

**TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 16, 2022
6:00Pm**

ANNOUNCEMENTS. President DeBona made 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 Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022.**
- 3) The Board of Commissioners held a Joint Executive Session at 5:00 Pm on November 9th, 2022, to discuss property related issues.**
- 4) The Board of Commissioners held an Executive Session at 5:00Pm on November 16, 2022 to discuss personnel related matters.**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners and Other Officials

Mrs. DeBona, President

Mrs. Mylan, Vice President

Mr. Angus, Commissioner

Mr. Molchen, Commissioner

Ms. Barlamas, Commissioner

Ms. Shannon Steele, Solicitor. Attorney Garen Fedeles served as Solicitor for this meeting.

Mr. Villella, Manager

Mrs. Winne, Tax Collector/Treasurer

Mr. Nordquist, Township Engineer

Residents In Attendance

Fabiola Gergerich Woodland Rd

Rose Mary Shrum Woodland Rd

Craig Winne Lenzman Court

Jack Bedalota Sylvan Rd

Mary Jane McAdams Woodside Drive

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 asked why the adoption of the Resolution , Item 3 Consent Agenda was not advertised.

Item #1- Advertising the adoption of the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance will be advertised as well as the public hearing to gain input. Ms. Gergerich commented that not enough people read the Beaver County Times and asked the Board to look at alternatives to inform people.

Ms. Gergerich ade inquiry regarding the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN). Manager Villella responded by saying the Board have traditionally made application for and have been approved for a TAN in the same amount each year. The Board has never utilized the TAN. Inquiry was made about the ARPA jobs as proposed and the Township will also be including Forest Rd.

Paula Winne spoke briefly about the Township intent to address some of the Zoning issues regarding set back requirements.

Paula Winne mentioned requirements under Act 57 for property owners not receiving tax notices under the new law.

Jack Bedalota , Sylvan Rd commented that the Zoning Amendment will be a public hearing and public will be able to participate.

- I) Approval of the October 19, 2022, Meeting Minutes.
Voice Vote
Motion Barlomas Second Mylan
All in favor Motion Passed.**

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

Voice Vote

Motion Molchen Second Angus

- III. Approval of the Accounts Payable for the month of NOVEMBER 2022**

- A.) It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the NOVEMBER 2022 Accounts Payable in the total amount of \$ 224,367.16.**

General Fund*	\$ 81,307.47
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Wire Transfer Bond Principal and Interest U.S. Bank	N/A
Wire Transfer Health Insurance	\$ 27,833.85
Developers Escrow Fund	\$ N/A
Liquid Fuels	\$ 5430.75
Sewer Fund	\$ 11,531.53
Police Pension Fund	\$ 422.63
2018 Capital Program Fund	\$ 97,840.93
TOTAL	\$ 224,367.16

Roll Call Vote.

Motion Barlomas Second Molchen
Molchen Y Mylan Y Angus Y Barlomas 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 advertising of an amendment to the Harmony Township Zoning Ordinance and addressing non-conforming lot sizes and setbacks applicable to each.
- 2) Authorizing the adoption of Resolution No. 02-11-16-22, effective January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, establishing the amount of Participant Contribution for the Harmony Township Police Pension Plan to be 0.0% of compensation.
- 3) Authorizing the adoption of Resolution No. 01-11-16 22 providing authority to the Real Estate Tax Collector to waive penalty when the property owner fails to receive notice of current real estate tax liability.
- 4) Authorizing a Location Parking/Extras Holding Agreement with Fidelis Productions in the amount of \$1000.00, which does not include the cost of Police Officers for traffic control for the period of November 29, 2022 to December 01, 2022.

Voice Vote

Motion Angus Second Mylan
All in Favor Motion Passed

V. NEW BUSINESS

Finance Committee

- 1) A Motion to adopt the 2023 Budgets, to include the General Fund, Liquid Fuels Fund, and the Sewer Fund Budgets in the following amounts:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,612,326.00.
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LIQUID FUELS FUND	\$ 119,029.00
SEWER FUND	\$ 1,001,672.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,733,027.00

- 2) A Motion to authorize the 2023 Budget Adoption Ordinance, establishing the rate of real estate tax for the 2023 year to be equal to 25 mills for general revenue purposes and 5 mills for debt purposes. All other taxes and fees imposed pursuant to the Local Tax Enabling Act and other applicable codes by Ordinance and Resolution will remain in full force and effect. The Budget will be advertised and made available for public inspection at the Municipal Building.

Roll Call Vote

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

- 3) A Motion adopting a Resolution authorizing the President of the Board of Commissioners and Township Manager to make application for the 2023 Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$200,000 at the established interest rate of 5.52% (tax exempt rate).

Roll Call Vote

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

Public Works

- 1) A motion authorizing NIRA Engineers to develop and prepare for competitive bidding specifications for the following projects which have been submitted to the County of Beaver as eligible storm water projects pursuant to the American Rescue Plan funding (ARPA) as follows:
- a) Dearborn Street Storm Sewers
 - b) Lower Virginia Storm Sewers
 - c) Valley Road Bridge
 - d) May Street
 - e) Shadyside Avenue

Roll Call Vote

Motion Angus Second Molchen
Barlamas Y Molchen Y Mylan Y 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.
- B. **Consulting Engineer's Report.** An Engineers Report for the month of October/ November 2021 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 October/ November 2021.

President DeBona asked Department representatives in attendance to report:

Frank Presto reported that the Columbia Gas was working in front of the Volunteer Fire Department.

OIC Brooks reminded everyone to be cautious during the season and to be certain to lock their doors.

Troy Gump of HMT and Assoc. advised that the Howard Street property has gone up for Upset Sale and the case has been continued until some issues are resolved between the prospective purchaser and the County of Beaver.

VII. Elected Officials' Report

Commissioner Mylan wished all a Happy Thanksgiving and that due to the Holiday, garbage pick up would be a day later.

Commissioner Barlamas made a presentation on the Township webpage, highlighting new features, the differences and how it has changed, including the bubble buttons that will direct the user to the site. The site is not yet live.

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.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Start the Season! Lite Up Nite has been rescheduled! It will be held on December 2nd, 2022, beginning at 6:00Pm. The Ladies Auxiliary will be selling poinsettias at the VFD on December 2,3 and 4. Support the Ladies Auxiliary, the VFD and Lite Up Nite!

**Township Offices will be closed the 24th and 25th of November for Thanksgiving
A Workshop Session of the Board of Commissioners will take place on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 6:00Pm**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Harmony Township Commissioners will be December 21, 2022, at 6:00Pm

American Rust will be filming on Valley Road-Harmony Township. They will have our officers on site for traffic control and the Township has arranged for parking and use of streets.

Happy Holidays!

X. ADJOURNMENT

Voice Vote.

Motion Angus Second Barlamas Time of Adjournment: 6:55Pm

