

**TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 18TH, 2023
6:00 PM**

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, January 4th, 2023.

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-absent (Attorney Taryn Hardy attended)

Mr. Vilella, Manager

Mrs. Winne, Tax Collector/Treasurer

Mr. Nordquist, Township Engineer

Residents in Attendance

Fabiola Gergerich – Woodland Road

Rose Mary Shrum – Woodland Road

Jack Bedalota – Sylvan Road

Craig Winnie – Lenzman Court

MJ McAdams – Sylvan Road

George Kurash -Forest Road

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 commented on why is there a need for the Lock Boxes. Board President, Grace Debona, explained that the Fire Department asked for the Lock Box Ordinance. The Lock Boxes make the Fire Department jobs much easier.

Fabiola Gergerich asked about the progress regarding the hiring of the new Police Chief and the Sargeant Exam. Th Board had no Comment on this matter due to the nature of this question falls under an Employment matter which is confidential.

Jack Bedalota questioned the Board on the issue of Businesses in Ambridge that have debris and what he considers junk on their property which he feels are code violations. He questioned why the Board has not addressed this issue months ago. The Board commented that it was unfair for Jack to make such accusations since a few of the Businesses are behind fences which is legal and that they are looking into this matter but this issue cannot be solved overnight.

Rose Mary Shrum also brought up the hiring of the Police Chief. Again, the Board declined comment due to this issue is and Employment matter and is confidential. Mary Ann wanted it know that she feels that the acting Chief, Brian Brooks, should be offered the position of Chief.

- I) Approval of the NOVEMBER 16, 2022, Meeting Minutes.
 Voice Vote-Motion Carried
 Motion Molchen Second Barlamas

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 DECEMBER 2022.

Vote-Motion Carried

Motion Barlamas Second Molchen

- II. Approval of the Accounts Payable for the month of JANUARY 2023
 Molchen makes a motion to modify total to \$166,065.12. Voice Vote-Motion Carried.

- A.) It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the JANUARY 2023 Accounts Payable in the total amount of \$166,065.12.

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| General Fund | \$ 32,451.44 |
| 2018 GO Bond Principal and Interest U.S. Bank | N/A |
| Health Insurance | \$ 30,955.92 |
| Developers Escrow Fund | \$ N/A |
| Liquid Fuels | \$ 5,515.55 |
| Sewer Fund | \$ 20,862.58 |
| Police Pension Fund | \$ 422.63 |
| 2018 Capital Program Fund | \$ 0.00 |
| Transfer to Gen Fnd Jeffrey Assoc Playground Grant | \$ 75,857.00 |
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| TOTAL | \$ 166,065.12 |

Roll Call Vote.

Motion Molchen Second Barlomas
Molchen Yes Mylan Yes Angus Yes Barlomas Yes DeBona Yes

IV. Consent Agenda

The 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) A RESOLUTION 01-01-18-2023 authorizing a Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$200,000 at the tax exempt 5.52%, designating the President of the Commissioners and the Township Manager as authorized loan signers, and the repayment of the loan through the General Fund, if drawn upon.
- 2) To satisfy annual training requirements and to develop inhouse training expertise for Use of Force and Defensive Tactics and De Escalation, Gino Trellois authorized to attend training on March 11th through 17th for a cost of \$1,195.00.

Motion Molchen Second Barlomas
Voice Vote-Motion Carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Finance Committee

- 1) A Motion establishing the Holidays for the 2023 year recognized by the Harmony Township Commissioners and the date the Holiday will be observed.

New Year's Day: Observed Monday, January 02, 2023

Good Friday: Observed April 7, 2023

Memorial Day: Observed, Monday, May 29, 2023

July 4th: Observed, Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Labor Day: Observed, Monday, September 4, 2023

General Election Day: Observed, November 7, 2023

Veterans Day: Observed, Friday, November 10, 2023

Thanksgiving Day: Observed, Thursday, November 23, 2023

Day after Thanksgiving: Observed, Friday, November 24, 2023

Christmas Eve: Observed, Friday December 22, 2023

Christmas Day: Observed, Monday, December 25, 2023

New Years Day: Observed, Friday, December 29, 2023

Roll Call Vote

Motion Angus Second Barlomas

Molchen Yes Mylan Yes Angus Yes Barlomas Yes DeBona Yes

Public Safety

- 1) A Motion authorizing the advertisement of an Ordinance requiring the installation to provide for the regulation of key lock boxes within the Township and the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of the Township are promoted by requiring certain structures to have a key lock box installed on the exterior of the structure to aid the Harmony Township Volunteer Fire Department in gaining access to or within a structure when responding to calls for an emergency service and to aid access into or within a building that is secured or

is unduly difficult to gain entry due to being either unoccupied or the occupants are unable to respond.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Angus Second Barlomas

Molchen Yes Mylan Yes Angus Yes Barlomas Yes DeBona Yes

Public Works

- 1) A Motion authorizing NIRA Engineers to prepare bid advertising, specifications and other applicable documents for the milling and paving of Forest Road.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Barlomas Second Mylan

Molchen Yes Mylan Yes Angus Yes Barlomas Yes DeBona Yes

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 December/January 2023 has been submitted.
- C. Solicitor's Report. The Solicitor has entered her invoice for services and setting the work performed for the month of December/January 2023.

VII. ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORT – No Report

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.*

Acting Chief, Brian Brooks, wanted to comment on the Lock Box Ordinance. He explained that the lock boxes make it much easier for the Fire/Police Department to enter into Businesses if these is an emergency situation. He also thanked Fabiola Gergerich for all of gifts she brought up to the Township Building for the Police Officers for Christmas.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Workshop Session of the Board of Commissioners will be held at 6:00PM on February 1, 2023.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Harmony Township Commissioners will be February 15, 2023, at 6:00PM.

The Board of Commissioners would like to remind everyone on Valentine's Day on February 14, 2023.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Voice Vote – Motion Carried.

Motion Molchen Second Angus Time of Adjournment: 6:22PM

