateways to the Township and different areas. I will be meeting with an organization interested in developing a trail system to draw the communities together. There is a bike trail that can be utilized to provide accessibility and exposure to the Duss Avenue area. It is important that we make every effort to establish that we represent solid bedroom community and that the housing stock in our town is also reliable.

4)Additional Bills added to the Bills Payable listing. As indicated in the May 7<sup>th</sup> Manager Update there were some additional invoices added to this listing, the payment to the Beaver County planning Commission (\$95.00) and mileage reimbursement to the Manager (\$38.15). There have been additions from the General Fund for CleanCare in the amount of \$59.75. For the Sewer Fund we have received invoices from Baden Municipal Authority for Debt Service (\$8396) and for the April Flows (\$13,790.78). As indicated the Mahindra was to be delivered (at the time of this writing) to the Township on Wednesday and the payment from the Sewer Fund for this purchase through US Communities will be equal to \$49,500.

**VIII. Consulting Engineer's Report -See Attached**

**XI. Solicitor's Report**

**X. Elected Officials' Report**

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Mr. Payne provided information about a golf outing that will benefit Our Soldiers with PTSD and The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Kokoski made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cermak seconded the motion. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.