

HARMAR TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
THURSDAY JUNE 19, 2014
HARMAR TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

PRESENT

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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Ms. Janoski called the Board of Supervisors Regular Business Meeting of June 19, 2014 to order at 7:05 pm as legally advertised. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENTATION

None.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

A citizen asked about Thomas Lane and the roads at the trailer court. Ms. Janoski stated that she does not have a firm answer and that she needs to obtain additional clarification on the issue.

A citizen asked if the minutes will be available to the public at the next meeting. Ms. Janoski replied that the minutes will be available in a timely fashion.

A citizen asked about expenses listed for Planning and Zoning. Ms. Janoski replied that the question could be answered by calling the Township Office and speaking with Tracey.

A citizen stated that the vacant gas station is an eye sore to the Township with high grass, trash, and gravel all over the sidewalks and requested that the Code Enforcement Officer conduct regular inspections to prevent the situation from escalating. Another citizen asked that the Township investigate the underground gas tanks.

A citizen asked about the Senior Tax Relief Program and the qualifications. Ms. Janoski explained there is a form to be filed with the Township. The citizen further explained that currently, unqualified residents are not being removed from the Senior Tax Relief Program and that applications should be reviewed annually. Ms. Janoski explained that the County administers the Tax Relief Program. Mr. Means suggested that the citizen contact the County with his concerns.

A citizen of Herron Avenue brought concerns to the Board in regard to the condition of the rental property adjacent to his home. Ms. Janoski suggested that he contact the Code Enforcement Officer. The citizen replied that the Codes Officer has been contacted. In addition, the Chief of Police was contacted. Ms. Slomer asked the citizen if he had spoken to the Codes Officer about addressing the noise after dark. Ms. Janoski replied that she will have the Codes Officer review the situation again.

A citizen stated concerns about the traffic congestion at the intersection of Freeport Road and Route 910. Ms. Janoski will contact the Chief about the complaint. Mr. Chalmers asked if the light signals could be more efficient. Mr. Exler agreed that the timing of the lights does appear to be out of synchronization. Mr. Seiler stated that PADOT has limited options with adjusting the timing. Mr. Seiler will contact PADOT about having the timing adjusted.

A citizen asked about having portraits of the Dennys placed in the meeting room. Ms. Janoski replied that it has been discussed but no decisions and actions have been taken. Ms. Toney and Mr. Exler supported the idea.

A citizen asked about having entrance signs on Route 910. Discussion ensue with no resolve.

A citizen asked about Entrance/Welcome signs on the expressway approaching Route 910. Mr. Chalmers explained that the issue has been investigated and PADOT does not permit such signage in the right-of-way.

A citizen asked about Act 90. Ms. Janoski replied that the Codes Officer has been working on it and suggested that he contact Mr. McChesney.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NONE.

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT

Mr. Chalmers motioned to approve the Treasurers Report for the month of May 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Exler. Ms. Slomer asked about the year-to-date line item in the amount of \$4,805 for salary for Secretary Treasurer. Ms. Janoski suggested that she speak with Tracey about the expenditure. The motion was carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Exler motioned to ratify payment of bills as follows:

May 15, 2014		
General Fund		\$8,820.15
Sewer Revenue Fund		\$39.48
And on May 22, 2014 in response to due dates and discounts		
General Fund		\$10,228.92
And on May 29, 2014 in response to due dates and discounts		
General Fund		\$6,125.39
And on June 6, 2014 in response to due dates and discounts		
General Fund		\$89,127.04
Sewer Revenue Fund		\$3,542.50
Developer's Escrow Fund		\$5,431.50
Totals:		
General Fund		\$114,301.52
Sewer Revenue Fund		\$3,581.98
Developer's Escrow Fund		\$5,431.50

The motions was seconded by Ms. Slomer and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Janoski presented a letter from Governor Corbett and DCED Secretary C. Alan Walker that congratulates Mr. James DiPalma for successfully completing the requirements to become a Qualified Municipal Tax Collector under Act 25 of 2001.

Ms. Janoski presented a letter from George A. Uhlinger of the American Legion Post 764 thanking the Township for permitting Officer Fechke to participate in the 18th Annual Harry C. Leftwich Bike/Helmet Safety Program held on May 18, 2014. Ms. Janoski further stated that the letter spoke very highly of Officer Fechke's cooperative spirit and interaction with the participating children.

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. There has been no work on the roadway to date. It is anticipated that the roadway work will begin in July, 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 Water Authority has not completed the waterline repairs on Harmar Drive. Mr. Seiler recommends that Harmar Drive be delayed until 2015.

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 painting standard which should take place in July 2014.

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 bid by the Allegheny Valley North Council of Governments in July.

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 and the lining of the sewer line. The Township's share of the cost of the new sanitary sewer is \$95,000 – nearly equal to the cost to replace the manholes and install a liner in the sanitary sewer. Senate recommends the Township approve the new sanitary sewer option at the cost of \$95,000 for a total project cost of \$140,000 with PADOT funding the difference.

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.

Guys Run Road Bridge

PADOT proposed to replace two bridges on Guys Run Road. The Township's sanitary sewer will require relocation at both bridges. The Township is responsible for 25% of the cost to relocate the sanitary sewer. Mr. Seiler anticipates a cost to the Township of at least \$50,000.

Acme Creek Stormwater Pipe

The Township has received documents indicating the Township is responsible for maintenance of the piping in the Pollick property. The Township has installed barricades and plywood over the sinkholes. Senate will contact DEP for a site visit and investigate funding for the project. Currently, no cost estimates have been completed.

Reserve at Fox Chase

Universal Development proposed to begin construction of the new cul-de-sac on Fox Chase Drive approved by the Township in 2013. This work is currently under construction.

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 personnel and liability of the condition of certain real estate.

Mr. Means clarified the agenda under New Business for a proposed motion to be corrected from \$45,000 to \$95,000.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Chalmers made a motion to appoint Ms. Donna Rupert as the Harmar Township Secretary/Treasurer effective upon the terms of employment referenced as "Memorandum of Terms of Appointment". Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously. Ms. Janoski welcomed Ms. Rupert. Ms. Rupert stood and expressed her gratitude to the citizens present and interested in the business of the Township.

Ms. Janoski made a motion to approve the honorable discharge of Officer Wayne Uhring and a Separation and Release Agreement pertaining to same – both effective as of June 19, 2014. Mr. Exler provided the second. In favor of the motion were Ms. Toney and Mr. Chalmers. Ms. Slomer voted opposed.

Ms. Janoski made a motion to approve passing Resolution 11 effectuating member contribution rate to the Harmar Township Police Pension Plan. Ms. Slomer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Chalmers made a motion to approve additional sewer work as per Agreement with PADOT and recommended by the Engineer in the amount of \$95,000 and authorize signature of the PADOT sign-off letter for the same. Ms. Slomer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Chalmers made a motion to authorize Chief Domaratz to hire one full-time officer and interview for 1 or 2 part-time officers. Mr. Exler provided the second. Ms. Slomer asked if the Police Committee will be sitting-in on the interviews for the part-timers. Ms. Janoski replied that the Committee will be involved. The motion was carried unanimously.

Ms. Janoski as Board Chair, appointed herself to the Allegheny County Association of Township Officers (ACATO) Board.

Ms. Janoski as Board Chair, appointed Mr. Exler as the Township's representative at the Council of Governments Meetings.

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

Mr. Chalmers reported that he and Ms. Toney are currently negotiating the terms of the contract with the Road Department.

Mr. Chalmers reported that the Municipal Building generator has been looked at and a quote for moving the generator outside is forth coming.

Ms. Slomer asked if the sewer rate increase has been implemented by the Township's Business Office. Ms. Janoski replied that she does not believe that this has been taken care of. Ms. Janoski will follow-up.

Ms. Slomer asked the status of the Print Maps. Ms. Janoski will check into the status of that project.

Ms. Slomer asked who is responsible for setting-up Planning Commission meetings. Mr. Seiler explained that the developer submits drawings and meetings are then scheduled. He further explained that there has been no business for the Planning Commission to review to date in 2014. In addition, Mr. Seiler reported that the Planning Commission has not met to organize for 2014.

Ms. Slomer asked the purpose of reported expenses in the amount of \$11,628 for special police services. Ms. Janoski was unsure of the services rendered and suggested that Ms. Slomer take her question to Ms. Crump in the Business Office.

Ms. Slomer announced that the Board approved the Police Contract at the last meeting and that the contract is for a period of five years and will increase the Township's expenditures for Health Insurance.

Ms. Slomer asked about the citation process for high grass. Ms. Janoski replied that the Codes Officer has been working diligently on this issue and there is a process that has to be followed. Ms. Slomer will contact Mr. McChesney about her specific concern.

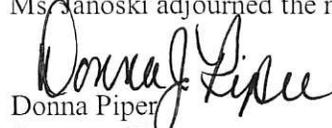
A citizen expressed concerns over the roadway surface in certain areas of Guys Run Road. Mr. Seiler will report the concerns to PADOT.

A citizen asked if Officer Uhring retired. Mr. Means stated that the Officer is no longer employed effective today and did voluntarily terminate the position with an honorable discharge.

A citizen reported that he has not seen geese at the park as discussed at the May meeting.

A citizen expressed concerns over the Township allotting excessive employee time in labor to repair vehicles that should be replaced.

Ms. Janoski adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.


Donna Piper
Secretary/Treasurer