

**TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19TH, 2022**

President DeBona welcomed everyone in attendance and those on the Zoom platform to the meeting. The following announcements were made by President DeBona as follows:

- 1) The meeting this evening is a regularly scheduled Public Meeting and is accessible by Zoom only.
- 2) The Township Commissioners held a Special Meeting on January 12th which was a continuance of the meeting of January 10th, 2022.
- 3) The Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session on January 12th for personnel related matters related to the open Commissioner position.

CALL TO ORDER. The January 19th,2022 meeting of the Harmony Township Commissioners was called to order at 6:10Pm. The meeting was delayed due to technical difficulties. President DeBona asked for a Moment of silence on behalf of Commissioner Paul Kokoski who passed away on January 6th, 2022.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners and Other Officials

Mrs. DeBona, President	
Mrs. Mylan,, Vice President	Absent
Mr, Angus, Commissioner	
Mr. Molchen, Commissioner	
Mr. Kokoski, Commissioner	In Memoriam
Ms. Taryn Hardy, Solicitor	Present on behalf of Shannon Steele.
Mr. Villella, Manager	
Mrs. Winne, Tax Collector/Treasurer	Present Via Zoom
Mr. Nordquist, Township Engineer-	Present Via Zoom

The following Township residents and Township representatives were in attendance via Zoom:

Fabiola Gergerich 2623 Woodland Rd
Paul Mitchell
Rosemary Shrum 2601 Woodland Rd
Jack Bedalotta Sylvan Rd
Joe Kotula
Greg Paul
Jessica Johns
Bradley Payne

Frank Presto Twp Road Foreman

Public Comment.

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

Jack Bedalotta commented there was no money assigned to the Police Pension. Manager Villella stated that obligation had been addressed several meetings prior and nothing was due at this time.

Fabiola Gergerich made inquiry regarding the Commissioners having an Executive Session on the 12th of January.

Fabiola Gergerich made inquiry about an Agenda item and appointing Joe Kotula to the Vacancy Board If Joe is appointed as a commissioner could he serve in that capacity. The Vacancy Board is comprised of the Board of Commissioners and a member from the community. If mr Kotula were appointed as a commissioner he would be on the Board and another person would need to be appointed.

- D) Approval of the Meeting Minutes of January 12th, January 10th, January 3rd, 2022 and the Minutes of December 15th, and December 20, 2021.

Voice Vote

Motion Molchen Second Angus

Motion Carried.

II. Approval of the following reports: The Township Manager is recommending the acceptance of the following Department Reports for the month of **DECEMBER 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 **DECEMBER 2021**.

Voice Vote

Motion Angus Second Molchen

Motion Carried.

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

- A.) It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the **DECEMBER 2021** Accounts Payable in the total amount of \$ **166,521.67**.

General Fund*	\$64,879.48
Wire Transfer Bond Principal and Interest U.S. Bank	N/A
Wire Transfer Health Insurance	\$ 28,823.49
Developers Escrow Fund	\$ N/A
Liquid Fuels	\$ 4,450.25
Sewer Fund	\$ 96,146.98
Police Pension Fund	\$ 422.63
2018 Capital Program Fund	\$ 1,044.96
TOTAL	\$ 166,521.67

Roll Call Vote.

Motion Molchen Second Angus

Molchen Y Mylan _____ Angus Y Kokoski _____ 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.

Motion to approve the following Items as listed on the Consent Agenda.

- 1) Approval of Sewage Account adjustments as presented.

Voice Vote

Motion Angus Second Molchen

Motion Carried

V. NEW BUSINESS

Finance Committee

- 1) A Motion adopting a Resolution authorizing the President of the Board of Commissioners and Township Manager to finalize the 2022 Tax Anticipation Note application in the amount of \$200,000 at the rate of 1.41%.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Molchen Second Angus

Angus Y Mylan _____ Molchen Y Kokoski _____ DeBona Y

- 2) A Motion to authorize Bidder: Holga Ramyr House Cleaning, LLC, 608 Riders Way, Coraopolis PA. 15108 to acquire the following properties from the Beaver County Tax Repository maintained by the Tax Claim Bureau in the amount as listed. The successful bidder will be responsible for the taxes for the years 2013 to present to be paid on or before July 01,2022. The sale will be contingent upon the Board of School Directors taking like action.

Parcel: 64-010-0744.000

Reputed Owner: Acquino, Victor R.

Owner Address: UNKNOWN

Location: Harmony Township

Repository Sale: \$2561.87

Roll Call Vote

Motion Molchen **Second** Angus

Mylan **Molchen** Y **Angus** Y **Kokoski** **DeBona** Y

Personnel Committee

- 1) Approving the appointment of Craig Winne, 16 Lenzman Court, Ambridge, PA. 15003 as Deputy Tax Collector for Harmony Township.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Molchen **Second** Angus

Mylan **Molchen** Y **Angus** Y **Kokoski** **DeBona** Y

- 2) A Motion appointing Joseph Kotula, 40 Forest Road, Ambridge, PA. 15003 to the Harmony Township Vacancy Board for the year 2022.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Molchen **Second** Angus

Molchen Y **Angus** Y **Kokoski** **Mylan** **DeBona** Y

- 3) A Motion appointing Mark C. Turnley and Company, 1000 3rd Avenue, New Brighton, PA. 15066 as the certified public accounting firm for the conduct of the 2021 DCED audit and other services as necessary.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Angus **Second** Molchen

Angus Y **Kokoski** **Mylan** **Molchen** Y **DeBona** Y

- 4) A Motion authorizing the appointment of HMT and Associates, 130 Cecil Street, Canonsburg, PA. 15317 for providing Uniform Construction Code Services (UCC) to Harmony Township for both Residential and Commercial Services, and from time to time as may be determined other services which they are qualified to provide.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Molchen **Second** Angus

Angus Y **Mylan** **Molchen** Y **Kokoski** **DeBona** Y

Public Works

- 1) A Motion authorizing the Township Manager to participate in the CoStars 2022 – 2023 season Sodium Chloride Contract. All such costs pertaining to the purchase of sodium chloride will be paid from the Liquid Fuels Fund.

Note: The Township has participated in the program for several years. Currently we may purchase up to 400 tons and will have an obligation to purchase the minimum or 60% of the order.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Angus **Second** Molchen

Mylan _____ Molchen Y Kokoski _____ Angus Y DeBona 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. The Reports and information is attached.
- B. Consulting Engineer's Report.** An Engineers Report has been submitted by the Engineer for services in December /January. Mr. Nordquist stated that he has yet to receive additional information from Mr. Paul's representative. Mr. Paul stated that he and legal counsel were waiting for Signed Agreement which had been accepted by the Board of Commissioners. Manager Villella responded that the Agreement was delayed due to Covid incidents in the office and has been forwarded to his legal counsel.
Mr. Nordquist discussed additional issues the Paliani lot consolidation, a grading permit requirement for a property on Woodland Road, and MS4 compliance on or before March 2023.
- C. Solicitor's Report.** The Solicitor has entered her invoice for services and setting forth the work performed for the month of December 2021/January 2022.

VII. Elected Officials' Report

Commissioner Molchen commented that Butch Farland, a volunteer fireman giving over 56 years of service passed away on January 18, 2022. Commissioner Molchen requested the flags be lowered to half staff and an acknowledgement of Mr Farland s service to the community be placed on the Township outdoor bulletin board.

VIII. Public Comment.

The Public is invited to comment on any item of interest.

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

Bradley Payne Sunset Avenue.

Have the Board appointments been published? The Board appointments have not yet been published. President DeBona stated that the Board will be waiting on the appointments to the Board of Commissioners prior to that is addressed.

Mr. Payne made inquiry that when he was serving in the Board of Commissioners, the Board had a meeting with the Police and discussed ways the Board of Commissioners may be able to assist the Department. Manager Villella and President DeBona stated the Board has continued to meet with Department representatives. The Township will be acquiring an Intoximeter (breathalyzer), the Department has new Tasers, and they are all certified in their use, new firearms have been ordered and should be delivered shortly. All officers will need to be certified on the new weapons. There will also be traffic control signs will be installed as determined by the Police.

Fabiola Gergerich 2632 Woodland Rd. Had concerns about water that appears to be coming off of a neighbor's driveway which she would like the Township Road Crew to review and if necessary, address. Frank Presto will get back to Ms. Gergerich.

President DeBona reviewed the following announcements:
Next meeting for Workshop and regular meeting

The Board of Commissioners accepting Letters of Interest for the open seat of past Commissioner Paul Kokoski. Letters of interest will be accepted at the Twp Managers Office on or before 3:00Pm, January 21, 2022. Letters of Interest may be hand delivered or sent by USPS. No email letters of interest will be accepted.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Voice Vote.

Motion Molchen Second Angus Time of Adjournment: 6:47Pm.