

**Harmar Township Municipal Building
Township Board of Supervisors
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, April 20, 2017**

ATTENDANCE

Patricia A. Janoski	Chairperson
Robert W. Seibert, Jr.	Vice Chairperson
Robert Exler	Supervisor
Lee Biermeyer	Supervisor
Harry Lenhart	Supervisor
Charles Means	Solicitor
Matthew Pitsch	Senate Engineering

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the regular monthly meeting of April 20, 2017 to order at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resignation of Emiliano Cresta: Mr. Seibert made a motion to accept the resignation of Emiliano Cresta. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion carried unanimously.

The Chair called for Public Comments on the Board Vacancy. There being none, the Chair called for a motion to appoint Harry Lenhart to the Board of Supervisors to fill the interim vacancy. Mr. Seibert made the motion and Mr. Exler provided the second. The motion carried unanimously.

The Chair asked that the Honorable David Sosovicka come forward to offer the Oath of Office to Mr. Harry Lenhart. So sworn, Mr. Lenhart took his seat as a Harmar Township Supervisor.

PRESENTATIONS

Allegheny Valley School District Land Development Plan (building additions/renovations)

Representatives from the School District, Foreman Engineering, and HF Lenz were in attendance to present the proposed plan. Stormwater management and sewage facilities planning was addressed. Mr. Biermeyer asked for a timeline for the project: bid in mid May, project award in mid June, contractors on site in mid July, completion of additions and renovations in summer of 2018. Mr. Seibert asked the municipal engineer about the 12 additional EDUs as proposed. Matt Pitsch of Senate Engineering reported that a quick hydraulic analysis of the additional EDUs was performed and there will be very little impact to the existing Oak Alley sanitary sewer. Mr. Seibert stated his concern about the condition of the Oak Alley sewer. Mr. Pitsch reported that a CITF grant application for lining of the Oak Alley sewer has been submitted to the County. Mr.

Lenhart asked how many additional students the renovations will house – presenter answered 240 and eight additional teaching positions. Gary Walters of Harmar Drive stated his concerns over the amount of parking and interior traffic flows. Mr. Seibert asked if the Planning Commission reviewed the parking requirements. Mr. Pitsch stated that the plan proposes an additional 39 spaces and exceeds the minimum parking requirements per the Township Zoning Ordinance. The District Superintendent spoke on the closing of the Colfax School. Mr. Exler asked if additional parking could be added to the front of the school. A representative stated that the proposed plan provides the necessary parking but the district will look at adding a few additional spaces if feasible.

Fire Chief Funkhouser asked if there will be standby hook-ups for the sprinkler system and if there would be an additional fire hydrant to service the building additions. The District representative stated yes to both questions.

Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to approve the Land Development Plan for the Allegheny Valley School District – Acemetonia Elementary School. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution #8-2017: Allegheny Valley School District Sewage Facilities Planning Module:

Mr. Seibert made a motion to adopt Resolution #8-2017. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

James Anderson of Springdale Free Public Library:

Mr. Anderson, President of the Board of Directors of the Springdale Free Public Library presented information as to what the Library does with the monies raised and donated. Mr. Anderson additionally presented information about the library's program offerings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paul Messich of the Acmetonia neighborhood asked the Board what steps are being taken to clean-up the neighborhoods. Mr. Seibert stated that cleaning up the neighborhoods is a priority of the Board of Supervisors; which is evident based upon the number of ordinances that have been adopted throughout the history of Harmar Township. Mr. Seibert agreed there is a need for the Township to hire a credentialed Code Enforcement Officer.

A resident asked about the bike trail along Freeport Road. Mr. Seibert stated that Township representatives have met with Friends of the Riverfront but there are problems along Freeport Road and along the active railroad; and that the trail groups are also considering a trail on the opposite side of the river.

Mr. Messich asked about the rumor he heard about not being permitted to wash a car in your driveway. Mr. Seibert stated that the EPA has issued that ruling to be instituted in March 2018 as part of the MS-4 Program.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Seibert made motion that the road crew install a 42” fence on both sides of the soccer field at an approximate cost of \$3,700. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Seibert made motion that the Board authorize the purchase of two new signs to be installed on the 6’ fencing that basically states “Welcome to the Harmarville Hurricanes Soccer Field”. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Secretary of the Soccer Association was present and asked how much longer it will be until the Soccer Pavilion is finished. Mr. Seibert, who recently met with the contractor, stated that the concession area should be finished by the end of the week.

The Vice President of the Soccer Association was present and asked how soon the restrooms would be completed. Mr. Seibert answered that the restrooms were recently completed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2017 meeting. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the March 1 – March 31, 2017 Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor Means stated he could answer questions of the Board in regard to the PADOT ADA Accessible Curb Project Agreement and the AVJSA 537 Plan Resolution as are listed under New Business.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Mr. Pitsch asked the Board to approve a partial payment as requested by the contractor for the Soccer Complex in the amount of \$47,500 for concessions area and restrooms. Mr. Lenhart made the motion to approve payment as requested. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Pitsch asked that the Board approve additions to the 2017 Paving Project for additional repairs to the intersections of Roberts and Hite Road and Lincoln and Pearl Avenue in the amount of \$11,600. Mr. Pitsch reported that he ran some numbers for repairs to Harmar Drive but are dependent upon the amount of work that needs to be done in the range of \$20k to \$27k.

Senate has provided the Notice to Proceed on the approved Program. The contractor is looking at a June project start. Mr. Exler stated that the Paving Program is three times more than was spent in recent prior years. Mr. Pitsch stated that the 2017 Program is aimed at extending the life of many of the roads. Mr. Seibert stated that this is particularly true in the Chapel Downs neighborhood. With no objections from the Board, the intersections as discussed will be added by the Engineer as a change order.

Mr. Pitsch also reported that the roads in Rivermont Court that were part of the 2015 Paving Project will be resealed by Russell Standard at no cost to the Township.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Pension Board of Trustees: Mr. Seibert made a motion to appoint Harry Lenhart to the Pension Board of Trustees. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution #9-2017 – Revised ADA Accessible Curb Project in the Acmetonia Neighborhood: Mr. Seibert made a motion to adopt Resolution #9-2017 to enter into the revised agreement with PADOT. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution #10-2017 – Act 537 Plan: Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to adopt Resolution #10-2017 that permits the Allegheny Valley Joint Sewage Authority to develop a PA DEP Act 537 Plan. Mr. Seibert provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

East Coast Risk Management Contract: Mr. Exler made a motion to cancel the contract with East Coast Risk Management. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Exoneration of Tax Collector from Collection of the 2016 Delinquent Real Estate Taxes: Mr. Lenhart made a motion to exonerate the Tax Collector from collection of the 2016 Delinquent Real Estate Taxes. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

AVJSA Water Revenue Report: Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to approve the AVJSA Water Revenue Report for 2016. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Cargill Rock Salt Contract Extension: Mr. Seibert made a motion to extend the Cargill Contract. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

PA DCED Small Water and Sewer Program Grant Contract: Mr. Seibert made a motion to execute the contract with PA DCED. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and made comment that the grant in the amount of \$100k is from the state and results in less tax dollars used to make the sanitary sewer repairs. The motion was carried unanimously.

Renewal of Secretary/Treasurer's Bond in the amount of \$700k: Mr. Exler made a motion to renew the Secretary/Treasurer's bond in the amount of \$700k. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

ComDoc Contract Agreement: Mr. Siebert stated that staff completed an in-house cost analysis which differed than that contained in the proposal. Mr. Seibert suggested that the agenda item be tabled and that the contracts be revisited when the expiration dates are nearer.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Seibert made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Donna J. Piper
Secretary/Treasurer