

TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

JULY 21, 2021

The July 21st, 2021 meeting of the Harmony Township Commissioners began at 6:00 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- 1) The meeting this evening is a regularly scheduled Public Meeting and is accessible by Zoom and in person subject to limited capacity requirements. The maximum occupancy is restricted to 50% and all persons in attendance must wear a mask unless fully vaccinated. If any person is feeling ill, we ask that you kindly think of others and leave the building.
- 2) An Executive Session was held on JULY 2ND, 2021, for the discussion of personnel related matters with Departments and part time support for Police.
- 3) An Executive Session was held at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, JULY 21ST, 2021 for a legal opinion for the interpretation of a contract provision.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners and Other Officials

Mr. Kokoski, President
Mr. Mosura, Vice President
Mrs. Debona, Commissioner
Mr. Gunther, Commissioner
Mrs. Mylan, Commissioner
Ms. Shannon Steele, Solicitor
Mr. Villella, Manager
Mrs. Winne, Tax Collector/Treasurer
Mr. Nordquist, Township Engineer

The following Township residents and Township representatives were in attendance as follows:

Craig Winne, 16 Lenzman Court
Fabiola Gergerich, 2623 Woodland Rd.
Mary Jane McAdams, Woodside Dr.
Sam Vallecorsa, 1022 Kristufek Ave.
Rosemary Shrum, 2601 Woodland Rd.

Buzz Shrum, 2601 Woodland Rd.
Greg Paul 1280 Breitenstein Rd.
Jack Bedalota, 3088 Sylvan Rd.
Eleanor Smith, 574 Virginia Ave.
John Cermak, 2650 Manning St.
Wally Nero, Pringle Surveying
Frank Presto, Road Foreman
Mary Romeo, Administrative Assistant

Public Comment.

Manager's Note: This Comment period is limited to Agenda Items only. All individual comments and dialogue are limited to 5 minutes.

Fabiola Gergerich, 2623 Woodland Rd. -had a question under Finance 1), what will the \$157,974.48 Grant be used for. Under Public Safety, question about the No Parking Ordinance.

Per Manager Vilella, there are several areas where this money can be used, to recover prior year revenue, for water, sanitary and storm sewer work.

Jack Bedalota, 3088 Sylvan Rd., had a question under Finance 2), regarding the \$100,000 settlement between Harmony Twp., the Ambridge Borough, and Berkheimer.

- I) Approval of the June 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes.**
Voice Vote
Motion Mosura Second DeBona
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 month of **JUNE 2021.**
- 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 **JUNE 2021.****

Voice Vote
Motion DeBona Second Gunther
All in Favor – Motion Carried

III) Approval of the Accounts Payable for the month of JULY 2021

A.) It is the recommendation of the Finance committee to approve the **JULY 2021** Accounts Payable in the total amount of **\$109,453.05**. *

General Fund	\$ 45, 872.06*
Wire Transfer Bond Principal and Interest U.S. Bank	N/A
Wire Transfer Health Insurance	\$ 30,394.03
Developers Escrow Fund	\$ 0
Liquid Fuels	\$ 6,116.49
Sewer Fund	\$ 26,254.15
Police Pension Fund	\$ 422.63
2018 Capital Program Fund	\$ 398.14
TOTAL	\$109,453.06*

*Revised Total as of July 21, 2021, 2:05 pm.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Mylan Second Mosura

Mosura Yes Mylan Yes DeBona Yes Gunther Yes Kokoski Yes

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 the following Items as listed on the Consent Agenda.

- 1) Approval of Sewage Account adjustments as presented.

Voice Vote

Motion DeBona Second Mosura

All in Favor – Motion Carried

V) NEW BUSINESS

Finance

- 1) A Motion authorizing the Township Manager to establish a Money Market Account with the First National Bank, Northern Lights branch providing for the deposit of funds received from the Commonwealth of PA for the first and second installment of the Grant allocation to the Township pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The initial deposit shall reflect the funds received in the amount of \$156,974.48 on July 14, 2021. Upon receipt of the

second installment, the funds should immediately be directed to this account and depository unless otherwise directed.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Mosura Second Mylan

Gunther Yes Mylan Yes DeBona Yes Mosura Yes Kokoski Yes

All in Favor – Motion Carried

- 2) A Motion to accept the Settlement Agreement between the Harmony Township Board of Commissioners, the Borough of Ambridge, and the Berkheimer Tax Administrator in the amount of \$100,000 for the settlement of a lawsuit filed by the Township of Harmony for the recovery of nonresident out of state earned income tax withholdings distributed in error to the Borough of Ambridge for the years 2012 through 2018. All funds received from this Settlement shall be deposited into the Capital Improvement Fund. The acceptance of the Agreement is contingent upon special Counsel and the Solicitor approving the release and authorizing the President of the Board of Commissioners and the Township Manager to execute the documents.

Roll Call Vote

Motion DeBona Second Mosura

Mylan Yes DeBona Yes Mosura Yes Gunther Yes Kokoski Yes

All in Favor – Motion Carried

- 3) A Motion to authorize the transfer of the amount of \$6,235.48 from the Recreation Grant Fund to the General Fund Money Market as reimbursement for amounts expended by the General Fund towards the Harmony Township Parks Improvement Plan Grant.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Gunther Second Mylan

DeBona Yes Mosura Yes Gunther Yes Mylan Yes Kokoski Yes

All in Favor – Motion Carried

Buildings and Grounds

2018 GO Bond Series Capital Program Fund

Manager's Note: A separate Motion is required to authorize and/or ratify action taken on matters which are the subject of the 2018 GO Bond Series and from which project costs shall be satisfied. All authorized projects authorized will be paid for through the 2018 GO Bond Series Capital Program Fund.

Township Building Renovation Project

Requests for Quotations were made from CoStars or CoStar affiliate Vendors. Quotations were received on or before Tuesday, July 20, 2021 and reviewed by the Architect, Stephen Paxton for compliance with the drawings and specifications prepared for this specific project element. The following Motion applies to the awarding of the Bid for this project and subject to the recommendation of the Architect as follows:

- 1) A Motion to authorize the acceptance of the Bid from Kelly Generator and Equipment in the amount of \$27,836.49 for providing a generator consistent with the requirements and specifications established as it applies to the Utility Relocation aspect of the Township Building Renovation Project. Acceptance is based upon an analysis of the Quotations, the vendor being a CoStar vendor, the recommendation of the Township Architect and subject to the submission of a proper Sales Agreement and any applicable related materials.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Gunther Second Mosura

Mosura Yes Gunther Yes Mylan Yes DeBona Yes Kokoski Yes

All in Favor – Motion Carried

Public Safety

- 1) A Motion authorizing the Solicitor to prepare an Ordinance establishing a No Parking Zone on Harmony Road, providing for the restriction of parking on both the east and west side of Harmony Road 200 ft. up from Duss Avenue. The area will be posted with proper signage, curbs properly painted and subject to enforcement by the Harmony Township Police for violators.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Mylan Second DeBona

Gunther Yes Mylan Yes DeBona Yes Mosura Yes Kokoski Yes

All in Favor – Motion Carried

- 2) A Motion authorizing the advertisement of a No Parking Ordinance providing for the restriction of parking on both the east and west side of Harmony Road 200 ft. up from Duss Avenue.

Roll Call Vote

Motion DeBona Second Mosura

Mylan Yes DeBona Yes Mosura Yes Gunther Yes Kokoski Yes

All in Favor – Motion Carried

- 3) A Motion to authorize a traffic study on Ridge Road to consider ways to curtail speeding in high traffic residential and school zone areas.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Mosura Second DeBona

DeBona Yes Mosura Yes Gunther Yes Mylan Yes Kokoski Yes

All in Favor – Motion Carried

Public Works

- 1) A Motion authorizing the advertisement of an ordinance providing for weight restrictions and other authorized combinations on the Valley Road Bridge in accordance with the study performed by Pickering Corts and Summerson.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Mosura Second Mylan

DeBona Yes Mosura Yes Gunther Yes Mylan Yes Kokoski Yes

All in Favor – Motion Carried

Parks, Recreation and Community Development

- 1) A Motion to accept the Lot Consolidation for the Pitts Plan of Lots located at 946 Beverly Avenue, Ambridge, PA 15003. This Plan has already been approved by the Harmony Township Planning Commission, as well as the Beaver County Planning Commission.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Gunther Second DeBona

DeBona Yes Mosura Yes Gunther Yes Mylan Yes Kokoski Yes

All in Favor – Motion Carried

- 2) A Motion to authorize the Township Solicitor to appeal the status of Parcel #09-004-0301.000-1, Parcel #64-003-0602.000-01-1, Parcel #64-003-0845.000-01-1, and Parcel #64-003-06134.000-01-1, to the Beaver County Board of Assessment and Appeals and to a nontaxable status as Township Property.

Roll Call Vote

Motion DeBona Second Mylan

DeBona Yes Mosura Yes Gunther Yes Mylan Yes Kokoski Yes

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.
- B. Consulting Engineer's Report.** An Engineer's Report for the month of June has been submitted.
- C. Solicitor's Report.** The Solicitor has entered her invoices for services and setting forth the work performed for the month of June/July 2021.

Elected Officials' Report

- VI** Public Comment on any other item of interest to the public.
Manager's Note: All individual comments and dialogue are limited to 5 Minutes.

Eleanor Smith, 574 Virginia Ave., she is 59-year resident of the Township, upset about her neighbor shooting fireworks off daily over her house.

Jack Bedalota, 3088 Sylvan Rd., had a question about the Generator Company and the bid/price.

Wally Nero, Pringle Surveying, talked about the Detweiler/Hermann

Greg Paul, 1280 Breitenstein Rd., wanted to formerly request a meeting with the board regarding Harmony Ridge.

John Cermak, 2650 Manning St., spoke about speeding traffic in the township, would like to see speed bumps/humps to slow down traffic.

Mrs. DeBona was concerned about the speed bumps/humps being detrimental to PW road equipment. Would like signs instead.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

ADJOURNMENT

Voice Vote

**Motion Mosura Second DeBona
All in Favor – Motion Carried**

Time of Adjournment: 7:05 pm

