

TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 21, 2021

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- 1) The Board of Commissioners met for an Executive Session on April 21, 2021 for litigation related matters.
- 2) The Board of Commissioners met for an Executive Session on April 14, 2021 for litigation and personnel related matters.
- 3) The Board of Commissioners met for an Executive Session on April 1, 2021 for litigation related matters.
- 4) The Board of Commissioners met on March 17, 2021 for an Executive Session for personnel related matters.
- 5) The meeting this evening is a Zoom meeting and was properly advertised in the Beaver County Times on January 17, 2021.

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, Commissioner
Mr. Villella, Township Manager
Mrs. Winne, Tax Collector/Treasurer
Mr. Suehr, Township Engineer

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

Fabiola Gergerich, 2623 Woodland Rd.
Jack Bedalota, 3088 Sylvan Rd.
Rosemary Shrum, 2601 Woodland Rd.
Matt Molchen, 809 Ridge Rd.
Frank Presto, Road Foreman
Jim Ivancik, Code Enforcement Officer
Mary Romeo, Administrative Assistant

Public Comment.

Manager 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., Regarding the litigations how many are there and how long have you known about this. Also, the Solicitation Ordinance, has there been a problem with this recently. Regarding police officers, how many do we have and did we lose any.

Jack Bedalota, 3088 Sylvan Rd., had concerns about Public Safety and the Solicitation Ordinance, his questions were answered after Fabiola’s concerns.

I) Approval of the March 17th, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Voice Vote

Motion DeBona Second Mylan

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 **March 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 **MARCH 2021**.

Voice Vote

Motion Gunther Second Mosura

All in Favor – Motion Carried

III) Approval of the Accounts Payable for month of April 2021.

A.) It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the **April 2021** Accounts Payable in the total amount of **\$ 95,327.27**.

General Fund	\$ 39,428.75
Wire Transfer Bond Principal and Interest U.S. Bank	
Wire Transfer Health Insurance	\$ 31,349.61
Developers Escrow Fund	\$ 100.80
Liquid Fuels	
Sewer Fund	\$ 24,025.48
Police Pension Fund	\$ 422.63
2018 Capital Program Fund	
TOTAL	\$ 95,327.27

Roll Call Vote

Motion Mylan Second DeBona

Mosura Yes Mylan Yes DeBona Yes Gunther Yes Kokoski Yes

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 the following Items as listed on the Consent Agenda.

- 1) Approval of Sewage Account adjustments as presented.
- 2) Approval of the request by Duquesne Light Co. for the removal and replacement of poles on Hazel Avenue as recommended by the Zoning and Code Enforcement Office.

Voice Vote

Motion DeBona Second Gunther

All in Favor – Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Finance Committee

- 1) A Motion would be in order to exonerate Paula Winne, Tax Collector to exonerate Paula Winne, Tax Collector of the collection of 2020 Harmony Township real estate taxes totaling \$36,943.50 at face plus any penalties as of April 14, 2021.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Mosura Second Gunther

Mosura Yes Gunther Yes Mylan Yes DeBona Yes Kokoski Yes

Public Works – 8th Street Ext. Storm and Sanitary Sewer Project

The Township of Harmony made a successful application for a Grant in the amount of \$200,000.00, Contract C000074310, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Authority pursuant to the PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant for the 8th Street Ext. Storm and Sanitary Sewer Project. The Board of Commissioners authorized NIRA Engineers to prepare Bid Specifications pursuant to this project. Bids were received on April 19, 2021 and the results of same were tabulated by the Township engineering representative, NIRA Engineers.

- 1) A Motion would be in order to authorize the acceptance of the Bid from **SET, Inc.**, 235 E. Water Street, Lowellville, Ohio 44436 in the amount of \$235,698.79 for the 8th Street Ext. Storm and Sanitary Sewer Project, based upon an analysis of the Bids and recommendation of the Township Engineer and subject to the submission of a mutually agreeable contractual Agreement.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Mylan Second Gunther

Gunther Yes Mylan Yes DeBona Yes Mosura Yes Kokoski Yes

All in Favor – Motion Carried

Public Safety

- 1) A Motion would be in order to authorize the adoption of Ordinance No. 438 amending Ordinance No. 343 amending the Solicitation Ordinance and providing for and regulating the prohibition of solicitation of contributions and the selling and purchasing of goods and services from house to house and on the public streets of the Township of Harmony, exempting certain persons from the prohibition, fixing penalties for violations of the Ordinances, and repealing prior inconsistent Ordinances.

Roll Call Vote

Motion DeBona Second Gunther

Gunther Yes Mylan Yes Mosura Yes DeBona Yes Kokoski Yes

- 2) A Motion would be in order to rescind the action of the Public Safety Committee on September 15th, 2020 ratifying the sale of property being Parcel #64-002-8003.000, Reputed Owner being Scott Easter, said property being in the Beaver County Repository. The transfer of the property was to be made to Teresa Blazier, 1603 Beaver Street, Ambridge, PA for the amount of \$2,013.00, not including taxes and fees due the County.

**Mrs. Terry Mylan is abstaining because as of the 9/15/2020 date she was not a board member. Mrs. Mylan submitted an Abstention Memorandum which is attached.*

Roll Call Vote

Motion Mosura Second DeBona

Mylan Abstain Mosura Yes DeBona Yes Gunther Yes Kokoski Yes

All in Favor – Motion Carried

- 3) A Motion would be in order to authorize an advertisement for testing for part-time police officers for the Harmony Township Police Department and authorizing the Harmony Township Civil Service Commission to take appropriate measures for the administration of such testing in accordance with the Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Roll Call Vote

Motion DeBona Second Mosura

Mosura Yes DeBona Yes Gunther Yes Mylan Yes Kokoski Yes

All in Favor – Motion Carried

- 4) Addition to agenda- A Motion would be in order to authorize the purchase of 5 Tasers for the Police Department to be paid through the Capital Improvement Fund

Roll Call Vote

Motion DeBona Second Mosura

Mosura Yes DeBona Yes Gunther Yes Mylan Yes Kokoski Yes

Parks, Recreation and Community Development

- 1) A Motion would be in order to authorize Betty Miller to acquire the following property from the Beaver County Tax Repository maintained by the Tax Claim Bureau in the amount of \$2,970.15 as listed. The successful bidder will be responsible for the taxes from 2007 to the present on or before July 1st, 2022.

Parcel: 64-003-0602.000
Reputed Owner; Easter, Scott
Owner Address: UNKNOWN
Location: Harmony Township
Repository Sale: \$2,970.15

It is recommended that said sale be contingent upon the successful bidder complying with the requirements of the Beaver County Tax Claim Bureau. Further that all unsafe structures on the property be removed and properly backfilled and inspected by the Township proper officials within six (6) months of property sale.

Township Manager Note: This property has been the subject of a prior Board action which the prior parties may not have pursued. I have advised any inquiring party to visit the site. This was brought before the Board September 2020. At the meeting of March 17th, 2021, the Commissioners had two (2) parties requesting consideration for the sale of the property and the action was tabled.

Roll Call Vote

Motion DeBona Second Mosura

DeBona Yes Gunther Yes Mylan Yes Mosura 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 March 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 March/April 2021.

IX. Elected Official’s Report

- X. Public Comment on any other item of interest to the public.**

Manager Note: All individual comments and dialogue are limited to 5 minutes.

Matt Molchen, 809 Ridge Rd., why are aren’t the Township Offices open for meetings.

Fabiola Gergerich, 2623 Woodland Rd., can the manhole at Mayfield-Roselawn be smoothed out/fixed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- 1) The Harmony Township Offices are closed to the public due to Covid 19 to maintain the policies of the Governor and the Secretary of Public Health. In the event of an emergency please call 911. If assistance is required and it is necessary to speak to a Township representative, please contact the office and accommodations can be made.**

ADJOURNMENT

Voice Vote

Motion Mosura Second Mylan Time of Adjournment: 6:50 pm

All in Favor – Motion Carried

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:51 pm to discuss personnel related matters.