

The Harmony Township Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 6:00 PM

Executive Session was held at 5:30 P.M. to discuss personnel issues

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present:

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

Other Township Representatives Present:

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

Residents in Attendance:

Robert and Rosemary Shrum
Jack Bedalota
Fabiola Gergerich
Craig Winne
MaryJane McAdams
James Hamilton
Jack E. Lively
Eleanor B. Smith
Cindi McCullough

Reverend James Hamilton, representing Citizens to Protect the Ambridge Reservoir, made a brief presentation about the Shell Falcon Pipeline. He invited all in attendance to be a presence at the Public Hearings for discussion. His informational card of the hearings is attached.

- I. Mr. Cermak made a motion to approve the February 21, 2018 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, February 21, 2018. Mr. Cermak seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

V. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Eleanor Smith expressed her thanks to the Commissioners and the Board for providing drinking water to the residents during the recent water line emergency.

Resident Cindi McCollough expressed her concern about the logging taking place at Harmony Ridge. Since her property on Woodland Road borders that area, she's worried about the land eroding. Chris Suehr, Township Engineer, and Bob Villella, Township Manager, will do a walk around and assess the situation.

Rosemary Shrum inquired if our solicitor can help resolve the issue with the property on Woodland Road since it seems it's stalled in the Magistrate's Office. Mr. Start will meet with Jim Ivancik, Code Enforcement Officer, and discuss legal options.

VI. New Business:

1. Mr. Cermak made a motion to adopt the Amendment to the Harmony Township Zoning Ordinance concerning the Kossman Development property. Mr. Kokoski seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Mr. Payne made a motion to adopt an Ordinance modifying the Earned Income and Net Profits Tax Rate for residents of the Township and non-residents of the township, including out of state residents to be equal to 1% of the earned income received and net profits earned. Mr. Gunther seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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3. Mr. Gunther made a motion to adopt the Resolution establishing Hearing Procedures for the Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals. Mr. Cermak seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Mr. Cermak made a motion to authorize placement of a directional sign on Route 65 for Old Economy Historical District with PennDot approval. Mr. Kokoski seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
5. Mr. Kokoski made a motion to authorize budgeted distribution to the Veterans Center for 2018 in the amount of \$525.00. Mr. Payne seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
6. Mr. Cermak made a motion to approve refund check for tax payment duplication per Paula Winne, Tax Collector, in the amount of \$832.02 from the General Fund account. Mr. Gunther seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
7. Mr. Payne made a motion that, upon the opinion of the solicitor, should the U.S. Communities program be determined to be a valid alternative to the Costars program, the Township Commissioners authorize the procurement of a tractor as specified by the Public Works Road foreman, and in the event the U.S. Communities is not a valid alternative, the Commissioners authorize the development of specification for such tractor and attachments. Bids are to be submitted to the Township Manager on or before April 12, 2018 at 3:00 P.M. The Township Manager is authorized to obtain quotes for competitive financing from sources utilized by the Township. Mr. Gunther seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

VII. Township Manager's Report

1. Welcome Beemac in their new Driver Training & Recruiting Center at 2820 Duss Avenue.
2. Welcome Avalotis, a metal refinishing company, at 2310 Duss Avenue in Building 30 (Ambridge Regional Distribution & Manufacturing Center)
3. Welcome BG & S, a metal refinishing company, at 2310 Duss Avenue Building 15 (Ambridge Regional Distribution & Manufacturing Center)
4. Update Signature Cards for First National Bank accounts
5. The Township will receive payment for 90% for the Recycling Fund.

VIII. Consulting Engineer's Report -Attached

Mr. Suehr will also prepare a revised Zoning Map for the Township.

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XI. Solicitor's Report

1. Status of proposed Ordinance or other materials to establish a Property Review Board. Further, the Township will advertise in the Beaver County Times to accept applications from interested and qualified parties to serve on this Board.

- a. Ordinance is drafted and ready to be acted upon.

2. Status of the investigation the authority of the Township Manager and the Municipal Authority to impose a fee in the amount of \$15.00 or as otherwise to be determined to cover Township costs upon those residents who must be notified of the Township intention to terminate water service for their delinquent sewage fees.

- a. The Board of Commissioners agree to the fee.

X. Elected Officials' Report

Brad Payne commends everyone who volunteered time and effort to get drinking water supplied to the residents during the water emergency.

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