

**Harmar Township Municipal Building
Township Board of Supervisors
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, February 15, 2018**

PRESENT

Patricia A. Janoski	Chairperson
Lee Biermeyer.	Vice Chairperson
Robert Exler	Supervisor
Robert W. Seibert, Jr.	Supervisor
Harry Lenhart	Supervisor
Donna Piper	Secretary/Treasurer
Chuck 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.

PRESENTATIONS

Springdale Free Public Library: Jim Anderson represented the Library in a short report and presentation about the current and upcoming programs at the Library to include: free income tax return preparation, the children's science club, and upcoming guest speaks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Margaret Cook asked about the construction equipment on Dremmel Road that is blocking a residential driveway. The Township Engineer will look into it and ask the contractor to move the equipment.

Stanley Malak voiced a concern about road ice from a natural spring forming on Dominici Lane and again suggested that the Township place a salt box near the iced area. Mr. Seibert stated that the Road Foreman will take care of the ice on the road.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Lenhart suggested that the Township subscribe to the Valley News Dispatch. There was no opposition among the Board.

MINUTES

Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2018 regular meeting. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report for January 1 – January 31, 2018. 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 “i” in regard to the Vacant Property Program.

Engineer’s Report

Dremmel Road Invoice #1: Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve payment of invoice #1 for the Dirt & Gravel/Low Volume Road Program Project in the amount of \$40,964. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Orr Avenue Sanitary Sewer Repair: The Township Engineer presented the lowest quote in the amount of \$11,500 from State Pipe for a sanitary sewer repair dig project between MH 5 and MH 6 on Orr Avenue. Mr. Seibert made a motion to accept the State Pipe quote and have the repair made by State Pipe in the amount of \$11,500. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Stop Sign on Sweet Gum Road at intersection with Butternut Court: The Township Engineer reported on the required study and analysis and stated that the uphill section of Butternut Court when egressing the housing developing may be warranted due to the grade of the road, site distance, and sun glare. The Vice President of the Homeowners Association was present and reported that the HOA Board was one vote short of unanimous in approving the stop sign request. Mr. Buckman of Forest Manor agreed that the road is far more dangerous when leaving the development. Mr. Shultzman stated that this action will probably not satisfy everyone. Supervisor Biermeyer stated that he walks the roadway and agrees with the Township Engineer’s recommendation. Mr. Seibert suggested that the matter be added to the New Business Agenda as Resolution #12 (see below).

Re-approval of Harmar Mobile Park Subdivision Plan: Dr. Piper explained that the Plan was approved by the Board a couple of months ago but was not recorded prior to the deadline and needs to be reapproved. Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the plan as was previously approved. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 Paving Program: The Township Engineer presented the bid tabulations and recommended

the Board award the 2018 Paving Program to Youngblood in the amount of \$51,830. Mr. Seibert made a motion to award the contract to Youngblood in the amount of \$51,830. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution #7-2018: The Township Engineer presented the costs associated to a PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant application for needed repairs to the sanitary sewers in the Acme Neighborhood as follows: Total Project \$153,569. Municipal Match \$38,392. Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to submit the application and commit \$38,392 from the sanitary sewer fund. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Accept Resignation from 2 Part-Time Police Officers and Hire 3 Part-Time Police Officers: Mr. Exler made a motion to accept the resignations and hire Officers Dinizio, Brunner, and Pantoja and recommended by the Chief and the Police Committee. Mr. Seibert provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Appointment of Township Auditor: Dr. Piper presented a letter of interest from Russell Sanders for the vacant 6 year Auditor’s position. Mr. Seibert made a motion to appoint Mr. Sanders to vacant term and to authorize the Board of Auditors to reorganize and establish the rate of compensation for Supervisors at \$0. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution #-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.

Purchase of GPS Tracking Units for Police Vehicles: Mr. Seibert made a motion to authorize the Chief to purchase 5 GPS Tracking Units for the Police Vehicles at a start-up cost of \$1649.75 for the first year and \$1200 every year thereafter – as recommended by the Police Committee. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Janitorial Services: Mr. Lenhart made a motion to hire Econo-Kleen to strip/wax tile floors and clean carpets in the Municipal Building. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution #8-2018: Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to adopt and submit to DEP, the revision to the Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution #9-2018: Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the acquisition and subsequent disposition of Lot 624-M-77 on Hodel Street per the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program. Mr. Means explained that this program comes at no cost to the Township and once approved will enable the tax delinquent parcel to be placed back on the tax roll. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Tax Collector Expenses: Mr. Lenhart made a motion to approve the Tax Collector’s expenses

for postage and envelopes. Mr. Seibert provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

2018 Newsletter: Mr. Seibert made a motion to authorize the 2018 Newsletter and to serve as Editor. Mr. Exler provided the second. Ms. Janoski stated a desire to assist with the publication. The motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Lenhart asked how many times a year the Newsletter goes out. Mr. Seibert stated that the Newsletter is mailed out every spring and contains the trash collection schedule. Mr. Pitsch suggested that it also contain information about the MS 4 Program. Mr. Lenhart asked if the Newsletter could be posted online and also reported that the Township’s website activity is approximately 2000 viewers each month.

\$250k Transfer and Investment into the Capital Fund: Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to transfer \$250k from the general fund – fund balance monies to the Capital Improvement Fund. Mr. Seibert provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

IT Services Contracts: Mr. Seibert made a motion to cancel the contract with Up and Running Computers and to appoint the IT Department of Maher Duessel to perform IT services for the Township. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution #10-2018: Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve and adopt the Emergency Plan Update as prepared by Bruno Moretti, the Township’s Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution #11-2018: Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the Zoning Ordinance Amendment to include hospitals in a C-3 District. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution #12-2018: Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve placement of a stop sign at the intersection of Sweet Gum and Butternut Court in Forest Manor. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Margaret Cook asked about the sewage rate increase as advertised in the newspaper. Mr. Biermeyer explained the corrective action placed by the DEP due to sanitary sewer overflows at the pump stations and the AVJSA treatment plant and the associated now \$60 million cost for upgrades to the facilities to be paid back over the next 30 years beginning in 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Seibert made a motion to adjourn at 7:20. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Donna J. Piper, Secretary/Treasurer