

HARMONY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Meeting of June 17, 2020

The June 17, 2020 Meeting of the Harmony Township Commissioners began at 6:00Pm. President Payne began the meeting by welcoming all in attendance and making the following announcements.

- 1)The Township Commissioners met via teleconference on May 2020. Due to the State of Emergency issued by the President, as well as the Governor and in compliance with social distancing and stay at home mandate it was determined to hold all future, special and emergency meetings in this manner until such time as the Commissioners Meetings may be held in a public venue. This intent has been advertised in the Beaver County Times.
- 2) The Board of Commissioners held an Executive Session at 5:00Pm by telephone conference on May 20, 2020 to discuss personnel and legal matters.
- 3) The meeting of June 17th, 2020 is a public venue meeting held at the Municipal Building 2501 Woodland Rd, Ambridge, PA. 15003. This meeting has been advertised, B C Times 6-15-2020. The Township Assembly Room can be occupied at 50% capacity, all parties in attendance are expected to practice social distancing and wearing a face mask is required. If any person feels sick or ill, they have been urged to stay at home.
- 4) The Board of Commissioners held an Executive Session at 5:00Pm, June 17 2020 at the Township Building, 2501 Woodland Rd, Ambridge PA. 15003 for the purposes of personnel and legal matters.

President Payne called the meeting to order and led all attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Roll Call was taken, and the following Township Commissioners and officials and representatives were present except Commissioner Kokoski.

Commissioners and Other Officials

Mr. Kokoski, Vice President

Mrs. DeBona, Commissioner

Mr. Mosura, Commissioner. Commissioner Mosura arrived at the meeting at 6:30Pm

Mr. Gunther, Commissioner

Mr. Payne, President

Ms. Shannon Steele, Solicitor

Mr. Villella, Manager

Mrs. Winne, Tax Collector/Treasurer

Mr. Suehr, Township Engineer-

An announcement was made by President Payne identifying an addition to the Agenda . See Public Works Committee (2)

In addition, the following residents and Township representatives were also in attendance as follows: (see attached sign in list)

- Rosemary Shrum
- Robert Shrum
- Jack Bedalota
- Fabiola Gergerich
- Craig Winne
- Frank Presto
- Jim Ivancik
- John Biteler
- Mary Jane McAdams

The following actions were taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

- I. Approval of the **MAY 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes.**
Voice Vote
Motion DeBona Second Gunther
All in favor- Motion Carried

- II. **Approval of the following reports:** The Township Manager is recommending the acceptance of the following Department Reports for the months of May 2020.
 - 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 **MAY 2020.**

Voice Vote

Motion Gunther Second DeBona
All in favor- Motion Carried

III. Approval of the Accounts Payable for the month of JUNE 2020

A.) It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the **JUNE 2020** Accounts Payable in the total amount of **\$78,964.42.**

- 1) **General Fund:** \$ 24,098.50
- 2) **Wire Transfer Health Insurance** \$ 31,492.81
- 3) **Liquid Fuels:** \$ 4253.56,
- 4) **Sewer Fund:** \$ 17,285.72
- 5) **Police Pension Fund:** \$ 422.63 and

6) 2018 Capital Program Fund: \$ 1411.20

Roll Call Vote.

Motion DeBona Second Gunther

Kokoski ___ Mosura ___ DeBona Y ___ Gunther __Y__ Payne __Y__

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.

Motion to approve Items 1 through 3 2 listed on the Consent Agenda

Approval of Sewage Account adjustments as presented.

- 1) Recommending the advertising of testing for part time police officers and that the Harmony Township Civil Service Commission advertise for testing and schedule, as well as coordinate and make arrangements for the administration of the testing.

Voice Vote

Motion Gunther Second DeBona

All in favor- Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Finance Committee

- 1) A Motion would be in order to authorize a Business Service Order Agreement with Comcast for phone system hardware, Business internet service, Business Advantage Pro (Security Edge) in the amount of approximately \$ 450.00 per month. Managers Note: This is approximately \$107.00 more than what we are currently expending for phone services and this system provides an extended service benefits for employees.

Roll Call Vote

Motion DeBona Second Gunther

Kokoski ___ Mosura ___ DeBona Y ___ Gunther __Y__ Payne __Y__

All in favor- Motion Carried

2018 G O Bond Series Capital Program Fund

Managers Note: It is the intention whenever engaged in contracts or projects of this nature that a separate Motion be established to authorize and /or ratify action taken on matters which are the subject of the 2018 GO Bond Series. All projects authorized and /or ratified will be paid for through the 2018 GO Bond Series Capital Program Fund.

- 2) A Motion would be in order to accept the amount of \$45,000 from Columbia Gas (NiSource) as their share of costs attributed to the restoration of Elmer St. which is a part of the Oak Avenue project. This amount will be deposited into the 2018 General Obligation Bond Series Capital Program Fund.

Managers Note: At the meeting of May 20, 2020 the Commissioners recognized the Elmer Street project. A Motion was made to amend the 2018 Cap Program to include the Elmer Street project as an addition to the Rice Avenue project for work to be performed by Youngblood Paving and contingent upon Engineer approval of the amount and ratification by the Board of Commissioners. The project costs to be paid from the 2018 Capital Program Fund.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Gunther Second DeBona

Kokoski ___ Mosura__ DeBona_Y_ Gunther _Y___ Payne _Y__

All in favor- Motion Carried

- 3) A Motion would be in order to accept Change Order 2 as submitted by NIRA Engineers setting forth cost modifications to the projects Rice Avenue and Woodland Rd, and Elmer Street for an amount equal to \$511,689.50. All amounts to be paid from the 2018 Gen Obligation Bond Series Capital Program Fund.

Roll Call Vote

Motion DeBona Second Gunther

Gunther _Y___ Kokoski ___ Mosura ___ DeBona _Y___ Payne ___Y__

All in favor- Motion Carried

Public Safety Committee

- 1) A Motion would be in order to designate Attorney George M. Patterson as Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor. The Solicitor will be compensated at the rate of \$100 per hour and Clerical at the rate of \$25.00 per hour and to be paid from the General Fund. All other costs of Zoning Hearing Board matters will be absorbed by the Township General Fund unless otherwise prescribed.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Gunther Second DeBona

Gunther_Y Kokoski ___ Mosura ___ DeBona _Y Payne _Y

All in favor- Motion Carried

- 2) A Motion would be in order to authorize the advertising of a revised Burning Ordinance PROVIDING FOR AND REGULATING THE USE OF FIRES AND BURNING BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIFIC REGULATIONS, EXCEPTIONS, AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

Voice Vote

Motion Mosura Second DeBona

Gunther_Y Kokoski ___ Mosura _Y DeBona _Y Payne ___Y

All in favor- Motion Carried

Public Works Committee

- 1) A Motion would be in order to ratify the acceptance of the bid for the 2005 JBC Tractor in the amount of \$25,000 US from Tommy Williams 8161 Stanford St Louis MO 63130. All funds to be deposited via ACH into the Township General Fund Money Market.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Gunther **Second** Mosura

Kokoski **Mosura** Y **DeBona** Y **Gunther** Y **Payne** Y

All in favor- Motion Carried

- 2) Addition to the Agenda

A motion would be in order to hire Randy Palombo as a Pt Time Cleaner at a monthly earning not to exceed Two hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per month

Roll Call Vote

Motion Gunther **Second** Mosura

Kokoski **Mosura** Y **DeBona** Y **Gunther** Y **Payne** Y

All in favor- Motion Carried

Personnel Committee.

- 1) A Motion would be in order to accept the resignation of Alexis Korol as a part time police officer for the Harmony Township Police Department.
Note to Commissioners. Alexis was accepted into employment with the Township Police Department in a pt. time capacity on December 19th, 2019. She has accepted employment with a regional police department, and we wish her success.

Voice Vote

Motion DeBona **Second** Mosura

- 3) **Recreation Committee**

- 1) A Motion would be in order to authorize the transfer of \$55, 421 from the Recreation Grant Fund to the General Fund Money Market as reimbursement in part for the playground equipment at the 3 public playgrounds, Beaver Rd., Anthony Wayne- Beyersdale, and Valley Rd.

Manager Note: In order to keep the account open, a balance of \$500 is required. The Township is also entitled to an additional Grant amount of approximately \$8000 As soon as the additional product is ordered, and the charge encumbered they can release the additional funds.

Roll Call Vote

Motion DeBona **Second** Gunther

Gunther Y **Kokoski** **Mosura** Y **DeBona** Y **Payne** Y

All in favor- Motion Carried

A. Township Manager's Report. The Manager has submitted updates to the Board of Commissioners on a periodic basis from the last meeting. Those reports are attached for the review and reference to the Commissioners.

B. Consulting Engineer's Report. An Engineers Report for the month of May and June has been submitted.

C. Solicitor's Report. The Solicitor has entered her invoice for services and setting forth the work performed for the month of May/June 2020.

IX. Elected Officials' Report

An announcement was made by President Payne acknowledging Hedy Marinaccio, a Township employee who was ill and recently passed on May 20, 2020 and we extend our sympathies to her family

X. Public Comment on Agenda or any other item of interest to the public.

- Fabiola Gergerich of 2623 Woodland Rd made inquiry regarding the Burning Ordinance and an explanation was provided as to the need to make revisions that would make the Ordinance more effective.
Mrs. Gergerich made additional inquiry as to the intentions of the Board of Commissioners to "defund the police". Mrs Gergerich was advised by President Payne that here is no interest on behalf of the Commissioners to pursue that course
- Jack Bedalotta 3088 Sylvan Rd. commented about the "dump" at the bottom of the hill. Manager Villella indicated that we are working with the haulers to accelerate the pickup and to explore additional alternatives.
- Rosemary Shrum of Woodland Rd extended her thanks to everyone for their service during this period of Covid 19 and the closure of businesses. She also made inquiry regarding the property next door and the status. Manager Villella advised that a procedure would be put into place with the Township Solicitor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. The following announcements were made by President Payne:

- 1) **The Township will be advertising for the acceptance of bids for the addition to the Public Works Building at 2801 Woodland Rd. The advertisement is scheduled to appear in the Beaver County Times on June 19th and 25th. The Bids will be due no later than 1:00Pm on July 13th, 2020 and will be read aloud at 1:30Pm in the Township Assembly Room. To be considered any party submitting a bid must first obtain a Bid Packet from the Township in the amount of \$50.00.**
- 2) **The Board of Commissioners would like to extend a Happy Father's Day to all.**
- 3) **In observance of the July 4th Holiday, the Municipal Building will not be opened on Friday, July 3rd, 2020.**

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion for Adjournment was presented to the Board

Voice Vote.

Motion DeBona Second Mosura

All in favor- Motion Carried

Time of Adjournment: 7:00Pm