

**Harmar Township Municipal Building
Township Board of Supervisors
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, May 17, 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
William Braun	Senate Engineering

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the proceedings to order at 6:10 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Chair announced that the Board met in Executive Session to discuss personnel and real estate matters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Paul Messich asked that the Township post signs at the end of the streets in the Acme neighborhood near Freeport Road to stop the tractor trailer trucks from entering Acme. Mr. Seibert explained that the truck drivers are following GIS navigation systems. Ms. Janoski stated that she heard that there is only one navigation system for cars and trucks and the trucks are following routes designed for cars only.

Mr. Stanley Malak commented on the condition of Gulf Lab Road where the hillside is sliding away.

Mr. Messich also commented on the need to trim tree branches in Acme Park.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Lenhart proposed that the Board hold a working meeting each month to discuss agenda items. Mr. Lenhart stated that he felt that items are not being adequately discussed. Mr. Seibert was opposed to the idea of working meetings because “they always turn into voting meetings”. Mr. Exler stated that he could agree to both sides of the issue.

MINUTES

Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2018 regular meeting. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mr. Exler made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Reports for April 1 – April 30, 2018. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Means stated that he has comments pertaining to Agenda Item g and will present his comments at that point on the agenda.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Bill Braun from Senate Engineering Company was present for Matt Pitsch. Mr. Braun presented an invoice for payment to Tim Fouse Excavating in the amount of \$62,495.95 for work on Dremmel Road. Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to approve payment. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Braun also presented a change order for Youngblood Paving to add line painting for Rich Hill Road.

Mr. Seibert made a motion to accept the Engineer’s Report. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Stop Sign Request: The request for a stop sign on Church Road was resolved by the Township Engineer. There being no further discussion, the agenda item was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Dremmel Road (Low Volume Road) Contract: Mr. Lenhart made a motion to ratify the extension of the contract to June 30, 2018. Mr. Seibert provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Fire Works Ordinance: The Secretary presented an ordinance for consideration. The Township Solicitor explained the recent legislative changes in regard to municipal responsibilities per the use and sale of fireworks. Mr. Malak in the audience asked if nonprofits are exempt under the new law. Mr. Means stated that he did not see any exemptions. Mr. Seibert made a motion to authorize the Secretary to advertise the ordinance. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Contracted Code Enforcement Services: Dr. Piper asked that the agenda item be tabled. The Board agreed.

2017 Financial Audit: Dr. Piper presented the 2017 Financial Audit Report as submitted by the appointed Auditor – Richard Hill, CPA. Mr. Seibert made a motion to accept the Audit as presented. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Township-wide Garbage Collection Services: Mr. Seibert suggested that township-wide garbage collection services be advertised with the following specifications: there be no recycling included, the garbage be collected one time per week, a maximum of 4 to 5 bags, no special items, no grass clippings or Christmas trees, to begin in January of 2019 and specifications for 3, 5, and 8 year contracts. Mr. Paul Message in the audience made comment about no grass clippings. Mr. Seibert referenced a Penn State Study that found grass clippings left to decompose to be beneficial. Mr. Seibert made a motion to authorize the Secretary to advertise garbage collection services with the stated specifications. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Amendments to the Solid Waste Ordinance (#300): The Board authorized the Solicitor to review Ordinance 300 pertaining to solid waste and suggest changes as may be needed.

Resolution #18-2018: The Secretary presented Resolution #18 of 2018 that defined the disposition of Township property valued at less than \$300. Mr. Means stated that the \$300 is well below the threshold that applies specific procedures for disposition of public property. Mr. Seibert made a motion to permit the Secretary to dispose of Township property valued at less than \$300 per the resolution and added that anything not sold be disposed of in a lawful manner. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

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,



Donna J. Piper, PhD
Secretary/Treasurer