HARMONY TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 10, 2026

The Board of Commissioners of Harmony Township met in regular monthly business session on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. The meeting was electronically recorded by the Township Assistant Administrator.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Board President Connie Barlamas.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

- Connie Barlamas, President
- Terry Mylan, Vice President
- Glen Angus, Commissioner
- Matt Molchen, Commissioner
- Grace DeBona, Commissioner
- Kim Villella, Interim Township Manager
- Dan Barna, HRG Engineer
- Michael Thomas, Road Forman
- Juan Villagomez, Police Chief
- Andrea Murray: President Harmony Township VFD
- Lori Thompson, Office Administratorr/Treasurer

Absent:

- Shannon Steele, Solicitor

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

4. PUBLIC ATTENDANCRE

- John Cermak – Manning Street
- Fabiola Gergerich – Woodland Road
- Angela Meyers – Woodland Road

- Zach Snyder – Emerald Avenue
- Joyce Beck- Dearborn Street
- Christine Whipple – Virginia Avenue

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6. VISITORS COMMENTS

The President opened the visitor comment period for matters appearing on the agenda. Individual comments and dialogue were limited to five (5) minutes.

- **John Cermack – Manning Street**. Mr. Cermack asked the following question: How much has the Road Department worked on sanitary sewers in 2026. He explained that in the past there use to be a Sewer Construction Fund. Money was deposited in the funds specifically for sanitary sewer emergencies like line breakage. President Barlamas explained that the amount of breaks and problems, the Township has had in 2026 has exceeded the projected costs. The Woodland Road Landslide the Commissioner's funded the sewers through the General Fund not the Municipal Fund. His second question was from his neighbor Edward Johnston 2654 Manning Street. Mr. Johnston received a code violation regarding high grass and roof issues regarding his property. He cited another resident's property with these issues and he assumed that that property was not given notice. President Barlamas stated that the Board cannot speak regarding other properties. However, the code officer does not just drive around looking for violations. Violation notices are all complaint based. Therefore, someone had to have complained about Mr. Johnston's property for him to receive that violation notice.

- **Christine Whipple-Virginia Avenue.** Mrs. Whipple gave a progress report regarding the Carnegie Mellon University Grad Student who has been working as an intern for Harmony Township. She has been developing a business directory (sorted alphabetically and by category). The goal is to have this directory uploaded to the Harmony Township website. The Board agreed that she can make recommendations regarding the website but all changes to the website need Board approval. The intern works remotely and for this fall she will be working approximately 10hrs a week as our intern.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board considered approval of the minutes of the June 2026 Business Meeting.

Upon motion by Commissioner Mylan, seconded by Commissioner Angus, the Board approved the minutes of the June 2026 Business Meeting.

Voice Vote: Minutes approved. Motion carried.

8. REPORTS

The following reports for June 2026 were submitted to the Board for review:

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

The Board reviewed the reports and discussed matters contained therein.

Upon motion by Commissioner _Angus, seconded by Molchen, the Board approved the reports as presented.

Voice Vote: Reports approved. Motion carried.

9. BILLS TO BE PAID

The Finance Committee recommended approval of the Accounts Payable for the period of July 1, 2026 through August 10, 2026. The July 2026 meeting had been cancelled.

The accounts presented for payment were as follows:

Fund	**Amount**
General Fund	$74,309.04

Health Insurance ACH	$33,981.47
Liquid Fuels	$936.61
Sewer Fund	$121,930.83
Payroll	$59,332.77
TOTAL	**$290,490.72**

Upon motion by Commissioner DeBona, seconded by Commissioner Molchen, the Board approved payment of the Accounts Payable in total amount of **$290,490.72**.

Voice Vote: Paid Bills approved. Motion carried.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received correspondence from the Veteran Service Center requesting an allocation of **$750.00** for inclusion in the 2027 Township Budget.

This is a recurring annual contribution. Board approved the allocation.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

The President presented the Consent Agenda. The matters included under the Consent Agenda were considered routine and were to be enacted by one motion unless removed for separate consideration.

A. RESOLUTION NO. 2026-8-10 — MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND GRANT

The Board considered Resolution No. 2026-8-10, a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Harmony Township requesting a **$3,000,000.00 Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant** from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the **Ridge Road Landslide Project**.

Upon motion by Commissioner DeBona, seconded by Commissioner Molchen, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2026-8-10.

Molchen Yes Angus Yes Barlamas Yes Mylan Yes DeBona Yes

Resolution adopted. Motion Carried

B. PURCHASE OF FIREARM FOR PATROLMAN GINO TELLO

The Board considered the purchase of a firearm for Patrolman Gino Tello in the amount of **$5,467.00**, with an agreed repayment schedule of **110 payments**.

Upon motion by Commissioner Molchen, seconded by Commissioner Angus, the Board approved the purchase and repayment arrangement as presented.

Voice Vote: Purchase approved. Motion carried.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. HRG ENGINEERING SERVICES — RIDGE ROAD LANDSLIDE

The Board considered a proposal from HRG to provide engineering services associated with the Ridge Road Landslide Project, including land surveying and geotechnical drilling, in the amount of **$66,000.00**.

B. CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY INTERN

The Board considered retaining Carnegie Mellon University intern Johanna Fickle for the 2026 fall semester at no cost to the Township.

C. EMPLOYEE SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The Board discussed the proposed Employee Social Media Policy.

D. HARMONY HERO PROGRAM

The Board received an overview of the Harmony Hero Program.

Upon motion by Commissioner DeBona, seconded by Commissioner Mylan, the Board

Voice Vote: New Business motions approved. Motion carried.

13. ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committee reports were presented to the Board:

1. **Administration & Personnel Committee** — Terry Mylan – No Report
2. **Finance Committee** — Connie Barlamas – Preparing the 2027 Budget will be starting soon.
3. **Public Works & Infrastructure Committee** — Matt Molchen – No Report
4. **Parks, Recreation, Community Events & Public Relations Committee** — Matt Molchen – No Report
5. **Health, Sanitation & Code Enforcement Committee** — Grace DeBona – No Report
6. **Public Safety & VFD Relations Committee** — Grace DeBona – No report
7. **Building, Grounds & Maintenance Committee** — Glen Angus – No Report

14. OLD BUSINESS

Town and Legion Ville Property Survey

The Board received an update regarding the Town and Legion Ville property survey. The survey has been completed, and the Township is awaiting final approval from the Solicitor before scheduling the closing.

[Insert any additional discussion or action taken.]

15. PUBLIC REPORTS

A. PUBLIC WORKS

Mike Thomas, Road Foreman, provided the Public Works report.

The sanitary sewer collapsed at the property located at 8 Lenzman Court Ambridge, PA. Robinson Pipe has been scheduled to camera the line.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Juan Vilagomez provided the Public Safety report.

[Insert report and discussion.]

C. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Department President Andrea Murrey provided the Fire Department report.

- Month of July there were 10 fire calls
-The Fire Department has recruited 2 new members. One member has been certified
-October 24th through the 26th is the Cash Bash. Tickets are $40.00.

D. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Barna of HRG Engineering provided the Engineer's Report.

CIVIL PROJECTS

The CFA MTF resolution for the Ridge Road landslide project in the amount of $3,000,000.00 has been sent to the Township for approval at the next meeting.

Beaver County has added the project to the County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The FEMABRIC Grant Application Package was submitted on 6/9 on behalf of Harmony Township. Grant Request: $2,899,920.00.

2025 PAVING & STORMWATER PROJECT

Youngblood plans to start demolition for the final section of 5th Street on 7/13/26. The extents of paving are from Virginia to Clinton.

RIDGE ROAD LANDSLIDE

The grant has been executed, and HRG will coordinate the start of the preliminary work once our proposal is approved.

LOGSTOWN & LEGION VILLE SITE

Survey work for this project has been completed. Final coordination with the Solicitor may be needed to finalize the easement.

16. SOLICITORS' REPORT

Ms. Shannon Steele provided the Solicitors' Report prior to meeting. The Solicitor did not attend the meeting.

[Insert matters discussed and any legal recommendations or action taken.]

17. PUBLIC COMMENT

The President opened the meeting for public comment. Members of the public were invited to comment on any item of interest. Individual comments and dialogue were limited to five (5) minutes.

[Insert names of speakers and substantive comments, if any.]

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board reminded residents that Commissioners' Workshops and Regular Business Meetings are scheduled for the first and second Monday of each month.

The September Commissioners' September Workshop is cancelled due to the holiday. The next Regular Business Meeting will be held on **September 14, 2026**.

19. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, upon motion by Commissioner DeBona, seconded by Commissioner Mylan, the meeting was adjourned at **7:35** P.M.

Motion carried.