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MEETING MINUTES
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and garage. The line has separated at the joints and Mr. Gunther is getting water in the basement and the pipe needs to be relined and the concrete replaced as the most economical means to do the job. Also, Mr. Gunther must abstain from voting on the matter.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners and Other Officials. .

Mr. Kokoski, Vice President

Mr. Payne, Commissioner

Mr. Cermak, Commissioner

Mr. Gunther, Commissioner

Mr. Angus, President

Mr. Start, Solicitor

Mr. Villella, Manager

Mrs. Winne, Tax Collector/Treasurer

Mr. Suehr, Township Engineer

Residents and Others in Attendance. A list of the parties who signed in for the meeting is attached.

Elanor B Scott

Craig Winne

MJ McAdams

Jonathan Cermak

Robert Shrum

Rosemary Shrum

Jack Bedalata

- I. Mr. Gunther made a Motion to approve the April 17th, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Payne seconded the Motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- II. Mr. Cermak made a Motion to approve the following Departmental reports. Mr. Kokoski seconded the Motion. All in favor, Motion carried.
 1. Code Enforcement Department Report
 2. Road Department Report
 3. Police Department Report
 4. Sewage Department Report
 5. Tax Collector/Treasurer's Report as submitted for April 2019.

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III. Mr. Kokoski made a Motion to approve the Accounts Payable for the month of May 2019 in the total amount of \$89,931.12: General Fund: \$66,713.15, Liquid Fuels: \$4135.80, Sewer Fund: \$9032.60 and Police Pension Fund: \$422.63, and 2018 Capital Program Fund: \$13,762.74. Mr. Payne seconded the Motion. All in favor, Motion carried.

IV. Consent Agenda

Those matters included under the consent agenda are self-explanatory and are not expected to require further review or discussion. Items will be enacted by one motion. If discussion is desired by any member of the Board of Commissioners, that item must be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

A Motion to approve Items 1 through 8 listed on the Consent Agenda was made by mr Gunther and seconded by Mr. Kokoski. All in Favor, Motion carried.

- 1) The Road Committee recommends that the 2008 F-350 truck and salt spreader/plow be placed at bid through MuniBid or other appropriate means to be determined by the Township Manager. All sales are subject to the approval of the Board of Commissioners
- 2) The Road Committee authorizes the Township Manager to advertise for sale the 2019 Ford F-350 truck bed through MuniBid or other appropriate means to be determined by the Township Manager. All sales are subject to the approval of the Board of Commissioners
- 3) The Road Committee recommends that all Bids received for the 2019 Road Program be rejected.
- 4) The Road Committee authorizes the Township Engineer to develop specifications 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.
- 5) The Road Committee authorizes the Township Manager to re 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.
- 6) The Public Safety Committee recommends the approval of an Agreement with NiSource (Columbia Gas) for the Spruce and 11th Street project Agreement setting forth the cost of permits, the scope of work and the restoration of roads and the allocation of costs to the Township and /or to NiSource in whole or in part thereof and subject to the approval of the Township Solicitor
- 7) The Public Safety Committee recommends the approval of an Agreement with NiSource for the Oak Avenue Project Agreement setting forth the cost of permits, the scope of work and the restoration of roads and the allocation of costs to the Township and /or to NiSource in whole or in part thereof and subject to the approval of the Township Solicitor.
- 8) Motion to approve Sewage Account adjustments as presented

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V. New Business:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Mr. Gunther made a Motion to recommends the President of the Board of Commissioners and the Township Manager be authorized to secure a loan in the amount of \$41,535.99 from the First National Bank for the purchase of a 2019 Ford F-350 from Baierl Ford and Snow Plow and spreader assembly from U. S. Municipal, both CoStars pricing for a three (3) year period. The loan is to be paid from the General Fund. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Cermak.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Kokoski Yes
Mr. Payne-Yes
Mr. Cermak-Yes
Mr. Gunther -Yes
Mr. Angus - Yes

ROAD COMMITTEE

- B. Mr. Cermak made a Motion to recommend the purchase of an 8' flatbed attachment at the price of \$2100.00 from Smoulis Equipment for the 2019 F-350 truck. To be paid from the General Fund. Mr. Kokoski seconded the Motion.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Kokoski Yes
Mr. Payne-Yes
Mr. Cermak-Yes
Mr. Gunther -Yes
Mr. Angus - Yes

- C. Mr. Payne made a Motion, based upon the recommendation of the Township Engineer to authorize payment in the amount of \$180,882.00 be paid to El Grande Industries, Inc. for the completed work associated with the 2018 Road Program. The payment will be made from the 2018 Capital Program Fund. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Gunther.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Kokoski Yes
Mr. Payne-Yes
Mr. Cermak-Yes
Mr. Gunther -Yes
Mr. Angus - Yes

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- D. A Motion was made by Mr. Payne recommending the acceptance of the voluntary resignation of Richard Capone as a part time employee of Harmony Township effective immediately. Mr. Cermak seconded the Motion.

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Voice Vote

Mr. Kokoski Yes
Mr. Payne-Yes
Mr. Cermak-Yes
Mr. Gunther -Yes
Mr. Angus – Yes

Sanitary Sewers, Health and Sanitation Committee

- E. A Motion was made by Mr. Cermak recommending the acceptance of the proposal for sanitary sewer line rehabilitation and for Insight Pipe to line 150' of sanitary sewer pipe running under the driveway of Don Gunther for a cost equal to \$7350.00. The cost is CoStars and will be paid from the Municipal Authority Fund.

Prior to the vote the following announcement was read by Mr. Gunther. "I must abstain from this vote due to my interest in the property which is the subject of this Agenda item. A Conflict of Interest Abstention Memorandum has been filed with the Township Manager."

Mr. Payne seconded the Motion.

Mr. Kokoski Yes
Mr. Payne-Yes
Mr. Cermak-Yes
Mr. Gunther -Abstain.
Mr. Angus – Yes

- F. Mr. Kokoski made a Motion recommending the acceptance of the proposal from S. S. Concrete for the replacement of the concrete driveway at the Mayfield Avenue residence of Don Gunther for a cost equal to \$9000 for labor, materials, and concrete. The cost will be paid from the Municipal Authority Fund.

Prior to the vote the following announcement was read by Mr. Don Gunther. "I must abstain from this vote due to my interest in the property which is the subject of this Agenda item. A Conflict of Interest Abstention Memorandum has been filed with the Township Manager".

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Kokoski Yes
Mr. Payne-Yes
Mr. Cermak-Yes
Mr. Gunther -Abstain.
Mr. Angus – Yes

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VI. The President Angus invited the public in attendance to comment on Agenda Items. Jack Bedalata of Sylvan Rd. commented about the dumpster at the Public works garage and that residents, non-residents and contractors were dumping at the site. He suggested that the site be brought to the Municipal Building or that cameras be installed at the garage to prohibit the dumping. Manager Villella stated that after consultation with Public Works crew that the dumpster would be relocated to the Municipal Building where cameras are already in place.

Mrs. Shrum asked if the roads would be completed this year. The Commissioners responded by stating that it is the intention to have the projects selected completed this year.

Mrs. Shrum also extended her congratulations to the Harmony Township Volunteer Fire Department for receiving a Grant.

VII. Township Manager's Report. Mr. Villella stated he had nothing further to submit.

VIII. Consulting Engineer's Report Mr. Suehr stated that he had nothing further to submit.

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

X. Elected Officials' Report. All stated they had nothing further to submit

The following announcements were made by President Angus:

1) The Township Building will not be open for regular business on Tuesday, May 21st, 2019 for election day.

2) The Township offices will not be opened on May 27th, 2019 in recognition of Memorial Day.

3) The dumpster located at the Township Bus Barn will be placed outside on June 3rd, 2019.

Residents are asked to use only for grass clippings and leaves. Small branches (no greater than 2" in diameter) are acceptable in 4' lengths. Tree trunks and root balls are not accepted by the Township.

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 6:30Pm.

Motion _____ **Second** _____