

HARMONY TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 20TH, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

6:00PM

President DeBona opened the meeting by making the following announcements.

- 1) The meeting this evening is a regularly scheduled Public Meeting and is accessible in person subject to the occupancy limits of the Township facility.
- 2) The Board of Commissioners held a Workshop Session on Monday, April 18th, 2022, at 5:30Pm.
- 3) The Board of Commissioners held an Executive session at 5:00Pm for personnel matters related to the hiring of a Township employee and legal matters.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners and Other Officials

Mrs. DeBona, President - Present
Mrs. Mylan, Vice President - Present
Mr. Angus, Commissioner - Present
Mr. Molchen, Commissioner - Present
Ms. Barlamas, Commissioner - Present
Ms. Shannon Steele, Solicitor - Present
Mr. Villella, Manager - Present
Mrs. Winne, Tax Collector/Treasurer - Present
Mr. Nordquist, Township Engineer - Present

Public Comment.

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

- I. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of March 16th, 2022.
Voice Vote
Motion Molchen **Second** Mylan

- II. **Approval of the following reports:** The Township Manager is recommending the acceptance of the following Department Reports for the month of **MARCH 2022**.
 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 2022**.

Voice Vote

Motion Angus **Second** \ Barlamas

III. Approval of the Accounts Payable for the month of APRIL 2022

A) It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the **APRIL 2022** Accounts Payable in the total amount of \$ **107,375.14**

General Fund	\$ 44,186.80
Wire Transfer Bond Principal and Interest U.S. Bank	N/A
Health Insurance	\$ 28,820.49
Developers Escrow Fund	N/A
Liquid Fuels	\$ 5,036.14
Sewer Fund	\$ 27,464.08
Police Pension Fund	\$ 422.63
2018 Capital Program Fund	\$ 1,445.00
TOTAL	\$107,375.14

Roll Call Vote.

Motion Barlamas **Second** Mylan
Molchen Y **Mylan** Y **Angus** Y **Barlamas** Y **DeBona** Y

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.

- 1) Authorizing the placement of a Public Notice in the Beaver County Times changing the Workshop meeting to the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 Pm at the Harmony Township Municipal Building.

Voice Vote: All in favor

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Finance Committee

- 1) A Motion ratifying the finalizing and securing of the tax-free auto loan from First National Bank in the amount of \$50,000.00 at the rate of 2.69% for the acquisition of the 2022 Ford Explorer Interceptor Police Vehicle in the amount of \$35,029.00 from McCandless Ford 8416 Sharon Mercer Road, Mercer, PA. 16137, and police vehicle upfitting.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Molchen **Second** Barlomas

Mylan Y **Molchen** Y **Angus** Y **Barlomas** Y **DeBona** Y

- 2) A Motion to authorize the President of the Board of Commissioners and the Township Manager to execute the Audit Engagement Letter with the Certified Public Accounting firm of Mark C. Turnley, CPA for the conduct of the 2021 DCED Audit of all Township funds, including applicable Pension Funds at a cost equal to \$6000.00 the cost will be paid through the General Fund.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Mylan **Second** Molchen

Molchen Y **Angus** Y **Barlomas** Y **Mylan** Y **DeBona** Y

Personnel

- 1) A Motion authorizing the hiring of Erin ~~Jones~~ **Johns** as Executive Assistant to the Manager at the rate of compensation equal to \$17.25 per hour and subject to a probationary period of six (6) months. This is an at will position.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Barlomas **Second** Molchen

Mylan Y **Molchen** Y **Barlomas** Y **Angus** Y **DeBona** Y

- 2) A Motion ratifying the hiring of Dante Sciretta and Gino Trello as a part time police officer in Harmony Township based upon the list of eligibles as certified by the Harmony Township Civil Service Commission.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Angus **Second** Molchen

Mylan Y **Molchen** Y **Barlomas** Y **Angus** Y **DeBona** Y

- 3) A Motion accepting a Memoranda of Understanding by and between the Harmony Township Commissioners and the Harmony Township Police Association adjusting the rate of compensation of the Police OIC to be consistent with that of the Chief of Police as established by collective bargaining agreement retroactive to the first payroll of 2022 and thereafter.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Angus **Second** Mylan

Molchen Y **Barlamas** Y **Angus** Y **Mylan** Y **DeBona** Y

Personnel – A Letter of Resignation from Jim Ivancik was read by Commissioner Angus.

Motion to accept resignation of Jim Ivancik as Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer.

Motion Barlamas **Second** Molchen

Molchen Y **Barlamas** Y **Angus** N **Mylan** Y **DeBona** N

Public Works

- 1) A Motion to authorize Youngblood Paving (2516 State Rt.18, Wampum, PA. 16157) to mill and pave 3280 sq. yds with 30 linear ft of wedge curb on 8th Street Ext. for an amount equal to \$7957 and to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Angus **Second** Mylan

Barlamas Y **Angus** Y **Mylan** Y **Molchen** Y **DeBona** Y

Municipal Authority

- 1) A Motion to appoint Garrett Kovacevic as a representative to the Municipal Authority Board for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Mylan **Second** Molchen

Angus N **Mylan** Y **Molchen** Y **Barlamas** Y **DeBona** Y

Community Development

- 1) A Motion authorizing a hearing for the acceptance of public comment regarding the request of Safran Brothers, Inc. 2910 Duss Avenue, Ambridge, PA. 15003 for the intermunicipal transfer of a Liquor License. The meeting will be held at 5:00Pm on May 18, 2022, at the Harmony Township Municipal Building 2501 Woodland Rd., Ambridge, PA. 15003. The Hearing will be advertised in the Beaver County Times as required.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Barlamas **Second** Angus

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Bona Y

VI. Reports

- A. **Township Manager's Report.** The Manager has submitted updates to the Board of Commissioners on a regular basis from the last meeting.
- 1) Submitted Grant through Conor Lamb and playground equipment drawings will be reviewed
 - 2) Storm sewer work on 24th street, 5th street will be coming up, and more storm sewer improvements are needed and will be bid out
 - 3) Columbia Gas - Reviewed prospective projects
- B. **Consulting Engineer's Report.** An Engineers Report for the month of March/ April 2022 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 March/ April 2022.

VII. Elected Officials' Report

- VIII. Public Comment.** The Public is invited to comment on any item of interest.
All individual comments and dialogue are limited to 5 minutes.

Rosemary Shrum – Woodland Road

- 1) Personal concerns/inquiries regarding the appointment of a new executive assistant – What happened to the previous assistant, and was the new assistant in the pool of applicants?
- 2) What is going on with the building at the bottom of 24th street, and what the end goal is.

Fabiola Gergerich

- 1) Inquired which Commissioners were here for the Executive Assistant interview on Monday
- 2) What is the status of the the temporary police chief and how long is the previous chief on leave?
- 3) Hiring 2 part time police officers
- 4) Will there ever be a Meet & Greet with the police officers?
- 5) Concerning Township news – Can we place yard signs to advertise community meetings/public hearings in addition to the Beaver County Times? Matt Molchen advised that a website is in development.
- 6) Inquired about her application for the Municipality Board; concerned that all representation lives on Ridge Rd.

Jack Bedalota

- 1) How many people applied for the police position?

Gene Pash – from Tenaris (brought a visual aid map for his concerns)

- 1) Oak Alley is currently impassible/ a dump site for 5-6 businesses
- 2) They want to expand their property line and build parking
- 3) Would Council consider selling the site to them?
- 4) There are 2 or 3 water tanks sitting empty on Rt. 65

George Korish

- 1) Inquired about Matt Molchen’s conflict of interest over the liquor license

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Molchen **Second** Barlamas **Time of Adjournment:** 6:55 PM

All in Favor.