

**Harmar Township Municipal Building
Township Board of Supervisors
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, October 19, 2017**

PRESENT

Patricia A. Janoski	Chairperson
Robert W. Seibert, Jr.	Vice Chairperson
Robert Exler	Supervisor
Lee Biermeyer	Supervisor
Harry Lenhart	Supervisor
Donna Piper	Secretary/Treasurer
Charles Means	Solicitor
Matt Pitsch	Senate Engineering

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the proceedings to order at 6:20 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kevin Funkhouser, Fire Chief was present to request the Township Board of Supervisors consider passing an ordinance that grants certain tax relief to volunteer emergency management personnel. Mr. Lenhart asked how many EMS volunteers would qualify for the tax relief. The Chief responded – approximately 10-15 members. Mr. Biermeyer stated that he recently read that Indiana Township is implementing an earned income tax credit up to \$300 for EMS volunteers. Mrs. Jewart asked if the tax credit is for EMS volunteers or just fire fighters. The Chief stated that the credit is meant for both – all volunteer personnel. Mr. Seibert made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to develop and advertise an ordinance to grant an earned income tax credit. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Chief Funkhouser also announced the purchase of a new piece of fire equipment that expands services already provided to Springdale and Harmar Townships. The Chief invited members of the Board to come take a look at the equipment.

Mr. Exler asked if the Fire Company could provide the Santa Claus schedule to the Secretary Treasurer for this December.

Mr. Biermeyer thanked the Fire Department for their participation in the Spring Clean Up held in April and for the lunch provided by the Department after the Clean Up for volunteers.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Biermeyer made mention that the Forest Highlands Pump Station generator has been taken

offline and arrangements have been made to have a backup generator on-site until repairs to the main generator are completed. Mr. Biermeyer reported that the Public Works Director is making every effort to find a backup generator at minimal or no cost.

Mr. Seibert mentioned a letter from the Harmar Soccer Association that requests funding in the amount of \$2000 to assist Harmar players that have been chosen to compete at a higher level. Mr. Seibert made a motion to act favorably upon the request. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2017 meeting. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORTS

Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Reports from September 1 through September 30, 2017. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Legal Report

Attorney Means explained that the EMS tax credit Resolution must be advertised and the Board must hold a public hearing 30 days after the advertisement appears; and noted that the Hearing could not be held until the December meeting should the Board desire to implement an EMS tax credit. Mr. Means suggested that the Township work with the Fire Chief to obtain eligibility criteria to be stated in the Resolution.

Engineer’s Report

The Township Engineer asked that the Board approve the Resolutions to be included in the CDBG applications for the Soccer Field Pavilion Project and the Oak Alley Sewer Lining Project.

The Township Engineer reported that he had inspected the manhole lining on Church Road performed by Insight Pipe and recommends payment for services. Mr. Exler made a motion to approve the invoice for payment. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Orr Alley Sewer Lining Project: The Township Engineer presented the bid tabulations for the

Orr Alley Sewer Lining Project and recommended that the Board award the project to the lowest bid of \$42,670 as submitted by Insituform. Mr. Seibert made a motion to award the project to Insituform in the amount of \$42,670 as recommended by the Township’s Engineer. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Secretary presented Resolution #42-2017 for the Oak Alley Sewer Lining Project in the amount of \$38,610. Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to approve the Resolution as written and presented. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Secretary presented Resolution #43-2017 for Phase 2 of the Building Renovations - for the Soccer Pavilion Roof in the amount of \$22,840. Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the Resolution as written and presented. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Service Workers NonUniform Pension Plan Amendment that Establishes a 401(a) Fund:

Mr. Seibert made a motion to authorize the Secretary to advertise the Ordinance that amends the Service Workers NonUniform Pension Plan. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Russell Standard Maintenance Agreement Extension for the 2015 Paving Project: Mr. Exler made a motion to extend the Maintenance Agreement for one year (to expire on 9/1/18) for the 2015 Paving Project to allow Russell Standard additional time to repair part of the 2015 paving project in the Rivermont Court development. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Labor Agreement with S.E.I.U. Local 688 AFL-CIO: Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the Labor Agreement as negotiated, written, and presented effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2023. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board. Mr. Seibert made a motion to adjourn at 7:48. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Donna J. Piper
Secretary/Treasurer