

TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 21ST, 2023

6:00 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS. The meeting this evening is a regularly scheduled Public Meeting and is accessible in person subject to the occupancy limits of the Township facility.

- 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, JUNE 7TH, 2023.**
- 3) The Board of Commissioners held an Executive Session after the Workshop Meeting for real estate and possible litigation.**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners and Other Officials

Mrs. DeBona, President - Present

Mrs. Mylan, Vice President - Present

Mr. Angus, Commissioner - Present

Mr. Molchen, Commissioner - Present

Ms. Barlamas, Commissioner- Present

Ms. Shannon Steele, Solicitor- Absent / Mr. Mike Santicola, Solicitor - Present

Mr. Vilella, Manager - Present

Mrs. Winne, Tax Collector/Treasurer - Present

Mr. Nordquist, Township Engineer - Present

Residents in Attendance

Craig Winnie- Lenzman Court

Fabiola Gergerich-Woodland Road

Rosemary Shrum-Woodland Road

MJ McAdams-Woodside Drive

Greg Szuchy-25th Street

Joe Kotula-Forest Road

Maria Kotula-Forest Road

Tim Webb-Sylvan Road

Kaylie Szuchy-Manning Street

John Krepps-Woodland Road

Mark Montagna-Sylvan 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 questioned why the May 17th Minutes were amended. The Executive Session date was added.

- I. **Approval of the MAY 17TH, 2023, Meeting Minutes as amended.**
Voice Vote -Motion Carried
Motion Mylan Second Barlamas

- II. **Approval of the following reports: The Township Manager is recommending the acceptance of the following Department Reports for the month of JUNE 2023.**
 - 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 MAY 2023.

Voice Vote- Motion Carried
Motion Angus Second Molchen

III. **Approval of the Accounts Payable for the month of JUNE 2023**

A.) It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the JUNE 2023 Accounts Payable in the total amount of \$112,010.09.

General Fund	\$ 53,321.69
2018 GO Bond Interest U.S. Bank	\$ N/A
Health Insurance	\$ 30,142.33
Developers Escrow Fund	\$ N/A
Liquid Fuels	\$ 5,894.76
Sewer Fund	\$ 21,266.68
Police Pension Fund	\$ 422.63
2018 Capital Program Fund	\$ 962.00
TOTAL	\$ 112,010.09

Roll Call Vote-Motion Carried
Motion Barlamas Second Mylan
Molchen Yes Mylan Yes Angus Yes Barlamas Yes DeBona Yes

- IV. **Consent Agenda – NO 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.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

Finance

- 1) **A Motion authorizing the deposit of funds in an amount equal to \$67,500 transferred from Harmony Township Municipal Authority Fund to the Harmony Township General Fund Money Market, and to further authorize the transfer of the amount of \$67,500 from the General Fund Money Market to the Harmony Township Capital Improvement Fund.**

Roll Call Vote-Motion Carried

Motion Molchen Second Barlamas

Molchen Yes Angus Yes Barlamas Yes Mylan Yes DeBona Yes

Administration

- 1) **A motion authorizing the cancellation of the regular Meeting of July 19th, 2023, and to authorize the Township Manager to advertise the meeting cancellation as required.**

Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried

Motion Angus Second Mylan

Molchen Yes Angus Yes Barlamas Yes Mylan Yes DeBona Yes

Manager’s Note: The Workshop session July 5th, 2023, will take place as regularly scheduled. The Public Hearing will take place at 5:30 Pm as advertised.

- 2) **A Motion authorizing the township Manager to satisfy Accounts Payable during the month of July and to coordinate with the Finance Committee as necessary.**

Roll Call Vote-Motion Carried

Motion Barlamas Second Molchen

Mylan Yes Angus Yes Barlamas Yes Molchen Yes DeBona Yes

Reports

- A. **Township Manager’s Report.** The Manager has submitted updates to the Board of Commissioners on a regular basis from the last meeting.

1. **Beaver Road Playground is complete and a success. All residents and Children are welcome. Discussions with Comcast and Verizon are on going in regards providing Internet Service at the park.**
2. **Duquesne Light is changing Street Lights in Harmony Township.**
3. **Columbia Gas is still working in Harmony Township. Presently they are working on Dearborn and Watson.**
4. **There is a meeting scheduled for July 5th with Shields Paving regarding the Forest Road Project.**

- B. Consulting Engineer's Report.** An Engineers Report for the month of April/May 2023 has been submitted.
- 1. Engineer confirmed what the Manager said regarding the scheduled July 5th meeting with Shields Paving.**
- C. Solicitor's Report.** The Solicitor has entered her invoice for services and setting forth the work performed for the month of April/May 2023.
- 1. The Solicitor, Mike Santicola, explained that presently a Collective Bargaining discussion with the Police is still on going.**
 - 2. A Public Hearing has been scheduled for 5:30pm on July 5th regarding Zoning Ordinances.**
- D. Police Report.**
- 1. The OIC explained that there have been several robberies involving the theft of firearms from vehicles. He asked residents to lock their vehicles and try not to keep firearms in their vehicles.**
 - 2. Regarding the 4th of July Police Protection; Lt. Chickos with the Ambridge Police Dept. will be working along with (5) five other Officers. Office Vilagomez and Officer Edgell will be working for Harmony Township.**
 - 3. The Intoximeter is out and running with net zero cost to Harmony Township.**

VII. Elected Officials' Report

- 1. Connie Barlamas mentioned how the Polic Department had no phone or internet service when Comcast had an Outage in June due to severe weather. She asked the Township Manager to check into other Phone and Cable providers (Go Net Speed, AT&T and Verizon to installing a hard line for the Police Department. The Finance Committee is still reviewing the utilities currently used for the Township Building.**
- 2. Terry Mylan thanked the Police Department regarding the Rental Situation. She thanked Paul Winnie for her prompt mailing of the Tax Bills. Mrs. Mylan mentioned that she had attended Representative Robert Matzie's Grant Seminar on May 19th along with The Township Manager, Bob Villella and Township's Executive Assistant, Lori Thompson. The Seminar was very informative and she is glad she attended.**
- 3. Matt Molchen spoke regarding the New Playground. He thanked Frank Presto and the Public Works Department Work for overseeing the installation of the Playground. He also thanked the Police Department for their patrolling of the park.**
- 4. Grace DeBona Thanked the Police Department for their information regarding the car thefts. She urged all residents to Notify the Police if they see anything suspicious.**

IX. 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.

John Kreps Complained about the excessive speeding on Woodland Road. Frank Presto was asked to move the watch your speed sign back to Woodland Road.

Joe Kotula spoke regarding the 4th of July. He resides on Forest Road and people wanting to see the fireworks block his street. Frank Presto will place (2) two wooden horses on Forest Road to block the parking. Officer Brooks is also keeping a Police Officer in the Harmony area. Frank Presto the Public for the Fireworks.

Fabiola Gergerich inquired about Duquesne Light and Comcast regarding the new park. In order to receive internet service at the park Duquesne Light needs to install a utility pole across the street and the Township has not received a timeline for this installation. Mrs. Gergerich inquired if there was a date set for the Chief's exam. No date has been set yet; everything has been turned over to the Civil Service Commission. Mrs. Gergerich inquired about the proceeds received from the sale of the Police Car. Is the Township going to purchase a new vehicle for the Police Department? There are no plans on purchasing a new Police Vehicle and there are still talks about selling the Tahoe SUV. Mrs. Gergerich asked about the Township Building Renovations project. Have there been meetings with the Architect. The Is scheduled to meet with Architect to discuss the Renovation plans.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for 5:30 Pm on Wednesday, July 5th, 2023, at which time public comments will be taken on amending The Harmony Township Zoning Ordinance as follows: A Motion authorizing amending § 909. Non-Conforming Lot of the Harmony Township Code Ordinances.

The next Workshop Session of the Board of Commissioners will be held at 6:00Pm on JULY 5TH, 2023.

On JULY 1ST 2023 a Fire Works display celebrating the 4th of JULY will Be held at Walter Panek Park beginning at 5:00 Pm. Commissioners will be JUNE 21ST, 2023, at 6:00Pm.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**Voice Vote-Motion Carried
Motion Molchen Second Barlamas
Time of Adjournment: 6:30 Pm**

