

The Harmony Township Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 6:00 PM

Mr. Gunther, Commissioner-Present
Mr. Angus, President-Present
Mr. Start, Solicitor-Present
Mr. Villella, Manager- Present
Mrs. Winne, Tax Collector/Treasurer-Present
Mr. Suehr, Township Engineer-Present

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

Craig Winne
Shaun Mosura
Grace DeBona
Jack Bedalota
Ricki Paul

- I. Mr. Cermak made a motion for approval of the May 15th, 2019 Meeting Minutes, Mr. Gunther seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried
- II. Mr. Payne made a motion for approval of the following reports, Mr. Cermak 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.
- III. Mr. Cermak made a motion for Approval of the Accounts Payable for the month of June 2019, in the total amount of \$161,498.03: General Fund: \$75,796.54, Liquid Fuels: \$9,573.36, Sewer Fund: \$51,289.55 and Police Pension Fund: \$422.63, and 2018 Capital Program Fund: \$24,415.95. Mr. Gunther 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 5 listed on the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Cermak and seconded by Mr. Payne. All in Favor, Motion carried.

- 1) The Public Safety Committee recommends the establishment of the Harmony Township Police Drug Investigation Fund and the New Alliance Credit Union to be

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recognized as depository. The fund is established from the proceeds of the Drug Task Force and utilized solely for activity authorized by the District Attorney or as otherwise permitted by law.

- 2) The Recreation Committee recommends Resolution 2019-06-19-01 approving the submission of a Grant application to the Greenways Trails and Recreation Program requesting the amount of \$76,290 and designating the President of the Board of Commissioners as the Official to execute all documents and Agreements on the Township's behalf.
- 3) The Board of Commissioners recommend that the July Meeting of the Board of Commissioners be cancelled. The Regular Meetings of the Board of Commissioners will be resumed as previously scheduled on August 21, 2019 at 6:00Pm. Also, the Township Manager is authorized to submit for payment the regular bills for normal operations as they become due. All bills and other matters of operation will be authorized at the regular meeting of August 21, 2019.
- 4) It is recommended that notice be provided to the Harmony Volunteer Fire Department as required by Agreement with the Board of Commissioners.
- 5) Approval of Sewage Account adjustments as presented

V. New Business: Finance Committee

- A) Mr. Gunther made a motion to recommend the adoption of Resolution 2019-06-19-02 authorizing payment of project costs on an interim basis, using the General Funds which, from time to time will be reimbursed by the 2018 Capital Project Fund. Mr. Cermak seconded.

Roll Call Vote

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

- B) Mr. Payne made a motion to recommend the adoption of Township Resolution 2019-06-19-03 authorizing Township employees to perform certain work, including but not limited to storm sewer and manhole repair and replacement as may be determined from time to time in capital project areas and for the cost of materials and supplies only, to be paid through the 2018 Capital Program Fund. The Project area will include Woodland Rd., Rice Ave. and 10th Street and Webb and other capital projects areas as may be determined Gunther seconded the Motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

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Road Committee

C). Mr. Cermak made a Motion recommending the awarding of the Bid for the Woodland Road and Rice Avenue project to Youngblood Paving at the cost of \$507,386 and the Alternate Add on Bid for \$101,196 for a total Bid Award of \$608,582.00. Mr Payne seconded.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Cermak-Yes

Mr. Gunther -Yes

Mr. Payne-Yes

Mr. Angus – Yes

D). Mr. Gunther made a motion to recommend the awarding of the Bid for the 10th and Webb Street repairs to CTM Construction pending reference in the amount of \$120,000.00. Mr. Payne seconded.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Cermak-Yes

Mr. Gunther -Yes

Mr. Payne-Yes

Mr. Angus – Yes

Note to Item D. The original Motion and roll call vote were adopted without the condition that approval of the contract was contingent upon favorable background references. An observation was made by Craig Winne during the Public Comment section suggesting a point of clarification and for the original Motion to be modified to reflect the need to obtain the references. The motion including this condition is presented in Item D.

VI. Public Comment on Agenda Items.

Mr. Jack Bedalota commented that the Police did a good job controlling traffic last years 4th of July celebration. Chief Sivewright confirmed our officers would be controlling traffic again this year's activities.

Mr. Winne requested a point of clarification regarding the motion and the need to reflect that references should be checked. At that time the Motion as shown in Item D. was modified to reflect the condition that references were to be checked.

Ricki Paul of Harmony Ridge Golf Course invited all those in attendance to come to the Golf course on Sunday to participate in an open house type event.

VII. Township Manager's Report

VIII. Consulting Engineer's Report

IX. Solicitor's Report

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X. Elected Officials' Report

Commissioner Payne made inquiry if the Police would be coordinating shifts, which was confirmed. Commissioner Payne extended to all a happy holiday.

Chris Suehr of NIRA indicated that he would be sending Agreements to the respective companies to schedule the work.

Manager Vilella reported on a few items as follows: he suggested the repeal of the Peddlers Ordinance and suspended action until such time as further review could be made so that constitutional authorities were not compromised. Vilella also reported that the cost of police services for Harmony Township is below the state average of \$166.00. Vilella advanced a proposal to the Southwest Pennsylvania Commission and the County Planning Commission for an ingress/egress to Rt 65 from the Ambridge Regional Industrial Park and Warehouse and it was considered a priority. It would now be in a competitive status with other Beaver County communities. The Road Crew has limited work left on Rice Avenue including two to three storm sewers and two manholes remaining.

New Business Item. Vilella reported that he had received a proposal from APPI who works with the Boroughs and Township Associations and had a proposal for electrical savings on the supply side of electric only. The proposal was for a three-year period and could result in a savings of approximately \$900 per year.

A motion was offered by Mr. Payne to enter into a three (3) year agreement with APPI for the supply side of electric to the Township of Harmony. A second was made by Mr. Cermak. All in favor, Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- 1) The Township Building will not be open for regular business on July 4th, 2019.
- 2) The 4th of July Fireworks will be held on June 29th, 2019.
- 3) The Ambridge Greek Food Festival will be held the week of July 23rd to the 27th at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 2930 Beaver Rd. Harmony Township,
- 4) There will be no Township meeting in July, and these will resume in August as normal.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:40 Pm a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Cermak and seconded by Mr. Payne. All in favor, motion carried.