

**HARMONY TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19TH, 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) A Commissioners Budget Meeting was held on November 5, 2025, an Executive Session was held prior for personnel-related matters.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners

Ms. Barlamas, President - Present
Mrs. Mylan, Vice President - Present
Mr. Angus, Commissioner - Absent
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
M J McAdams – Woodside Drive
Fabiola Gergerich – Woodland Road
Sharon Speicher – Beaver Road
Doug Beck – Dearborn Street
Rhona Ferguson – Dearborn Street
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 – She asked if there were any changes to the preliminary Budgets. The Board President answered that currently there were no changes made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2025, as submitted.

Motion: DeBona Second Mylan

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

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

- Interim Manager Report

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

Motion Mylan Second DeBona – Motion Carried

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

BILLS TO BE PAID: Motion Carried

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

FUND	NOVEMBER
General Fund	\$ 171,722.03
2018 GO Bond Interest /Principal U.S. Bank	\$ N/A
*Health Insurance ACH	* \$ 36,000.92
Developers Escrow Fund	\$ N/A
Liquid Fuels	\$ 20,7761.01
Sewer Fund	\$ 137,678.58
Police Pension Fund	\$ N/A
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$ 366,162.54

Motion Molchen Second Mylan - Motion Carried

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

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 Resolution No. 2025-11-18 – Requesting a local Share Assessment (LSA) Statewide Program grant \$516,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Sanitary Sewer Grade % Defects Repairs.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-11-19 – Requesting a local Share Assessment (LSA) Statewide Program grant of \$999,701.00 from the Commonwealth Financing

Authority to be used for the Ridge Road Landslide Project.

3. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-11-20 – Requesting a local Share Assessment (LSA) Statewide Program grant of \$998,565.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Byersdale Project.

Motion Molchen Second Mylan – Motion Carried

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

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE

- A. A Motion to approve the preliminary 2026 Budgets to advertise, to include the General Fund, Liquid Fuels, and the Sewer Fund Budgets in the following amounts:

	2026	2025
GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,706,139.00	\$ 2,702,794.00
LIQUID FUEL	\$ 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

Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried.

Motion Mylan Second Molchen

Mylan Y Angus Absent Barlamas Y Molchen Y DeBona Y

- B. A Motion to authorize advertising the 2026 Budget Adoption Ordinance, establishing the rate of real estate tax for the year 202 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 will be made available for public inspection at the Municipal Building.

Motion DeBona Second Molchen – Motion Carried

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

- C. A motion to accept the 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) as prepared by Acrisure Benefit Group as follows:
- Approval of the minimum Municipal Obligation for the year 2026 for the Harmony Township Police shall be based upon the 2025 Actuarial Value of Assets which exceeds the present Value of Benefits, and the plan is fully funded, and ZERO contributions are required for the year 2026.
 - Approval of the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the year 2026 for the estimated Harmony Township Union Employees Defined Contribution Pension Plan in the amount of \$18,351.00

- c. Approval of the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the year 2026 for the Harmony Township Service Employees Pension Plan in the amount of \$21,582.00.
- d. Authorize these amounts to be appropriate in the 2026 General Fund Budget.
- e. Authorizing the President of the Board and Township Manager to make an application for the 2026 Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$200,000.00 at the established current tax-exempt rate.

Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried.

Motion Mylan Second DeBona

Mylan Y Angus Absent Barlamas Y Molchen Y DeBona Y

D. A motion to authorize the following pensions contributions:

- 1) To authorize a contribution of \$21,582.00 to the Service Employees Pension Plan consistent with the 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) prior to December 31, 2026, to be paid from State Aid and the General Fund.
- 2) To authorize the Township contribution of \$18,996.00 to the Western PA. Teamsters and Employers Pension Fund-Union Plan as required by the collective bargaining unit.
- 3) Authorize the Municipal Manager and the President of the Board of Commissioners to direct the MMO and Municipal Contribution to the appropriate Pension Fund.

Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried.

Motion Molchen Second Mylan

Mylan Y Angus Absent Barlamas Y Molchen Y DeBona Y

REPORTS

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

LSA GRANTS

- HRG is assisting the Township with 2025 LSA grant applications for:
 - a. Landslide Remediation Project - \$999,701.00
 - b. Byersdale Park Tennis Courts - \$998,565.00

2025 PAVING & STORMWATER PROJECT

Youngblood is in progress on Forest, Woodside, and the Columbia Gas roads. Virginia is still scheduled to be completed this year.

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 has entered their invoice for services and set forth the work for the month of November 2025. The Solicitor had no further comments.
 - **INTERIM TOWNSHIP MANAGERS REPORT** The Interim Manager has submitted her report for the Month of November 2025. The Interim Manager had no further comments.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT

1. **Commissioner Mylan**- Asked Police Chief Villagomez to speak about the upcoming event "Shop with a Cop". The event will take place on December 20, 2025. The preliminary time is 11am. The Police Department has been handing out fliers for donations. Historically Shop-N-Save has raised \$15,000.00. However, due to the Government shut down her purveyors are behind so the donation this year may be smaller. The Township does have some money set aside for this event.
2. **Commissioner Molchen**- Had no comments.
3. **Commissioner DeBona** – Had no comments.
4. **President Barlamas** – Mentioned to be careful during the Holidays. There is a large deer population in Harmony Township which can be hazardous to motorists. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

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

- Thanked Kim Villella, Interim Manager, for stepping in and doing a great job.
- Are there any updates regarding the Township Website. Updates to the website are scheduled to be discussed in January 2026.
- All Communication issues (phones, computers, etc.) are being addressed in January 2026.

- Typically, what is the breakdown of money per child for Shop with a Cop. Historically , each family received \$200.00 for shopping, and they received a box full of items totaling approximately \$400.00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner's Workshop Meeting – December 3, 2025, at 6:00pm
- Commissioner's Monthly Meeting – December 17, 2025, at 6:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

Motion DeBona Second Mylan Time of Adjournment: 6:26 pm