

**Harmar Township Municipal Building
Township Board of Supervisors
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, November 16, 2017**

PRESENT

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| 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 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda Slomer asked the Board why the employee healthcare contributions were not increased. Mr. Seibert stated that the healthcare contributions is a part of labor negotiations.

Linda Slomer asked why budget meetings were not held in the evenings. Mr. Seibert stated that budget meetings were held last year in the evenings and only one meeting was attended - by one person from the public. This year, budget meetings were held during the day and again only one meeting was attended – by one person from the public.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Lenhart reported that Blawnox has withdrawn its membership from the AVCOG; which increase current member’s membership rates.

Mr. Lenhart gave an update as to the status of the Ad Hoc Committee established by the AVCOG to assist the Lower Valley Ambulance Company. Mr. Seibert suggested that Harmar withdrawn from the committee provided there is no objection from the Board. There being no objection, Tom Benecki of the AVCOG will be notified of Harmar’s withdrawal.

MINUTES

Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2017 meeting. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORTS

Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Reports from October 1 through October 31, 2017. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Legal Report

Attorney Means gave a brief explanation and description of the recently passed legislation pertaining to Category 4 – Mini Casinos; which will be discussed further under New Business – s.

Engineer’s Report

Mr. Pitsch reported:

- Bids for the Dirt and Gravel Low Volume Road Project came in well under the estimated project cost and suggested that the scope of the project be extended.
- PA Small Water and sewer Program Grant application period is open and suggested that Harmar submit an application for sanitary sewer relining in the Acme Neighborhood.
- Fox Chase developer has been in contact with regard to stabilizing the hillside along the road and has suggested that the Development maintain the road and the financial security be returned. Mr. Seibert stated that the Land Development Plan was approved with the intention that Fox Chase Drive would be a public road and felt it would be a misrepresentation to those who purchased homes in the Development. Attorney Means suggested that he research the form of financial security currently held by the Township prior to any decisions being made.

NEW BUSINESS

Police Schedule: Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the revised Police Department schedule as presented by the Police Chief and recommended by the Police Committee. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Release Agreement with Grange Mutual Casualty Insurance: Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to enter into the Release Agreement with Grange Mutual Casualty Insurance for payment in the amount of \$2,420 for damages incurred to Shadow Ridge Drive. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Continuing Education for Newly Elected Supervisors: Mr. Exler made a motion to approve costs associated to continuing education for newly elected Supervisors. Mr. Seibert provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Authorize to Advertise the Appointment of a CPA: Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to authorize to advertise to appoint a CPA to audit the 2017 financial statements. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Authorize to Advertise the 2018 General Fund Budget: Mr. Exler made a motion to authorize to advertise the 2018 General Fund Budget. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Annual Service Contract with WWP Technology Solutions: Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to renew the service contract with WWP Technology Solutions. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

COG Annual Holiday Dinner Meeting: Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve costs associated to attendance at the Annual Holiday Dinner Meeting. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

COG Annual Holiday Dinner Meeting Door Prize: Mr. Seibert made a motion to donate a \$50 door prize to the Annual Holiday Dinner Meeting. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

RA Services Annual Service Contract: Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to renew the annual service contract with RA Services for the accounting software. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Regional Asset District Allocation: Mr. Seibert made a motion to allocation \$752.02 to the Springdale Free Library. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Authorize to Advertise a Public Hearing for a Change in a Nonconforming Use: Attorney Means states that the Township's Ordinance allows for a change in a nonconforming use. The said change will be for storage units at 921 Russellton Road. Attorney Means stated that the Planning Commission has reviewed the request and has recommended approval. Mr. Exler made a motion to advertise a Public Hearing for a change in a nonconforming use at 921 Russellton Road for a self-storage unit in the C-1 Zoning District. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Hoffman Boarding Kennels Annual Service Contract: Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to renew the service contract with Hoffman Board Kennels. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Office Pride Service Contract Cancellation: Mr. Exler made a motion to cancel the annual service contract with Office Pride. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Forest Manor HOA Request for Stop Signs: Mr. Seibert suggested that this agenda item be tabled. The Chair tabled the agenda item with no objections.

Elimination of School Crossing Guards: Mr. Exler made a motion to have the Secretary notify the School District with regard to the Board’s intent to terminate the Township’s obligation for School Crossing Guards. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution #44-2017 – Increase in Homestead Exclusion to \$20k: Mr. Seibert made a motion to increase the Homestead Exclusion for Township Real Estate Taxes from \$10k to \$20k. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Forest Highland Pump Station Generator: The Township’s Engineer provided a brief overview of the status of the quotes obtained for the replacement of the generator at the pump station. Mr. Seibert made a motion to award the purchase and installation of the generator to the lowest qualified bidder with the shortest lead time; and to allow the Township’s Engineer the autonomy to choose the service provider that best meets the said criteria. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Attendance at the Annual West PA Municipal Manager’s Christmas Luncheon: Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to authorize the Secretary to attend the Annual West PA Municipal Manager’s Christmas Luncheon. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution #45-2017 – Category 4 Mini Casino: Attorney Means provided a brief overview of the recently passes legislation for Category 4 Mini Casinos. Mr. Seibert made a motion to resolve that the Township prohibit Category 4 Mini Casinos. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Change in December Meeting Date: Mr. Seibert made a motion to change the December Regular Meeting from Thursday, December 21 to Thursday December 14. There being no public comment, Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Resignation and Appointment of COG Representative: Dr. Piper presented Mr. Exler’s resignation as COG Representative. Mr. Lenhart stated that he is interested in filling that position. Mr. Seibert made a motion to accept Mr. Exler’s resignation and to appoint Mr. Lenhart as Harmar Township Representative at the Allegheny Valley Council of Government’s Meetings. There being no public comment, Mr. Exler 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 6:55. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Donna J. Piper
Secretary/Treasurer