

HARMAR TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
THURSDAY May 15, 2014
HARMAR TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

PRESENT

Pat Janoski	Chairman
Kim Toney	Vice Chairman
Robert Exler	Supervisor
Jerry Chalmers	Supervisor
Chuck Means	Solicitor
Larry Seiler	Engineer

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Ms. Janoski called the Board of Supervisors Regular Business Meeting of May 15, 2014 to order at 7:08 pm as legally advertised. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Supervisor Slomer was not in attendance.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Janoski stated that the Codes Officer is well aware of the areas with high grass and is following the required processes. A citizen asked if the Codes Officer will make rounds routinely or will respond to complaints. Mr. Exler stated that he has spoken with the Codes Officer and that he will be in the field routinely. Mr. Exler also stated that the Codes Officer has a list of approximately 15 properties that he has currently contacted.

A citizen voiced concerns about the condition of the park on Jefferson (Acme Field) to include falling trees, sidewalk repairs, gates, benches, and painting. Mr. Exler stated that he recently spoke with the Public Works Director about making repairs within the budget. Another citizen asked if the police patrol the area. Mr. Exler answered that the police do patrol the parks.

A citizen suggested that the microphone in the public meeting room be moved to the side of the room so that citizens face the audience as well as the Board.

A citizen stated a concern in regard to a bench in Highberry Park. Ms. Toney suggested that the Public Works Director be contacted to make improvements to the area.

A citizen stated concerns about the employees at PPG standing in the road right-of-way and throwing cigarettes on the ground. Ms. Janoski suggested that the Township Police speak with someone at PPG. Mr. Chalmers agreed.

A citizen asked for an update in regard to the closing of Cherry Lane Extension at the location of Thomas's Trailer Court. Mr. Seiler stated, the Township does not maintain the Lane. Mr. Seiler will check to make sure that it is not a public roadway. Mr. Seiler further stated that provided it is a private road, it is the responsibility of the land owner. A discussion ensued in regard to the ownership of the property.

A citizen asked if the interviews for the Secretary/Treasurer position would be open to the public. Ms. Janoski answered that the interviews will be closed to the public.

The same citizen asked about the location of a bomb threat as reported in the April Police Report. The Board was not aware of any bomb threat in Harmar Township and thought perhaps the Police Report was in reference to assisting another jurisdiction with a bomb threat.

A citizen asked if it would be possible to place camera surveillance at that parks. The same citizen also asked about the geese nuisance. Mr. Chalmers stated that the blue strobe lights did not work to deter the geese and suggested that the Township purchase the coyote decoys. Ms. Janoski stated that she heard that routinely taking dogs to the park would deter the geese. A number of citizens stated that the problem seems to be remedying itself and the geese population is currently dwindling at the park.

A citizen asked for information about the Acme Creek (Pearl Avenue) stormwater pipe. Mr. Seiler reported that he and the Public Roads Department Director met at the site. Mr. Seiler stated that the Township did install the culvert but never took ownership of the culvert. The citizen stated that the Township purchased a 15' right-of-way on May 13, 1982 and includes the culvert. The citizen would like to know whose responsibility it is to maintain the culvert. Ms. Janoski asked Mr. Seiler to contact PADOT. Mr. Seiler reported that the interior of the culvert has not been inspected but it is evident that the culvert is failing due to the sink holes at the surface above the culvert. Mr. Chalmers asked that the citizen submit the information they have to the Township Business Office and the Township staff will look for additional information in the historical files. Mr. Seiler will contact PADOT and will also check on grants to cover the cost of repairs. Mr. Means interpreted the discussion as follows: the Board is acknowledging there is an issue but the Board does not acknowledge it is the Township's responsibility. Further, the property owners need to protect themselves with action against risk from someone being hurt. Mr. Means recommends that the property owner contact the state – who has jurisdiction over streams.

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT

Ms. Janoski motioned to approve the Treasurers Report for the month of April 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Exler. The motion was carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Ms. Janoski motioned to ratify payment of bills as follows:

April 22, 2014

General Fund	\$18,858.84
Sewer Revenue Fund	\$107.13

And on April 23, 2014 in response to due dates and discounts

General Fund	\$2,681.45
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And on April 30, 2014 in response to due dates and discounts

General Fund	\$4,192.96
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And on May 2, 2014 in response to due dates and discounts

General Fund	\$2,121.57
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And on May 8, 2014 in response to due dates and discounts

General Fund	\$25,397.39
Sewer Revenue Fund	\$22.95

And on May 9, 2014 in response to due dates and discounts

General Fund	\$29.65
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Totals:		
General Fund		\$53,281.86
Sewer Revenue Fund		\$130.08

The motions was seconded by Mr. Exler and was carried unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Larry Seiler reported:

Pitt Ohio Development

The Rich Hill Road Reconstruction work and Route 910 Traffic Signal bids were opened March 7, 2014. The contract was awarded to A. Folino Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$523,876.50. The Allegheny Valley North Council of Governments issued the Notice to Proceed on April 14, 2014. A preconstruction meeting was held on April 29, 2014.

2014 Paving Project

Senate Engineering provided a preliminary list of roads with estimated costs for the 2014 Township Paving Project for the Supervisors' consideration. The Supervisors selected Harmar Drive and Ridge Road for the 2014 Paving Project. A site meeting was held on Harmar Drive with the Water Authority to discuss the paving restoration and condition of the waterline. The project will be advertised in June or July.

Wise Hill Road Sanitary Sewer Bridge

Paint samples were tested for toxic metals and the results were positive for chromium. Specifications have been prepared to cover the scope of work for environmental and painting standards.

Terrace Drive Park CD 39 Grant

The Terrace Drive Park Project is 100% complete. Final restoration and project close-out was completed. Senate Engineering recommends final payment in the amount of \$1,000 be approved to Sports and Recreation, Inc. as the final payment to the contractor. In addition, there is a two year maintenance bond being held by the Township for the project.

Mr. Chalmers made a motion to make the final payment of \$1,000 to Sports and Recreation, Inc. Ms. Toney provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

CD 40 Project – Acme Avenue Culvert Replacement

The Supervisors authorized Senate Engineering to proceed with the CD 40 area-wide project. The survey work and preliminary design has been initiated. The project will be advertised and bid-out by the Allegheny Valley North Council of Governments.

Hulton Bridge Project

Senate Engineering is reviewing the PADOT proposal to relocate approximately 750 LF of 8" diameter township sanitary sewer in lieu of replacing 6 sanitary manholes. The Township's share of the cost of the new sanitary sewer has not been finalized. Preliminary drawings have been submitted to the Township for review and comment.

Shultz Ford Site Development

The traffic impact study was submitted to Senate Engineering for review. The Shults Land Development Plan has not been presented to the Planning Commission as of May 14, 2014.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Means reported that the Board held an Executive Session at 6:30 pm (prior to the Regular Business Meeting) to discuss collective bargaining and personnel matters.

Mr. Means explained he would report on Agenda items as they occurred and respond to any questions at that time.

NEW BUSINESS

Collective Bargaining Agreement - Police

Mr. Means provided a short background of the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Police that has gone on for eight months. The special Labor Council on May 12, 2014 recommended that the Board approve the contract which has been tentatively agreed upon. The larger contract items include: a term of five years, a contribution of 5% to health care premiums, pay increases for the term of 3%, 3%, 3%, 2.5%, 2.5% and pension contribution of 5%. Ms. Janoski made a motion to approve the labor contract as recommended by the labor attorney. Mr. Exler will provide the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Keystone Ordinance Codification Proposal

Mr. Means presented a letter that outlined the process and the proposal from Keystone – as discussed at the April Regular Business Meeting. Mr. Means further explained the product and the on-going services that are provided by Keystone. Ms. Janoski stated that there are sample books available for public viewing. Mr. Chalmers asked about the cost of the product/service. Mr. Means stated that the proposal states that the cost of the project is \$5,075 and this amount is the lowest he has ever seen for such a proposal. Ms. Toney commented that the cost has been lowered because the Township already has many of the ordinances in digital format. Ms. Janoski made a motion to accept the codification proposal at a cost of \$5,075. Mr. Chalmers provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

June 2014 Meeting Date

Ms. Janoski made a motion to approve the next meeting date as Thursday, June 19, 2014 at 7:00 pm. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR ON CORRESPONDENCE, BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS, AND ITEMS LISTED UNDER NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Slomer asked that Mr. Chalmers thank the Target volunteers and the Hampton Bible Church volunteers that assisted with the Harmar Township clean-up day. Ms. Janoski reported that there were approximately 225 bags of garbage on clean-up day.

Springdale Borough's recycling day at the Marina is June 14 from 9:00 am to Noon.

Springdale Borough's clean-up day has been scheduled for June 15 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 and efforts will concentrate on the riverfront property.

Ms. Janoski announced that there will be a Fall 2014 Newsletter.

A citizen asked if we could pave the section on Rich Hill Road that was left unpaved. Mr. Seiler stated that section will be included in Harmar Township's paving project.

A citizen asked when the website will be updated. Ms. Janoski reported that the staff is working on the website.

A citizen stated concerns about the referendum for a .25 mill increase in taxes for the library and a .4 mill increase in school district taxes. The citizen stated that the school tax increase will negatively impact the referendum on the ballot for the Community Library tax increase. Ms. Toney stated that she does not feel that the increase in revenues for the Library should be attained by increases to the real estate tax millage rate. Ms. Toney believes if there is a tax to be increased for Library revenues, it should be in the way of taxing all residents of the community and not have property owners in the community.

Mr. Chalmers asked if Mr. Exler had the opportunity to inspect Truck #5. Mr. Exler reported that the truck has 48,000 hard miles. Mr. Exler believes the truck is a 2004. Mr. Chalmers suggested that the Township replace the truck in 2015. Mr. Exler does not agree that the truck needs to be replaced. Mr. Chalmers disagreed and suggested that the Board look into replacing the truck.

Ms. Janoski reported that interviews for the Secretary/Treasurer's position will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 and Thursday, May 22, 2014. The Board will be interviewing 8 applicants.

A citizen asked Mr. Exler the starting rate of a new police officer under the new contract? Mr. Exler replied that he does not have the information in front of him. The citizen then asked the terms of the new police contract in regard to contributions associated to the cost of health benefits. Mr. Means explained that the terms of the new contract is an individual contribution of 5% of the cost of health care for all police officers. The citizen went on to explain that the costs associated to health care over the next five years will be more than those associated to the purchase of new equipment for the Road Department to maintain the Township roads.

Ms. Janoski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Ms. Toney provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.



Donna Pipet
Secretary/Treasurer