

The Harmony Township Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 21, 2019, 6:00 PM

Order. The meeting was called to Order by President Angus who reviewed the agenda on a preliminary basis as well as reviewed information contained in the meeting packet.

President Angus asked if any of the elected or appointed officials had anything to address regarding the Agenda or any other matter. Solicitor Start and Manager Villella indicated they would defer to the regular Agenda order.

Chris Suehr referenced his report and discussed the items included. His report is attached and will become included in the Minutes.

The Meeting was called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance President Angus lead the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners and Other Officials

Mr. Kokoski, Vice President - Present

Mr. Payne, Commissioner - Absent

Mr. Cermak, Commissioner – Present

Mr. Gunther, Commissioner - Absent

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:

Jonathan Cermak

Maria Kotula

Joe Kotula

MJ McAdams

Robert Shrum

Rosemary Shrum

Jack Bedalota

Grace DeBona

Vicky DeBona

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

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President Angus asked if any member of the audience had a comment regarding any Agenda and Grace DeBona of 1536 Laurel Avenue asked about Item 10. On the Consent Agenda and the impact to the community and if the property, which was now in the Beaver County Repository would be taxable and it was stated by Commissioner Cermak that the property would be added to the tax rolls for Township and School District purposes.

Joe Kotula of 40 Forest Road made inquiry regarding the Sewer Adjustments which are referenced in the Consent Agenda. He then referred to the sewer bill and that he, his wife and others in the bond area are paying more than other part of the community. The response was provided by Commissioner Cermak that the area in which they reside is part of the bond issue area and that the amount of the issue is reflected in the rate structure. The Kotubas indicated they were told it would be for only a ten (10) year period and now they are discovering the issue is for a forty (40) year period. Mr. Cermak responded that there was never any discussion regarding a ten (10) year term. Mr. Kotubas mentioned that his in laws wanted to install sewage service years and prior to the requirement but were denied.

II. Mr. Cermak made a motion for the approval of the June 19th, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Angus stepped down as President of the Board of Commissioners to second the Motion. Mr. Kokoski abstained from voting. All in favor (Cermak and Angus), motion carried

III. Mr. Cermak made a motion to approve the following reports and Mr. Kokoski seconded. 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 June and July 2019.

IV. for the approval of the accounts payable for the month of July 2019, which was

A.) Mr. Cermak made a motion to approve the **July 2019** Accounts Payable in the total amount of \$ 256,933.13: General Fund: \$70,435.43, Liquid Fuels: \$4802.20, Sewer Fund: \$131,056.20, Police Pension Fund: \$422.63, and 2018 Capital Program Fund: \$ 50,216.67 which was seconded by Mr. Kokoski. All in favor, Motion carried.

B.) Mr. Kokoski made a motion to approve the August 2019 Accounts Payable in the total amount of \$150,190.97: General Fund: \$121,629.38, Liquid Fuels: \$ 4705.24, Sewer Fund: \$ 19,769.72, Police Pension Fund: \$422.63 and 2018 Capital Program Fund \$3664.00, which was seconded by Mr. Cermak. All in favor, Motion carried.

C.) Mr. Kokoski made a Motion , seconded by Mr. Cermak for the acceptance of the Insurance proposal quotes for the yearly period commencing September 10, 2019 up

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through and including September 10, 2020 for Police Professional Liability in the amount equal to \$12,990 and for Property and Casualty Insurance (MRM Property Liability Trust) in the amount of \$22,516.00. All in favor, Motion carried.

V. 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 11 listed on the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Cermak and Seconded by Mr. Kokoski. All in favor, Motion carried.

- 1) Recommending the motion of June 21, 2019 recognizing the New Alliance Credit Union to be recognized as depository be rescinded.
- 2) Recommending the establishment of the Police Investigation Fund be maintained at the First National Bank, Baden, PA. 15005. 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.
- 3) Recommending the advertisement of testing for part time police officers and that the Harmony Township Civil Service Commission advertise the tests and schedule, coordinate and administer the testing.
- 4) Accepting the resignation of Robert Santo and Ralph Todaro as members of the Harmony Township Civil Service Commission effective January 01, 2020.
- 5) Authorizing the Township Manager to appear before the Beaver County Board of Assessment to appeal the assessment of the Township properties being Tax Parcels: 64-002-0644-000-01-1(1151 8th St. Ext.) and 1157 8th St. Ext. (64-002-0646.000).
- 6) Recommending the approval of the Gulish Watach Lot Line Division Plan which was the subject of a duly authorized meeting with the Harmony Township Planning Commission who voted unanimously to approve the plan. The Beaver County Planning Commission also reviewed the Plan and communicated its findings on July 17, 2019. The Finance Committee recommends the advertising of an Ordinance authorizing the Board of Commissioners to join with other governmental units in accordance with the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act and other similar acts by becoming a settler of the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (the Trust) and entering into the Trust's Declaration of Trust for the purpose of pooling funds for investment purposes. The title of the Ordinance shall be the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust Ordinance
- 7) Recommending the hiring of Roxann Pozza for the position of part time Administrative Assistant beginning August 14th, 2019. The position shall be for 30 hours per week and shall have a probationary period of ninety (90) calendar days.
- 8) Recommending the installation of a Handicap Parking sign in response to a request submitted by Dennis Rhawn and reviewed by the Chief of Police at 2644 Beaver Road, Ambridge, Pa. 15003.

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- 9) The Public Safety Committee recommends the acceptance of the private offer by and between Gerald Lowen of 500 Beaver Road, Ambridge, PA. 15003 and the Beaver County Tax Claim Bureau for the total price of \$3350.00 being contingent upon the approval of the Ambridge Area School District-Board of School Directors
- 10) Approval of Sewage Account adjustments as presented

VI. Manager Villella reviewed the Township Manager's Report which had been submitted to the Township Commissioners and included

VII. Consulting Engineer's Report

VIII. Solicitor Start reviewed his billing materials and the items that were worked on during the last month.

IX. President Angus asked if there were any comments from elected officials. Mrs. Shrum stated about the condition of the property at 2505 Woodland Road and asked if the Township could compel the renters / owners to clean up the property. Manager Villella responded that he would continue to pursue the matter with the assistance of the Code Enforcement Officer.

Jonathan Cermak made inquiry regarding the Neighborhood Yard Sale to which Manager Villella responded by stating that all neighborhoods were encouraged to have these type events.

Mrs. Vicky DeBona also asked to speak and she related an incident involving her friend who resides on Highland Avenue who had left luggage and golf clubs in an open vehicle in their driveway. When they returned to the vehicle from inside their home the items were missing. She stated that she called the Police and an officer did not come to the residence. The officer did make suggestions where the residents could possibly look for the items. President Angus indicated that the resident should be here rather than Mrs. DeBona however he recognized she was trying to be supportive and helpful. President Angus suggested that the matter be addressed with Chief Sivewright who attended the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. President Angus made the following announcements

- 1) The Township Building will not be open for regular business on Labor Day, Monday, September 02, 2019.
- 2) The **1st Annual Harmony Township Neighborhood Yard** sale will be held September 21st, 2019 from 9 Am to 2 PM in the Mayfield, Roselawn, Sunset, Shadyside and Grandview Avenue area.
- 3) **Hot Rod Heaven Car Cruise** sponsored by the Harmony Township VFD, Ladies Auxiliary and Wright Automotive. Saturday, September 21, 2019 10:00Am to 4:00Pm. For more information visit Facebook, "Harmony Twp. Hot Rod Heaven Car Cruise"

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business of the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:00Pm

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