

The Harmony Township Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 6:00 PM

NOTE: An Executive Session was held beginning at 5:00Pm at the Township Commissioners Assembly Room at 2501 Woodland Road, Ambridge, PA. for the express purpose of discussing personnel, real estate and legal matters. The Commissioners failed to make a public statement at the beginning of the regular meeting to acknowledge that the Executive Session had taken place. Prior to the Regular Meeting the president of the Commissioners, Glen Angus reviewed the preliminary agenda. At that time Solicitor Richard Start reviewed the Resolution that the Commissioners were being asked to consider for this evenings meeting. That is the property that had been abandoned by the Pa. Department of Highways in 1935 and 1962 referred to as Old Breitenstein Road.

President Angus read the thank you note received from the Ambridge Fireworks Committee acknowledging the Township Commissioners civic contribution of \$500.00.

Chris Suehr of NIRA Engineering reviewed his report to the Board of Commissioners.

Mary Jane McAdams of Woodside Drive requested use of the Township Building on May 21st, 2019 for elections. The request was approved consistent with past practice.

A brief adjournment was held, and the meeting resumed at 6:15 Pm EST.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present

Mr. Kokoski, Vice President

Mr. Payne, Commissioner

Mr. Cermak, Commissioner – absent due to work

Mr. Gunther, Commissioner

Mr. Angus, President

Other Township Officials Present

Mr. Start, Solicitor

Mr. Villella, Manager

Mrs. Winne, Tax Collector/Treasurer

Mr. Suehr, Township Engineer

Mr. Ivancik, Code Enforcement Officer

Mr. Frank Presto, Road Foreman

Mr. Bob Sivewright, Police Chief

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Residents and Others in Attendance

Jack Bedalata
Rosemary Shrum
Sam Vallecorsa
Fabiola Gergerich
Craig Winne
Mary Jane McAdams
Shaun Mosura

I. Mr. Payne made a Motion to approve the March 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Gunther seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- II. Approval of the Departmental Reports:
1. Code Enforcement Department Report
 2. Road Department Report
 3. Police Department Report
 4. Sewage Department Report

Mr. Kokoski made a motion to approve the Departmental reports. Mr. Gunther seconded the Motion. All in favor, Motion carried.

III. Approval of the Accounts Payable for the month of April 2019

Mr. Kokoski made a motion approve the Accounts Payable in the total amount of \$223,781.95: General Fund: \$65,383.95 Liquid Fuels:5,319.73, Sewer Fund: \$140,421.16 and Police Pension Fund: \$422.63, and 2018 Capital Program Fund: \$12,234.49.

The Manager stated there was an additional amount payable from the General Fund in the amount of \$1420.95. Mr. Payne seconded the Motion. All in favor, Motion Carried.

IV. Mr. Kokoski made a motion to approve the Tax Collector's /Treasurers Report for March 2019. Mr. Payne seconded the Motion. All in favor, Motion Carried.

V. **New Business:**

- A. Mr. Gunther made a motion authorizing a 6-month CD from the First National Bank for the principal amount of \$125,000 from the Sewer and Municipal Money Market. The CD

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will mature October 2019 and will earn interest at the rate of 2.3296%. Mr. Kokoski seconded the Motion.

Roll Call Vote

Glenn Angus-Yes

Paul Kokoski-Yes

Don Gunther-Yes

Bradley Payne- Yes

- B. Mr. Gunther made a motion recommending that the motion of March 20, 2019 to accept a proposal from the Baden Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of the Township 2014 Ford Interceptor be rescinded. Mr. Kokoski seconded the Motion.

Roll Call Vote

Glenn Angus-Yes

Paul Kokoski-Yes

Don Gunther-Yes

Bradley Payne- Yes

- C. Mr. Payne made a motion recommending the approval of the intergovernmental sale of the 2014 Ford Interceptor to the Baden Volunteer Fire Department for \$10,500.00. Mr. Gunther seconded the Motion.

Roll Call

Glenn Angus-Yes

Paul Kokoski-Yes

Don Gunther-Yes

Bradley Payne- Yes

- D. Mr. Payne made a motion recommending the Manager issue a letter of support to the Chairman of the House Transportation Committee for the adoption and passage of the HB 352 which would authorize the use of radars for local traffic enforcement by Pennsylvania communities. This is a measure supported by the Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM). Mr. Gunther seconded the Motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- E. Mr. Payne made a motion recommending the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-4-17, acknowledging and accepting the vacation of a portion of Old Breitenstein Road. Mr. Gunther seconded the Motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- F. Mr. Payne made a motion recommending the Solicitor and Township Manager be authorized to prepare the required documents to acknowledge the abandoned and vacated Old Breitenstein Rd, abandoned by the Pa Dept of Transportation in 1935 and 1962, and relay said abandoned property in its entirety to the Township, except for that portion

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vacated to the Vol Fire Dept. Mr. Gunther seconded the Motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- G. Mr. Payne made a motion recommending the appointment of T Squared Site Services as the consulting engineer and design professional for the Public Works addition and the Municipal Building Renovations subject to the submission of an acceptable cost and services proposal. All costs to be paid from the 2018 GO Bond Issue Series. Mr. Gunther seconded the Motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- H. Mr. Kokoski made a motion recommending the appointment of T Squared Site Services as the consulting engineer and design professional for the Public Works addition at 2801 Woodland Road for a cost not to exceed \$6210 for engineering and drafting services. The costs of survey will be paid by the Township. All costs to be paid from the 2018 GO Bond Issue Series. Mr. Payne seconded the Motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- I. Mr. Kokoski made a motion authorizing T Squared Site Services to develop the plans for the Public Works Garage addition for submission to the Township Engineer for the issuance of a Building Permit. All costs will be consistent with the not to exceed proposal. Mr. Payne seconded the Motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- J. Mr. Kokoski made a motion authorizing S.S. Concrete to install the footer at the Public Works Garage addition for an amount not to exceed \$475.00. To be paid from the 2018 GO Bond Series Fund. Mr. Payne seconded the Motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- K. Mr. Kokoski made a motion authorizing the Township Manager to advertise for competitive bids for the 2019 Road Program, Rice Avenue, Woodland Road, and 10th Street and Webb. All costs to be paid from the 2018 GO Bond Series Fund. Mr. Payne seconded the Motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- L. Mr. Kokoski made a motion to approve the Sewage Account adjustments as presented

VI. Public Comment on Agenda Items. There was no public comment.

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- VII.** Township Managers Report. Mr. Vilella submitted that he had provided reports to the Commissioners and had nothing further to submit

- VIII.** Consulting Engineer's Report. Mr. Suehr submitted that he had presented his report earlier and had nothing further to submit

- IX.** Solicitor's Report. Mr. Start had nothing further to submit.

- X.** Elected Officials' Report. Mrs. Winne stated that she had submitted her Tax Delinquency Report to the County which includes those persons whose taxes remain outstanding for 2018.

ADJOURNMENT. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kokoski and seconded by Mr. Payne. All in favor, motion carried. The Regular Meeting of the Harmony Township Commissioners was adjourned at 6:25Pm.