

**TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MINUTES, JUNE 15TH, 2022
6:00PM**

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 WEDNSDAY, JUNE 1, 2022 at 5:30Pm.
- 3) The Board of Commissioners held an Executive Session at 5:30 Pm to discuss potential litigation against property owners having violated Municipal Code and Building Code Ordinances.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners and Other Officials

Mrs. DeBona, President - PRESENT

Mrs. Mylan, Vice President - ABSENT

Mr. Angus, Commissioner - PRESENT

Mr. Molchen, Commissioner -PRESENT

Ms. Barlamas, Commissioner - ABSENT

Ms. Shannon Steele, Solicitor - ABSENT/REPRESENTED BY TARYN

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 **MAY 18th, 2022.**
Voice Vote
Motion Molchen **Second** Angus **All in favor**

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

Voice Vote

Motion Angus Second Molchen All in favor

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

A.) It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the **JUNE 2022** Accounts Payable in the total amount of **\$ 136,942.92**

General Fund	\$ 74,140.22
Wire Transfer Bond Principal and Interest U.S. Bank	N/A
Health Insurance	\$ 28,820.49
Developers Escrow Fund	N/A
Liquid Fuels	\$ 5706.12
Sewer Fund	\$ 27,853.46
Police Pension Fund	\$ 422.63
2018 Capital Program Fund	\$ N/A
TOTAL	\$ 136,942.92

Roll Call Vote.

Motion Angus Second Molchen
Molchen Y Mylan ABSENT Angus Y Barlomas ABSENT DeBona Y

Manager Note: Included with the Accounts Payable above is the amount of \$26,402.50 which is to be reimbursed to the General Fund by the Capital Improvement Fund where the proceeds from the insurance claim were deposited. **Nov 17 2021** "A Motion authorizing the transfer of \$24,801 from the General Fund Money Market to the Capital Improvement Fund to have funds earmarked for the repairs to the traffic signal control system located at Duss and Dearborn" The balance is deducted from the fund identified.

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) Rescinding the appointment of Owen Pella as Code Enforcement Officer which took place at the meeting of May 18, 2022.
- 2) Appointing the firm of HMT and Associates as Code Enforcement Officer. The Agreement shall be subject to the approval of the Solicitor and will be for a period of six (6) months and subject to review by the Board of Commissioners.

- 3) To exonerate Paula Winne from further collection of the 2021 Real Estate Taxes. A balance of \$34,347 is outstanding at Face plus all applicable penalties having been filed with the Beaver County Tax Claim Bureau for the 2021 tax year.
- 4) To authorize a refund in the amount of \$80.20 from the Sewer Fund to Jamie Mc Peak, 109 Highland Point Ave., Harmony, N.C. 28634.
- 5) Authorizing the Harmony Township Volunteer Fire Department to host three (3) day training event on November 4, 5 and 6, 2022 at O'Neal Steel located at 2975 Duss Avenue and holding the Township hold free and save harmless from any liability, lawsuit or other proceedings related to the event.
- 6) Approval of the Physician Panel as submitted by Reli (formerly Work Well) and on behalf of MRM the Township Workmen's Compensation Carrier.
- 7) Authorizing the Township Manager to make application for a side yard variance for the property located at 2501 Woodland Road.

Voice Vote: All In Favor: Yes ___

V. NEW BUSINESS

2018 G O Bond Series Capital Program Fund

Managers Note: It is the intention of the Board of Commissioners, that a separate Motion be made to authorize and /or ratify action taken on matters which are the subject of the 2018 GO Bond Series. All projects authorized and /or ratified will be paid for through the 2018 GO Bond Series Capital Program Fund.

1. Acceptance of the reduction in contract price by CTM Construction in the amount of \$15,000 subject to an acceptable Agreement by the Solicitor. The original contract price was equal to \$130,410.00 with Change Orders (Stone facade and pointing repairs) and a payment equal to \$64,250.00 has been made. The final payment to the Contractor, CTM would be equal to \$51,160.00.

Roll Call Vote.

Motion Molchen **Second** Angus
Mylan _____ **Angus** Y **Barlomas** _____ **Molchen** Y **DeBona** Y

VI. RECREATION

1. Authorizing an Agreement with Jeffrey Associates, for the acquisition and installation of equipment and poured in place rubber surface for the Beaver Rd Playground consistent with the Contract No. C000081821 with the Commonwealth Finance Agency and the Dept of Community and Economic Development in the amount of \$137,3.00. A grant equal to \$100,000 from the DCED and a local match of remaining costs paid from the Capital Improvement Fund or other designated Township funding sources will be utilized.

Roll Call Vote.

Motion Molchen **Second** Angus
Angus Y **Barlomas** ABSENT **Molchen** Y **Mylan** ABSENT **DeBona** Y

VII. PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Authorizing the submission of a Grant for the acquisition of body worn cameras for the Harmony Township Police Department.

Roll Call Vote.

Motion Molchen Second Angus

Barlamas ABSENT Molchen Y Mylan ABSENT Angus Y DeBona Y

VIII. PUBLIC WORKS STORM AND SANITARY SEWER GRANT

1. A Motion to authorize Payment Application No. 2 Final Payment to SET, Inc. 235 E. Water Street, Lowellville, Ohio in the amount of \$14,864.57 based upon review and recommendation of NIRA Engineers. Payment to be made from General Fund and Municipal Authority Fund.
2. Authorize the Township Manager to submit the appropriate materials to the Commonwealth Finance Authority and the DCED for reimbursement of costs associated with Contract No. C000074310 Payment Application No 2 Final Payment, Small Streams, and Sewers Grant.

Roll Call Vote.

Motion Angus Second Molchen

Molchen Y Mylan ABSENT Angus Y Barlamas ABSENT DeBona Y

IX. American Rescue Plan

1. Authorize payment to Robinson Pipe Cleaning based upon the recommendation of NIRA Engineers for payment of Invoice No. 52588 in the amount of \$13,600.00. Payment to be made from the American Rescue Plan Funding.

Roll Call Vote.

Motion Molchen Second Angus

Mylan ABSENT Angus Y Barlamas ABSENT Molchen Y DeBona Y

X. Reports

1. **Township Manager's Report.** The Manager has submitted updates to the Board of Commissioners on a regular basis from the last meeting.
2. **Consulting Engineer's Report.** An Engineers Report for the month of May / June 2022 has been submitted.
3. **Solicitor's Report.** The Solicitor invoice has been entered for services and setting forth the work performed for the month of May/ June 2022.

XI. Elected Officials' Report

XII. Public Comment.

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

All individual comments and dialogue are limited to 5 minutes.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There is a need for individuals who are fluent in Spanish to assist the Police with interpreting. If anyone is interested in volunteering their services, they may contact the Harmony Township Police or the Township Manager.

With the warm weather please remember to look in on your neighbors especially if they are elderly.

This is the time of year when people like to make home improvements, please remember that fences may be required if you wish to install a pool. Building Permits are also necessary for other structures that you add to your home. CAA before you dig! Please contact HMT at 724 916 0061.

Sewer Bills are due on June 27th, 2022.

The Harmony Township Commissioners wish all fathers a Happy Father s Day. Please enjoy your day!

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Molchen **Second** Angus **Time of Adjournment:** 7:12 PM

Engineers Report - Updates about the storm sewer and bricks were in the sewer, and a need to work on the pipe on Solar drive and a lot consolidation plan

Solicitors report - Discussed Povich matter, appeal was received

Matt Molchen - Showed the progress for the new HT website on the large TV and the alert feature that will be prominent on the homepage; it should be live within the next month. Requested old pictures of Harmony Township for the site.

Also discussed the progress on the new playground equipment, and the aquisition of dinosaur sculptures. Also introduced the new Code Enforcement Officer, Troy Gump from HMT&Associates.

Fabiola Gergerich - Asked what happened with Owen Pella and was informed he turned down the job because it was too much work. Asked why the Township is putting in for a side yard variance after all the work was done next door. Expressed opposition to pursuing litigation against people for ordinances as it makes the township unwelcoming.

Marcia Lehman- wants to know who is going to cut the vines near her property and Frank informed he can not cut them because they are too close to a fiber optic line. Wanted to talk about the distance between the fracking and residential housing, and stated she has been working with Bob on this for years. She's more urgent about it and concerned about the ethane in the pipeline etc. and doesn't want Harmony to have the same issues as Economy because of the shell plant. Expressed her desire for stronger regulations and also asked to meet with Grace at another time privately to discuss this.

Lisa Phillips - Expressed concerns about her neighbor's house (640 Howard Street) with holes in the roof in 2019 and stated that Jim Ivancik did not do anything. A tree then fell on the house in in May 2019 and the police came to evict. Now the house is dilapidated with rats and mold, becoming a dumping ground for other people. She brought photographic evidence.

Jack Bedalotta - Stated his belief that Duss Avenue looks worse. Bob responded that the planning commission is meeting with the clients on a property about putting up a green buffer/fencing on the Duss Ave. side to prohibit the view from the street. Jack wants to know when the meeting is happening since it's been months.

Rosemary Shrum - Complimented the new website in progress. Also complimented Officer Michael Sheers for attending her and her husband during a recent medical emergency.

Craig Winne - Inquired on the status of the Ambridge Regionl, and Bob informed that he has spoken with Mr. Gene Pash and Mr. Von Fisher to discuss the plans and how it will impact the businesses.

