

**Harmar Township Municipal Building
Township Board of Supervisors
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, December 15, 2016**

PRESENT

Patricia A. Janoski	Chairperson
Robert W. Seibert, Jr.	Vice Chairperson
Robert Exler	Supervisor
Emiliano Cresta	Absent
Lee Biermeyer	Supervisor
Donna Piper	Secretary/Treasurer
Charles Means	Solicitor
Matthew Pitsch	Senate Engineering

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the Board of Supervisor's Regular Business Meeting of December 15, 2016 to order at 6:05 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Valmont from Highbury neighborhood questioned the Board's decision from the November meeting with regard to denying the film production. The Solicitor stated, the meeting documents were presented two days prior to the meeting and were deficient. He responded to the legal division and the legal division did not respond.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Seibert suggested, the mailbox unit in the foyer be removed since the boxes are no longer being used.

Mr. Seibert suggested, the Road Department be authorized to paint additional areas in the Police Department as time permits.

Mr. Seibert suggested that the Township's Solicitor represent the Planning Commission in 2017 as legal Counsel. Mr. Exler asked Mr. David Buchman from the Planning Commission if he would like to provide comment. Mr. Buchman stated that he is in favor of unification of services.

Mr. Seibert made a motion to release the \$5,000, 4th quarter allocation to the Fire Department. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2016 meeting. Mr. Seibert provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Reports for November 1 – November 30, 2016. Mr. Exler provided a second and the motion was carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor Means presented and discussed issues regarding the 2016 Paving Project and specifically that of calling upon a Performance Bond. Mr. Seibert made the motion to authorize the Solicitor to prepare a notice of default to call the bond provided a favorable response in completing the project is not achieved. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Terrace Drive Phase III – CD 42: The project is complete. A final inspection will be conducted and payment arrangements will be made by the Allegheny Valley Council of Governments as the administrator of the grant.

PA Small Communities Water and Sewer Grant: The Engineer stated that the Resolution needs to be revised with a corrected project cost.

OLD BUSINESS

Stanley Malak Request for reduction in sanitary sewer bill: Mr. Seibert made a motion to grant a one-time reduction to Stanley Malak in the amount of \$110.60. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried.

Holiday Inn Express - Manhole Relocation Agreement: The Engineer will conduct periodic inspections as the project progresses and is also checking into any County permits that may be required. Mr. Seibert made a motion to execute the Agreement with the Holiday Inn Express. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Office Pride – Annual Service Agreement: Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to renew the annual service agreement with Office Pride for the Municipal Building janitorial services at no increase in cost in 2017. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Soccer Complex: Mr. Seibert explained there was a misunderstanding in the scope of work in the bid documents for the work that was intended to be completed at the Soccer Complex – as there was always intent to have a third soccer field. Mr. Seibert made a motion to hire Terry Bowser to complete the excavating work and the placement and tapering of topsoil to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Soccer Complex Pavilion, Concession, and ADA Restroom Improvements: Staff has pursued grants and researched funding assistance options. Due to the timing of grant awards, Mr. Seibert suggested that the Board authorize to bid the project and to pay for the project from the Capital Improvements Fund. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution 37-2016 – 2017 General Fund Operating Budget: Ms. Janoski made a motion to adopt the 2017 General Fund Operating Budget as advertised. Mr. Seibert provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution 38-2016 – Establish Real Estate Tax Millage Rate at 3.45 Mills: Mr. Seibert stated that there will be no real estate tax increase and that homeowners will actually see a reduction in their municipal taxes in the form of the Homestead Exemption. Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to adopt the 2017 real estate tax millage rate at 3.45 mills. Mr. Seibert provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road Grant: Mr. Seibert made a motion to authorize the submission of a Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road Grant with a 20% local match requirement for improvements to Dremmel Road. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Authorization to Advertise 2017 Organization Meeting: Mr. Seibert made a motion to authorize Dr. Piper to advertise the date and time of the 2017 Organization Meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 6:00 pm. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Seibert made mention of the recent bank robbery at the First Commonwealth Bank and thanked the Harmar Police Department for their part in apprehending the suspect the following day.

Ms. Janoski and Mr. Exler thanked the school student who attended the meeting as part of their class assignment and also thanked the teacher for requiring their attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Seibert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna J. Piper".

Dr. Donna J. Piper
Secretary/Treasurer