

**Harmar Township Municipal Building
Township Board of Supervisors
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, June 21, 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
Matthew Pitsch	Senate Engineering

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the proceedings to order at 6:20 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Chair announced that the Board met in Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

PUBLIC HEARING – Fireworks Ordinance

The Chair called the Public Hearing to order at 6:22 pm. Solicitor Means presented the proposed Ordinance (Ordinance #429) for the regulation of display and consumer fireworks in accordance with PA Law. A short discussion ensued with regard to regulations as proposed and written. There being no further discussion or questions, the Chair closed the Public Hearing at 6:30 pm. Mr. Seibert made a motion to pass the ordinance as proposed. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Zone 28 Preliminary Subdivision Plan: Attorney Dusty Elias Kirk for Allegheny Health Network and Dana Klann, PE were present to represent the proposed subdivision plan. As shown, Lot 1 consisting of 1.214 acres is being subdivided from the main parcel consisting of 5.025 acres; which would leave Lot 2 consisting of 3.811 acres that contains the main structure for Zone 28 and the main parking lot. Attorney Kirk also presented a signed agreement that represented an intent to sign a 10 year agreement for alternative parking within a 600’ radius from the main (front) entrance. Mr. Biermeyer asked a question about an expiration date in the agreement and was sufficiently answered by Attorney Kirk. Mr. Seibert asked about the nonbinding language in the agreement and was sufficiently answered by Attorney Kirk. Attorney Kirk also stated that the shared parking analysis would be completed in the near future. Mr. Seibert stated that the Board cannot approve a plan that indicates less than the current number of parking spaces so as not to create a nonconforming situation per the Township Zoning Ordinance. Solicitor Means asked if a shared parking arrangement with the Alexander Building would create a parking situation at that establishment. The Township’s Engineer stated that the Alexander Building has 66 extra spaces per the current uses as per the Township Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Exler asked if there is sufficient room to build a parking deck. Attorney Kirk

stated that is not an option that is currently being considered; and then suggested that the applicant come back to the Board in July after the parking study is completed. Attorney Means suggested specific notes to be placed on the Plan with regard to parking improvements and the restriction of building permits. Attorney Means also suggested that Zone 28 obtain a parking easement from the adjacent property and that easement be established for as long as parking is needed – as opposed to a 10 year expiration. Attorney Means explained the need for two easements – one for parking at Alexanders and the second for access to cross the hospital lot to egress to Guys Run Road. Margaret Cook, present in the audience asked how people would get to the bowling alley and also where churchgoers will park. John Caltagarone asked if anyone has considered the impact to patients from the train noise and the outside patio at the restaurant. There being no further questions, the discussion moved on to the Land Development Plan. *See motion to table following presentation of Land Development Plan.*

Allegheny Health Network (small format hospital) Preliminary Land Development Plan:

Attorney Elias Kirk presented the Land Development Plan stating that it meets all zoning and floodplain requirements. Additionally, Attorney Kirk stated that stormwater will be managed with time released underground detention facilities and the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan will be submitted to the Allegheny County Conservation District for review and approval. Further, the NPDES permit application has been submitted to DEP and the Engineer has met with PADOT to discuss Highway Occupancy Permits – as demonstrated on the Plan.

There being no further questions or discussion pertaining to the Zoning 28 Preliminary Subdivision Plan, Mr. Seibert made a motion to table the plan. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried.

There being no further questions or discussion pertaining to the Allegheny Health Network (small format hospital) Preliminary Land Development Plan, Mr. Seibert made a motion to table the plan. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bruno Moretti, Allegheny Valley Emergency Management Coordinator was in attendance to present information about obtaining a Communications/Command Vehicle for Emergency responses in Harmar, Cheswick and Springdale Borough. Mr. Moretti said he is trying to obtain it for no cost and will obtain grants to outfit the vehicle. The Board had no objections.

Stanley Malak asked if the Township was intending to install a storm drain on Domenici Lane. The Township Engineer reported that he and the Road Foreman are looking at options.

Mr. Malak also asked who is to be maintaining the welcome to Harmar sign at the Hulton Bridge. Mr. Seibert answered that the Township is responsible and explained to Mr. Malak that there is no need for him to go there himself and pull weeds. A quick reminder for Mike is all that is needed.

Mr. Paul Messich was in attendance to discuss property maintenance issues in the Acme neighborhood. Mr. Seibert stated that the Township is currently in the process of making changes. Mr. Messich specifically asked that the Township address abandoned houses and dumping at the commercial property on Meadow Street.

BOARD COMMENTS

Police Committee: Mr. Seibert stated that the Board authorized the hiring of 3 part-time police officers a couple of months ago but only 2 were hired. He stated that the Chief needs to hire the third part-time officer to cover vacation schedules. The Police Committee will conduct interviews and make a hiring recommendation at the July meeting.

Mr. Seibert also reported that the Chief is submitting a grant for 3 new police vehicles and requested that the Chair add item F to the agenda under New Business – for a motion to purchase a police vehicle in 2019.

Mr. Lenhart reported that the Township received a grant through the COG for the lining of sanitary sewers on Oak Alley in the amount of \$38,610.

Mr. Seibert stated that the cloverleaf area between Route 28 and Route 910 is being used by PADOT as an illegal dump site for construction materials. He reminded the Board that the County Conservation District, in 2016, sent a letter to PADOT that put them on notice of violations for destroying wetlands and required PADOT to submit for an NPDES Permit. Mr. Seibert stated that PADOT is in violation of numerous Township Ordinances and asked that the Township Engineer notify the Conservation District of the PA Department of Environmental Protection.

MINUTES

Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2018 regular meeting. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Reports for May 1 – May 31, 2018. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Means stated that his work over the past month mainly consisted of issues pertaining to the Subdivision and Land Development Plans for the hospital. Mr. Means offered to answer any questions that the Board may have.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Dremmel Road: Matt Pitsch reported that the Dremmel Road project is complete and a Maintenance Bond has been submitted in the amount of 110% of the total project cost; and asked that the Board release the retainage in the amount of \$11,495.55. Mr. Seibert made a motion to release the retainage and pay the final invoice in the amount of \$11,495.55. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

CDBG Grants – Soccer Field Pavilion Roof and Oak Alley Sanitary Sewer Lining: Matt Pitsch reported that he will be preparing the bid packets for the grant project.

2018 Paving Project: Matt Pitsch reported that the Paving Project is complete and a final invoice in the amount of n\$54,489.90 has been submitted for payment. Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve payment of the invoice in the amount of \$54,489.90. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

2017 Paving Project: Matt Pitch reported that he has been in contact with Mike Rowe of Russellton Standard and that they will be dry chipping Alpha Drive when the weather reaches 90 degrees. Russellton Standard will reassess Shadow Ridge and Forest Highlands at that time.

2015 Paving Project: Matt Pitsch reported that Russellton Standard has completed the repair work in Rivermont Court; and reported that the Maintenance Bond does not expire until Oct/Nov this year. Mr. Pitch will also check as to whether or not the line striping is included in the contract.

Ridge Road Slide Repair: Matt Pitsch reported that Carlucci will begin work on the repair in the near future.

Rich Hill Road: Matt Pitsch reported that the sunken inlet on Rich Hill Road was repaired today and Pitt Ohio's Engineer will be reassessing other inlets on Rich Hill and will provide a report on their condition. Dr. Piper asked if a cost of repair for the other inlets could be established. Currently the Township is holding a \$10k cash guarantee of performance. Mr. Pitsch say he would provide that information.

NEW BUSINESS

Township Wide Residential Garbage Collection: Mr. Seibert stated that he has not had ample time to review the bids for garbage collection and asked that the agenda item be tabled until next month. There being no objections, the Chair tabled the agenda item.

PADOT Traffic Signal Upgrades: Dr. Piper reported that the Resolutions as presented are a matter of formality that provides authorization to sign the as-builts for the traffic signal upgrades. Resolution #19-2008 for Rt. 910 and Rt. 28 Southbound ramp. Resolution #20-2008 for Rt. 910/Gulf Lab and Rt. 28 Northbound Ramp and Rt. 910 and Mariner Court. Resolution #21-2018 for Rt. 910 and Freeport Road. Mr. Seibert made a motion to authorize Dr. Piper to

sign as-built plans. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Resignation of Mike Liko, Codes Officer: Mr. Seibert made a motion to accept the resignation of Mike Liko from the position of Codes Officer. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Appointment of Joe Luera as Part-Time Codes Officer: Mr. Seibert made a motion to appoint Joe Luera as part-time Codes Officer at an hourly rate of \$14.00 per hour up to 16 hours per week to include mileage reimbursement in the amount of .545 per mile and a probationary period of 180 days and subject to all background checks. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Malak in the audience asked if the position was advertised. Dr. Piper stated it was not advertised and the Township is not required to advertise the position.

Resolution #22-2018 – Sanitary Sewer Rate Increase: Mr. Biermeyer stated that he did not have time to analyze the proposed increase and requested that the agenda item be tabled until next month. Mr. Seibert made a motion to table the agenda item. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution #23-2018 – Police Car Grant: Mr. Seibert made a motion to authorize the Chief to submit a grant application for police vehicles. Mr. Biermeyer 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 8:05. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Donna J. Piper, Secretary/Treasurer