

**TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2023  
6:00 PM**

- 1) The meeting this evening is a Special Public Meeting and is accessible in person subject to the occupancy limits of the Township facility.
- 2) The Board of Commissioners held an Executive Session on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to discuss contractual negotiations and related statuses.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Commissioners and Other Officials**

**Mrs. DeBona, President - Absent**

**Mrs. Mylan, Vice President – Present via Phone**

**Mr. Angus, Commissioner - Present**

**Mr. Molchen, Commissioner - Present**

**Ms. Barlamas, Commissioner - Present**

**Ms. Shannon Steele, Solicitor – Present**

**Mr. Vilella, Manager - Present**

**Mrs. Winne, Tax Collector/Treasurer – Not in Attendance**

**Mr. Nordquist, Township Engineer – Not in Attendance**

**Residents in Attendance**

**Fabiola Gergerich - Woodland Road**

**Public Comment - None**

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

**I. Finance Committee**

- 4) A motion to adopt the 2024 Budgets, to include the General Fund, Liquid Fuels Fund and the Sewer Fund Budgets in the following amounts:

	2024	2023
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$ 2,667,868.00</b>	<b>2,612,326.00</b>
<b>LIQUID FUEL</b>	<b>\$ 136,846.00</b>	<b>1,19,029.00</b>
<b>SEWER FUND</b>	<b>\$ 973,272.00</b>	<b>1,001,672.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,777,986.00</b>	<b>3,733,027.00</b>

**Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried.**

**Motion Molchen Second Angus**

**Mylan Yes Angus Yes Barlamas Yes Molchen Yes DeBona Absent**

- 2) **A Motion to authorize the 2024 Budget Adoption Resolution 2023-12-06-01, establishing the revenue neutral rate of real estate tax for the 2024 year which would include general and debt service purposes.**

**Harmony Township along with all other taxing bodies in Beaver County are required to reset the 2024 millage rate so that the total amount of taxes levied for that year against the real properties does not exceed the total amount it levied on the properties in the preceding year of 2023. Harmony Township has determined that the millage rate to be 4.396 mills.**

**To comply with 53 Pa. C.S.A. §8823(b), the tax is hereby levied on all real property within the Township subject to taxation for the year 2024 until otherwise amended by the Board of Commissioners:**

**The Tax Rate total shall be 4.396 mills or \$4.396 dollars on each thousand dollars of assessed valuation. For general purposes, the sum of 3.664 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, and for debt purposes the sum of .7326 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.**

**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.**

**That any ordinance, or part of ordinance, or resolution conflicting with this resolution be the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this resolution.**

**Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried**

**Motion Molchen Second Mylan**

**Mylan Yes Angus Yes Barlamas Yes Molchen Yes DeBona Absent**

- 3) **A Motion authorizing the Township Manager to advertise an Ordinance for the adoption of the real estate millage for the 2024 tax year. Harmony Township along with all other taxing bodies in Beaver County are required to reset the 2024 millage rate so that the total amount of taxes levied for that year against the real properties does not exceed the total amount it levied on the properties in the preceding year of 2023. The Township has done so by adopting Resolution 2023-12-06-01.**

**The Township under 53 Pa C.C.A. §8823© may establish by a separate vote a final tax rate for 2024 not more than 10% greater than the total amount it levied on the properties the preceding year.**

**That a tax is hereby levied on all real property within the Township subject to taxation for the year 2024 and any years as follows until otherwise amended by the Board of Commissioners:**

The total rate of tax shall be the sum of 4.836 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of 4.836 dollars on each one thousand dollars assessed valuation.

For general purposes, the sum of 4.030 mills on each dollar assessed valuation, and for debt purposes the sum of .806 mills on each dollar assessed valuation.

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.

That any ordinance, or part of ordinance, or resolution conflicting with this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Angus Second Mylan

Angus Yes Barlamas Yes Molchen Yes Mylan Yes DeBona Absent

## II. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A motion authorizing the advertising of the bid for the Harmony Township Police Department Renovation Project by the Architect, Stephen Paxton.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Molchen Second Mylan

Angus Yes Barlamas Yes Molchen Yes Mylan Yes DeBona Absent

## III. ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT

Glen Angus- Wished Commissioner Barlamas Good Luck on Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> regarding the Winter Community Day Event.

Matt Molchen- Is looking forward to participating in the Winter Fest Community Day Event on Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 5pm.

Connie Barlamas- Mentioned that Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> the weather is to be 61 degrees and she hopes the Community will turn out for the Winter Community Day Event from 1 to 5pm.

## IV. 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.*

Fabiola Gergerich – Had a question regarding the budget. She wanted to know if the budget is exact or preliminary. Commissioner Barlamas explained that the budget will be at the neutral rate, but the amounts are exact. The only change would come from real estate tax.

## **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be as follows: Regular Meeting: October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 6:00Pm.**

**The Harmony Township Winter Community Day Event will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from 1:00Pm to 5:Pm at the grounds of the Harmony Township VFD. Please help us celebrate this wonderful event and make it a yearly event for all to remember.**

**December 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> 2023, selling poinsettias the VFD Ladies Auxiliary will be selling a variety of poinsettias for the Holidays. Please support the VFD Ladies Auxiliary who help fund the VFD services. You may call in advance for sales by contacting the Flower Ladies ... Ashley @ 724-407-3232 and Ronda @ 724-601-3632.**

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Voice Vote. Motion Passed.**

**Motion Angus Second Molchen Time of Adjournment: 6:15PM**