

**Harmar Township Municipal Building
Township Board of Supervisors
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, January 18, 2018**

PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the proceedings to order at 613 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENTATIONS

Nixon Road Warehouse Expansion

Chris Dombroski of Lennon, Smith and Souleret Engineering presented the subdivision and land development plan for Maguire Hayden Real Estate for 460 Nixon Road. Taylor Young of Maguire Hayden was also present. The Plan consists of two (2) building additions and one (1) freestanding building with a proposed area of approximately 747,700 square feet and an addition of 230 employees. Mr. Dombroski stated they are currently talking with the railroad about the slide along the railroad and the crushed drain pipe. Mr. Dombroski stated that stormwater from the site will be collected, stored underground, and time released. A citizen from the audience asked the anticipated height of the building. Mr. Taylor stated it would be approximately 28'-30' much like the existing buildings. Fire Chief Funkhouser asked if there are upgrades planned for the fire protection system. Mr. Young stated that he was not sure about the existing building but the new stand-alone building will be hooked up to public water. The Township Engineer, Matt Pitsch stated that the Township Planning Commission recommended conditional approval with the condition that the Township Engineer is satisfied with the stormwater management plan. Mr. Seibert made a motion to grant approval to the Plan provided the Township Engineer is satisfied that the plan has met all Township requirements. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution 5-2018 that establishes the Township's position of ownership of the Hodel Street Extension as shown on the Nixon Road Warehouse Expansion Plan: Mr. Siebert made a motion to pass Resolution 5-2018. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fire Chief Funkhouser presented the 2017 Annual Fire Report as follows:

- 299 calls (to include 3 major fires) with a majority of calls for Harmar Township
- The VFC installed a 25kw generator at the fire hall and is now open as an emergency shelter for 300-350 people;
- The VFC purchased \$20k in protective equipment
- The VFC purchased a \$524k rescue engine with an additional \$10k for upfitting; The VFC purchased a \$33k jaws of life;
- The VFC installed 60 residential smoke detectors in Acme and Harmar Drive through the American Red Cross
- The VFC participated in the annual spring clean-up, trick-or-treat, fire prevention day at the elementary school, and Santa Day.

Mr. DiPalma thanked the Road Crew for their work in keeping the roads plowed.

Margaret Cook also thanked the Road Crew. She said it snowed and two hours later, the roads were cleared.

Fred Walters also thanked the Road Crew. Mr. Walters also asked if there has been any consideration given to additional traffic control in front of the elementary school due to construction activities. Mr. Seibert stated that Chief Domaratz has an officer on Russellton Road for traffic control in the morning. Mr. Malak asked if the development plan for the school showed Herron Avenue as an additional ingress/ingress for the school.

BOARD COMMENTS

No comments.

MINUTES

Mr. Exler made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2017 regular meeting, the December 21, 2017 special meeting, and the January 2, 2018 organizational meeting. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for December 1 – December 31, 2017. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Legal Report

Mr. Means stated that the only item he has to report on will be discussed under New Business, item “A” in regard to a financial security for Rich Hill Road.

Engineer’s Report

The Township Engineer reported that he had worked up the project cost estimate for the **2018 PA Small Water and Sewer Grant** application for the sanitary sewer lining of Pine Alley, Poplar Way, Birch Alley, Elm Alley, Grant Street, and Jefferson Street for a total project cost of \$191,961 and a \$38,392 local match. Mr. Seibert made the motion to approve the costs and submit the grant request. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Township Engineer reported that he had worked up the project cost estimate for the **2018 Paving Program** for Harmar Drive, Intersection of Roberts/Hite, Intersection of Lincoln/Pearl, and patch on Orr Avenue for a total project cost of \$87k. Mr. Seibert made a motion to authorize to advertise the 2018 Paving Program. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Township Engineer reported that he is still gathering information in regard to the request for a **stop sign on Sweet Gum in Forest Manor**. Mr. Exler stated that he is in favor of a stop sign. Mr. Seibert stated that the HOA Newsletter reported that a study had been completed by the Township when a study had not yet been completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #4-2018 that accepts the dedication of right-of-way for Rich Hill Road: Mr. Biermeyer a motion to pass Resolution #4-2018. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution#5-2018 – see page 1

Resolution #6-2018 in opposition to House Bill 1620 (PN2146) entitled the Wireless Infrastructure Development Bill: Mr. Exler made a motion to pass Resolution #6-2018. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Swift Reach Network: The Board discussed the renewal of the annual Swift Reach contract. Mr. Seibert stated that land lines are used when calls are made. He also stated that the Township does not use the call system and recommended that the contract not be renewed. Mr. Seibert made a motion to discontinue the service. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Administrative/Personnel Committee to begin negotiations with the Clerical Staff: Mr. Seibert made a motion to authorize the Administrative/Personnel Committee to begin negotiations with the Clerical Staff and to further authorize the use of Special Counsel as needed. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Police Committee to begin negotiations with the Police Bargaining Unit: Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to authorize the Police Committee to begin negotiations with the Bargaining Unit and to further authorize the use of Special Counsel as needed. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Wastewater Collection Systems Certification: Dr. Piper presented the cost for the Wastewater Collection Systems Certification at \$250 per person and asked how many employees should be trained. Mr. Seibert stated that all road crew personnel should attend the training and receive the certification.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board. Mr. Seibert made a motion to adjourn at 7:10. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Donna J. Piper
Secretary/Treasurer