

**Harmar Township Municipal Building
Township Board of Supervisors
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, April 19, 2018**

PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC HEARING – Zoning Ordinance Amendment

The Chair called the Public Hearing to order at 6:07 pm. Solicitor Means described the purpose for the Hearing: An amendment to the Zoning Ordinance (#331) that would designate hospitals and healthcare facilities as permitted uses in the C-3 Zoning District and designate small format hospitals and urgent care centers as permitted uses in the C-2 Zoning District, and to add definitions and parking requirements for the proposed designated uses.

Attorney Dusty Elias Kirk was in attendance to present the intentions of the applicant (Allegheny Health Network - AGN) for the amendment; who stated that AHN is intending to build a small format hospital in the C-3 Zoning at the corner of Freeport Road and Guys Run Road. Ms. Kirk further stated that the hospital would be independently owned by a tax paying organization, and would be no more than 40,000 square feet with no more than 15 beds, and would be staffed 24/7.

Mr. Biermeyer asked if there would be enough parking at the intended location. Ms. Kirk stated that they are working with the adjacent property owner.

Mr. Lenhart asked if the project would be a part of the Allegheny Health Network. Ms. Kirk answered in the affirmative.

Stanley Malak, a resident of Harmar asked if they are proposing to build on the former Eat n Park site. Mr. Seibert answered – it is part of the area being considered.

There being no further testimony or questions, the Chair closed the Public Hearing at 6:20 pm and called for a motion. Mr. Exler made a motion to approve the zoning amendment as written. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Stop Sign Request from Passavant Memorial Homes: A representative from Passavant Memorial Homes was in attendance to request a three-way stop at the intersection of Church Road and Emery Way. He also stated that Passavant would be willing to cover the costs of time and materials.

Mr. Exler asked for a description of the exact location of the request. Mr. Pitsch, Township Engineer stated that Emery Road is a private road (owned by UPARC) and the Township would not have to approve the placement of a stop sign. He went on to state that the Township would need to complete a road study that would look at site distance, road alignment, average daily trips, and speed limit(s).

Mr. Seibert stated that the Township Police Department could not enforce a stop sign placed on private property and most definitely would need to complete a study. Mr. Seibert then made a motion to have the Township Engineer complete a road study. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Request for Improvements to Sewage Conveyance System in the Guys Run Area: Ms. Melanie Marfi was present to represent the people in the Terrance Drive and Guys Run neighborhood. Ms. Marfi acknowledged the letter sent by the Township and asked if the manhole lining as proposed for two manholes in the Guys Run/Terrance Drive area would be completed this year. The Township Engineer answered in the affirmative and also stated that the Township is committed to continued sanitary sewer improvements along with the improvements to the Guys Run Pump Station as is being proposed by the Allegheny Valley Joint Sewage Authority.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Stanley Malak asked if the Township intends to install a stormwater inlet on Dominci Lane. The Township Engineer stated that there is no intention at this time but he would look into it to make a determination.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Seibert stated that he would like to hold-off on mailing the newsletter postcard and would like to do an actual newsletter with newsworthy information in the fall. He suggested that the road crew hand deliver the trash schedule; which has been done at times in the past. Mr. Seibert made a motion to send out a newsletter in the fall as opposed to the spring postcard mailing. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Biermeyer stated that AVJSA is preparing for a major upgrade to be completed by 2023. Most recently, the design engineer has asked for concurrence to increase the hydraulic capacity at the plant with no increase in cost. The Township Engineer spoke with the AVJSA engineer and recommended that the Board concur with the request. Mr. Seibert made a motion to have Dr.

Piper write a letter of concurrence. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Seibert explained that the back wash water from the Harmar Water Authority water plant goes into the sanitary sewers. As is being done in Springdale Borough, the Authority is talking about completing an hydraulic study that proposes that the backwash waters be discharged to the river; which would also require an NPDES Permit from DEP. Mr. Seibert made a motion to authorize the Township Engineer to have a discussion with the Authority Engineer (Gannett Flemming) in regard to an hydraulic study. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Seibert discussed the possibility of the Township contracting for township wide garbage collection services; and propositioned that the Township cover the associated cost(s) dependent upon the total cost in association with the annual budget. Mr. Lenhart asked how that would work with Home Owners Associations. Mr. Seibert stated that the HOAs would let their contracts expire and would then be added to the Township's contract. Mr. Seibert made a motion to authorize Dr. Piper and Attorney Means to work on an estimate of cost and preliminary contract language. Mr. Exler provided the second. Mr. Bachman of Forest Manor asked if the Board has any preliminary estimates of cost. Mr. Seibert answered no.

MINUTES

Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2018 regular meeting. Mr. Lenhart provided the second. Mr. Seibert requested a roll call vote: Mr. Seibert – yes, Mr. Exler – yes, Mr. Lenhart – yes, Ms. Janoski – yes, Mr. Biermeyer – abstain due to absence. The motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports for March 1 – March 31, 2018. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Means stated that he will talk about the Developer's Agreement for Advance Storage under New Business.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Soccer Field: The Township Engineer reported that the sidewalk installed last year around the soccer field pavilion cracked in several places over the winter. He asked the Board if the repair could be made in the way of caulking or if the Board would prefer that the cracked areas be cut-out and repoured. Mr. Seibert asked if there is a Maintenance Bond on file. Mr. Pitsch answered yes. Discussion ensued. It was decided that the Board would prefer that the cracked sections be removed and the concrete be repoured.

CDBG 44: The Township Engineer reported that the two grants as submitted for rCDBG 44 were both funded by the County.

Orr Avenue Sanitary Sewer Lining and Spot Repairs: The Township Engineer reported that the Orr Avenue project has concluded and requested payment of Invoice #1 in the amount of \$48,586.50 with a 10% retainage and execution of a two year maintenance agreement. Mr. Seibert made the motion to pay invoice #1. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

GEDF Grant Application for Improvements to Low Grade Road: The Township Engineer requested that the Board approve **Resolution #17-2018** that commits a local 14% match for the improvements to Low Grade Road. The project will be a multi-municipal project (to also include Cheswick Borough and Springdale Borough) in the amount of \$515,145 with a grant amount of \$443,000 - with Harmar Township being responsible for approximately 80% of the required match or approximately \$57,600. Discussion ensued in regard to how the project costs will be calculated. Mr. Seibert made a motion to have the Township Engineer submit the GEDF application with a 14% match commitment as discussed. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #15-2018: Mr. Seibert made a motion to submit and accept funding assistance for the purchase of ten (10) portable weight scales to be used in conjunction with motor carrier safety inspections. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution #16-2018: Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to submit a grant to DCNR and commit to the required match for construction of a deck hockey rink in Acme Park. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Allegheny County Conservation District Contract Extension: Mr. Seibert made a motion to ratify the contract extension for Dremmel Road with ACCD until April 30th. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Bond: Mr. Exler made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$2592 to Liberty Mutual Surety for the Secretary/Treasurers Bond. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Police Department – Collective Bargaining Agreement: Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented by the Bargaining Unit. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Terrace Avenue Manhole Lining: Mr. Lenhart made a motion to approve the lowest qualified quote from Insight Pipe in the amount of \$2360 for the lining of two manholes in the Terrace Drive neighborhood per the Engineer's recommendation. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Ridge Road Slide Repair: Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the lowest qualified quote from Carlucci Construction in the amount of \$9048 for the Ridge Road hillside slide repair. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Stormwater Management Agreement with Advance Storage/Harmar Storage Solutions: Mr. Seibert made a motion to execute the Stormwater Management Agreement with Advance Storage/Harmar Storage Solutions as reviewed and recommended by the Township Engineer. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Developer’s Agreement with Advance Storage/Harmar Storage Solutions: Attorney Means reported that he has reviewed the Agreement but does not have an itemized list of improvements and associated costs; and recommended that the approval be conditioned upon review of said. Mr. Seibert made a motion to execute the Agreement as recommended by the Township Engineer and conditioned upon the Township Solicitor’s review and approval. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

2017 Township Real Estate Tax Collector Exoneration: Mr. Exler made a motion to exonerate the Tax Collector from collecting the 2017 delinquent tax bills as presented and to turn over the delinquent bills to Jordan Tax Services. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

2018 Police Department Vacation Schedule: Mr. Exler made a motion to approve the 2018 Police Department Vacation Schedule as presented by the Chief. Mr. Siebert provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Soccer Field Pavilion Roof Project: The Township Engineer suggested that the Board table this agenda item with no action since the Township was awarded a CDBG grant for this project.

There being no further agenda items, the Chair granted Mr. William Swakoski of School Street the opportunity to speak. Mr. Swaskoski asked if the Township intends to fix Orr Avenue (behind his house) where the sanitary manhole repairs were made. Mr. Seibert answered: yes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Seibert made a motion to adjourn at 7:35. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Donna J. Piper, Secretary/Treasurer