

**HARMONY TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 17TH, 2025
6:00 PM**

- 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) This meeting is being electronically recorded by the Township Assistant Administrator.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners

**Ms. Barlamas, President - Absent
Mrs. Mylan, Vice President - Present
Mr. Angus, Commissioner - Present
Mr. Molchen, Commissioner - Present
Mrs. DeBona, Commissioner - Present**

This meeting was electronically recorded by the Township Assistant Administrator.

Residents & Guests in Attendance

**Angela & Keith Meyers – Woodland Road
Denise Campbell – Sylvan Road
Fabiola Gergerich – Woodland Road
Sharon Speicher – Beaver Road
Joyce & Doug Beck – Dearborn Street
Rosemary Shrum – Woodland Road
Kelly Harshman – Woodside Drive
Jason Thatcher – Woodland Road**

The Visitor Comment period is limited to Agenda Items only. Individual comments and dialogue are limited to 5 minutes. No comments

Fabiola Gergerich – Had a question regarding B under New Business. What is the purpose of the DEP Consent Order. There was an intermunicipal meeting called by Economy regarding the money that Conway owes. The Consent order will compel Conway to pay. If payments are not received the EPA will fine Conway for non-compliance of the Consent Order.

Denise Campbell – She had a question regarding the dog kennel on 3087 Woodland Road. The variance that was obtained for the kennel expired in November 2025. The Solicitor explained that the Code Officer has notified Mrs. Herman and she has the right to apply for another variance.

Doug Beck – He questioned the Board on the Beyersdale Tennis Courts Grant. The Board explained that they are still waiting to hear if they were awarded the grant.

Jason Thatcher – Questioned the Board regarding the sale of Walter Panic Park. The Board was unaware that the Park was up for sale and that the Park's Deed specifically states that the property needs to be used for recreation. Walter Panic Park is owned by Ambridge Borough not Harmony Township.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 19th, 2025, as submitted.

Motion: **DeBona** Second **Molchen**

Roll Call: Mylan Y Angus Y Molchen Y DeBona Y Barlamas Absent

REPORTS: Submitted to the board for December 2025 - Motion Carried

- Interim Manager Report
- Code Enforcement Report
- Road Department Report
- Police Department Report
- Sewage Department Report
- Tax Collector / Treasurer Reports

Motion Angus Second DeBona – Motion Carried

Roll Call: Mylan Y Angus Y Molchen Y DeBona Y Barlamas Absent

BILLS TO BE PAID: Motion Carried

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the December 2025 Accounts Payable in the total amount of as listed.

FUND	DECEMBER
General Fund	\$ 167,837.75
2018 GO Bond Interest /Principal U.S. Bank	\$ N/A
*Health Insurance ACH	* \$ 36,027.16
Developers Escrow Fund	\$ N/A
Liquid Fuels	\$ 5,309.46
Sewer Fund	\$ 23,294.85
Police Pension Fund	\$ N/A
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$ 196,441.06

Motion **Molchen** Second **DeBona**- Motion Carried

Roll Call: Mylan Y Angus Y Molchen Y DeBona Y Barlamas Absent

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Harmony Township Tax rate 4.8350 mills for the year 2026 was filed at the Beaver County Assessment Office.
2. PA Department of Labor and Industry 2026 Employer Compensation Contribution rate is 0.014190. The 2026 Employee Contribution rate is 0.0007000.
3. A Violation of Occupancy was sent to Jeff and Cynthia Herman, 2087 Woodland Road, regarding kennel being operated out of property without proper zoning. The issued zoning variance in November 2025. Appealing to the zoning board is required.

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. Adopt the 2026 Budgets, to include the General Fund, Liquid Fuels Fund, and the Sewer Fund Budgets in the following amounts:

	2026	2025
GENRAL FUND	\$ 2,706,139.00	2,702,794.00
LIQUID FUELD	\$ 108,500.00	142,346.00
SEWER FUND	\$ 1, 716,872.00	1,189,002.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,531.511.00	4,034,142.00

2. Adopt the revised 2026 Budget Adoption Ordinance, establishing the rate of real estate tax at 4.8350 mills for the year 2026 to include general and debt service 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 unless modified by the Board of Commissioners. The Budget has been advertised and made available for public inspection at the Municipal Building
3. Appoint Paula Winnie as the Interim Delinquent Tax Collector for the 2025 Real Estate taxes from the period starting January 1, 2026 – to the liens filing period ends in April 2026 at a salary of \$750.00.
4. Renew the Tax Collector, Kelly Harshman, Bond for \$4,449,696.80 starting on January 5, 2026, ending on January 65, 2030. The annual premium due \$869.68.
5. Adopt Resolution 12-17-25 to change the Board of Commissioner's Monthly Workshop Meeting on the first Monday and Board of Commissioner's Monthly Business Meeting to the second Monday of the Month effective February 2026.

6. Advertising the 2026 Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting Schedule.
7. The reorganization meeting for 2026 will be held on January 5, 2026, at 6:00pm at the Municipal Building. The Township will immediately follow the reorganization meeting.
8. Recognize that Rhona Ferguson's attended the meeting to discuss her concerns regarding the grant application for the Byersdale Park Project at the September 17, 2025, meeting.

Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried.

Motion Molchen Second Angus

Mylan Y Angus Y Barlamas Absent Molchen Y DeBona Y

NEW BUSINESS

A. A Motion to consent to exonerate A Home 4U, LLC from all back taxes in the amount of \$116.89 for the purchase of vacant tax parcel #64-002-0824-000-0111 from the Beaver County Respository of Unsold Properties.

B. A Motion to adopt Resolution 12-15-25 – Authorizing to execute the signing of the DEP Consent Order and Agreement regarding the Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement between Conway and Baden.

Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried.

Motion DeBona Second Angus

Mylan Y Angus Y Barlamas Absent Molchen Y DeBona Y

Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried.

Motion DeBona Second Angus

Mylan Y Angus Y Barlamas Y Molchen Y DeBona Y

REPORTS

- **ENGINEER'S REPORT** (Mr. Barna, Ms. Vasilakis, HRG Engineering)

LSA GRANTS

- HRG submitted two 2025 LSA grant applications for:
 - a. Landslide Remediation Project - \$999,701.00
 - b. Byersdale Park Tennis Courts - \$998,565.00

LSA grant announcements for 2024 may take place in December or January.

2025 PAVING & STORMWATER PROJECT

The Paving & Stormwater project is done for the year. Most work has been completed. Concrete work on 5th and any other outstanding items will be addressed in the spring.

PRELIMINARY PARK MASTER PLAN

- HRG has provided a proposal for the three Township parks; Beaver Road, Valley Road and Byersdale Park.

OUTSTANDING PROPOSALS

- Preliminary Park Master Plan
 - Geotechnical Testing and Survey on Valley Road, Forest Road and Ridge Road.
- **SOLICITORS' REPORT** (Ms. Shannon Steele, Garen Fedeles) The Solicitor asked that an addition is made to the December Minutes regarding an Executive Session held prior to the December Meeting for Personnel Matters.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT

1. **Commissioner Molchen**- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.
2. **Commissioner Angus**- Wished everyone Merry Christmas. Commissioner Mylan reminded everyone and thanked Commissioner Angus for his Holiday Dreams Project that he holds every year.
3. **Commissioner DeBona** – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
4. **Chief Villagomez** – Mentioned that Shop with a Cop will be held on December 20th at Shop N Save on Duss Avenue at 10am. He thanked everyone for their donations and presently they have raised \$23,000.00.
5. **Mike Thomas (Public Works Forman)** – Had no comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Public is invited to comment on any item of interest. All individual comments and dialogue are limited to 5 minutes.

Fabiola Gergerich

- Asked if the Meeting in January will still be held in the Municipal Building or will they be at the Fire Hall? The building renovations are set to start March 1st do the January and February Meeting will still be held at the Municipal Building. The venue change will be published.
- Are there any updates regarding the Township Website. Updates to the website are scheduled to be discussed in January 2026.
- There is a meeting being held on January 25th from 4 to 6pm at the Beaver County Courthouse regarding the PA 250 America Project.
- She thanked Mike Thomas and the Road Department for the great job they are doing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner's Special Reorganization meeting will be held on January 5, 2026, at 6:00pm.

- **Shop with a Cop will be held December 20th. Donations are still being accepted and welcomed. Many thanks to all our local businesses, the VFD Ladies Auxiliary and residents.**
- **Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The Township Office and Public Works Office will be closed from December 24th – January 2nd, 2026.**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion DeBona Second Mylan Time of Adjournment: 6:31 pm