

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

PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the proceedings to order at 6:05 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENTATIONS

Denny Estates Subdivision Plan: Tony Males with Alpha Engineering Company presented the proposed plan. The Zoning Hearing Board approved necessary variances on February 22, 2018. The Harmar Township Planning Commission recommended approval on March 14, 2018. The Harmar Township Engineer stated that he had reviewed the plan and recommended approval. Mr. Exler made a motion to approve the proposed plan as presented. Mr. Lenhart called for a roll call vote: Mr. Exler – yes, Mr. Lenhart – yes, Ms. Janoski – yes, Mr. Seibert abstained as the Owner of Lincoln Warehouses. The motion was carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Samuel Lane submitted a written question to the Board as read: Why did Captain Swetof not appear in a Magistrate Court proceeding and which Officer has a First Amendment right? Mr. Means, Township Solicitor made statement that the Board does not comment on personnel matters in a public meeting; however, a citizen may make statement concerning personnel should they choose to do so. Mr. Lane proceeded to state his grievance concerning events that unfolded on January 30, 2018.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Seibert announced that the stop sign at Butternut and Sweet Gum in Forest Manor will be installed early next week. Mr. Seibert discussed the low turn-out of volunteers for Clean Up Day in April and suggested that the Township hold off for a year.

Mr. Lenhart reported that the Allegheny Valley COG has purchased equipment for paving to be shared amongst the membership. The Director is still working out storage and logistics. Mr.

Lenhart reported that the Township sent out letters to Cheswick Borough and Springdale Township in reference to submitting a grant for funding assistance for improvements to Low

Grade Road. Mr. Lenhart further stated that the Township has not received any response from those letters and suspects that we will not make the grant deadline this year. Mr. Lenhart also mentioned that the Lower Valley Ambulance has a new Director and the Board would like to invite him to attend a Township Meeting.

MINUTES

Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2018 regular meeting. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mr. Lenhart made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Reports for February 1 – February 28, 2018. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Means made mention of the advertisement for a zoning amendment to allow for hospitals in the district designated by the proposed ordinance amendment.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Campbell’s Run Sewer Lining Project (Phase II): The project is partially funded by the PA Small Water and Sewer Grant is nearly finished. The Township is in receipt of Invoices #1 in the amount of \$66,693.94 and Invoice #2 in the amount of \$684.00. The Township has also received funding in the amount of \$64,921.00. Mr. Seibert made a motion to pay the contractor’s invoices as presented in the amount of \$67,377.94 from the Campbell’s Run Sewer Fund. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Ridge Road Slide: Mr. Pitsch reported that there is a small slide occurring below Ridge Road but due to the height of the slide area, the Township cannot complete the work in-house. Mr. Pitsch has met with a Geological Engineer and is preparing a scope of work for obtaining repair estimates.

Manhole Lining in Terrace Avenue Neighborhood: Mr. Pitsch reported that he has examined two shallow manholes that are in need of lining. Mr. Seibert made a motion to allow the Engineer to obtain repair quotes. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Joe Dileo Resignation: Mr. Seibert made a motion to accept the resignation of Joe Dileo from the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Jose Pantoja Resignation: Mr. Exler made a motion to accept the resignation of Officer Jose Pantoja. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Maintenance Agreement with Cummins for Pump Station Generator: Mr. Seibert asked the Township Engineer if the gas line was of adequate size. Mr. Pitsch stated that the last time he spoke with the Road Crew Foreman, the generator was operating properly. Mr. Seibert made a motion to enter into a contract agreement with Cummins for 5 years for Maintenance Services for the Pump Station generator in Forest Highlands in the amount of \$2321.62. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution #12-2018 Sewage Facilities Plan Amendment: Mr. Exler made a motion to amend the Harmar Township Sewage Facilities Plan as written for Hayden Real Estate Company for the Nixon Road Warehouse Expansion Project. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution #13-2018 that Proclaims April 2018 as PA 811 Safe Digging Month: Ms. Janoski asked for explanation. Mr. Pitch explained that it is part of a public outreach campaign for PA One Call. Mr. Exler made the motion of Proclamation. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution #14-2018 that names KDH Consulting Engineers for Advance Storage as “Agent” to apply for Highway Occupancy Permit: Mr. Pitsch explained that the Municipality is the applicant and must appoint the developer as agent on the HOP application as is required by PADOT. Mr. Exler asked if the Township Engineer recommends this appointment. Mr. Pitsch stated yes. Mr. Exler then made a motion to appoint KDH as agent. Mr. Seibert provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Co-Stars Contract for Winter Salt Purchases: Mr. Seibert made a motion to enter into the contract agreement with Co-Stars for winter road salt for the 2018-2019 winter season. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Seibert made note that the Township will save approximately \$4000 by going with Co-Stars. Discussion ensued in regard to the parameters of the contract.

DCNR Grant Application for a Deck Hockey Court in Acme Park: Mr. Exler asked where the deck hockey court would be located. Mr. Pitsch stated it would replace the current tennis court. Mr. Pitsch went on to describe the possible layouts with option 2 also consuming the basketball court. Mr. Exler would like to keep the basketball courts. The Engineer’s recommendation is to keep the basketball court. Mr. Seibert made a motion to submit a grant

application to DCNR for the installation of a deck hockey court with a 50% project cost match requirement. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Comcast Contract for Telephone/Internet Services Upgrade: Mr. Lenhart made the motion to enter into the contract for the new telephone internet service(s). Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

2018 Spring Clean-Up Trash Collection Contract: Mr. Seibert made the motion to enter into the contract with John Morrow for trash collection services as per the agreement and to also motion that the collection schedule be included in the spring postcard/newsletter. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Suspension of Harmar Township Participation in Earth Day Clean Up: Mr. Exler made a motion to suspend participation in the upcoming Earth Day Clean Up activities. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Seibert stated that Rich Hill Road will be line striped in the spring. He further asked the Engineer to obtain pricing for side line striping of the road to continue past PISA. Mr. Pitsch suggested that he contact Youngblood Paving and perhaps it could be worked into the paving program for this year.

Ms. Janoski asked about improvements to Route 910. Mr. Seibert stated that Route 910 is a state road. Multiple discussions ensued in regard to various state roads.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Seibert made a motion to adjourn at 6:30. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Donna J. Piper, Secretary/Treasurer