

**Harmar Township Municipal Building  
Township Board of Supervisors  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
Thursday, June 15, 2017**

**PRESENT**

Patricia A. Janoski	Chairperson
Robert W. Seibert, Jr.	Vice Chairperson
Robert Exler	Supervisor
Lee Biermeyer	Supervisor
Harry Lenhart	Supervisor
Dr. Donna Piper	Secretary/Treasurer
Matt Pitsch	Senate Engineering
Charles Means	Solicitor

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited and the Chair called the Public Hearing to Order at 6:06 pm.

**PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PERTAINING TO OIL AND GAS WELL USES IN THE INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT**

Solicitor Means introduced the proposed ordinance amendment and explained that the purpose of the amendment is to add Oil and Gas Well uses to the table of permitted uses in the I-1 (Industrial) District. Mr. Means stood to swear-in those present who wished to state testimony. No one present stood. Mr. Means stated that the Township Planning Commission and the Allegheny County Planning Department have reviewed the proposed amendment and both bodies have recommended adoption with no objections. The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 6:10 pm and called for a motion on the proposed ordinance amendment. Mr. Seibert made a motion to adopt Ordinance #422 as proposed and advertised. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

**PROCLAMATION OF RECOGNITION OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF DAVID R. MELONI**

Mr. Biermeyer introduced Mr. David Meloni and read the Proclamation on the behalf of the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Meloni accepted the Proclamation and provided thanks and statement of appreciation.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Allegheny County Conservation District – Presentation of Grant Award Check

Mr. David Newman, Chairman of the Allegheny County Conservation District presented a check in the amount of \$90,275 to the Board of Supervisors for improvements to Dremmel Road. Mr. Newman also spoke about the efforts of the Conservation District and encouraged the Township to apply for additional funding assistance for road projects in 2018.

Taco Bell Charter Foods North – Land Development Plan

Scott Bradly representing Taco Bell was present via telephone conference call to answer questions. The Municipal Engineer stated basic information about the proposed plan and explain that there were initial

questions in regard to the number of parking spaces being provided for the two businesses on the single parcel and also questions in regard to interior traffic flow. Mr. Means stated that interior traffic flow is now shown on the Plan and the number of parking spaces required can be attained by counting spaces at the pump(s) for a total of 35 spaces. Mr. Seibert made mention that the parking spaces for the Giant Eagle/Get-Go approval were attained in the same manner. Mr. Biermeyer asked if a Traffic Study had been conducted. Mr. Bradley answered “no”. Mr. Biermeyer asked if there would be another business co-locating with the Taco Bell structure. Mr. Bradley answered “no”. The Township Engineer stated that the Stormwater Management Plan has not yet been approved along with the Sewage Facilities Planning Module. Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to approved the proposed Land Development Plan for Taco Bell contingent upon an approved Stormwater Management Plan and an approved Sewage Facilities Planning Module. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Stanley Malak asked about the status of the Map Publication. Dr. Piper stated that everything has been submitted to the publisher.

Mrs. Slomer made mention of the hiring of Mike Liko as the Codes Officer and questioned his certifications for the position. Mr. Means stated that there are no required certifications. Mr. Biermeyer stated that Mr. Liko is a retired Deputy Fire Marshall for Allegheny County and has experience with building codes.

Mrs. Slomer questioned if the purchase of window blinds for the meeting room was a Board approved decision. Mr. Seibert stated that the purchase was a unanimous vote of the Board in a public meeting a couple months back. Mrs. Slomer asked Mr. Exler if he voted in favor of the expenditure. Mr. Exler stated – it was a unanimous vote.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Lee Biermeyer stated that the Township should look into implementing a grease trap/collection program since the sanitary sewers in the commercial district are shallow and the Township has in the past, had issues with sanitary sewers. Mr. Biermeyer stated that he and Dr. Piper have spoken to Mike Henry at the Sewage Authority and that the Authority cleans for grease once a week. Mr. Biermeyer asked the Solicitor is current establishments would have to comply with the ordinance or if they would be grandfathered. Mr. Means stated that since grease can clog a sanitary line and cause backups, it is a matter of public health and grandfathering does not apply. Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to have the Solicitor prepare a grease trap/collection ordinance for establishments with commercial kitchens. Mr. Seibert provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Lenhart presented information from a meeting with members of the Lower Valley Ambulance Service wherein the purpose of the meeting was to see if there is interest in an ad hoc steering committee to look at the financial condition of the Ambulance Service. Mr. Lenhart expressed a desire to represent Harmar. Mr. Seibert made a motion to have Mr. Lenhart represent Harmar Township at meeting with the Lower Valley Ambulance Service. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2017 meeting. Mr. Biermeyer provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORTS**

Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports for May 1 – May 31, 2017. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Seibert asked Dr. Piper to read aloud, a letter sent to the Board of Supervisors from the Public Works employees. The content of the letter was in response to a Letter to the Editor as published in the Valley News Dispatch that implied that the Public Works employees were asked to remove specific political signs and discard them the day after the primary election. Upon completion of the reading, Mrs. Slomer spoke up and stated that she realizes that the letter was based on her comments and that she was only wondering why her signs were missing. Mr. Seibert stated that the Public Works employees removed all political signs and did not remove signs belonging to specific candidates and that Mrs. Slomer should apologize to the employees of the Public Works Department for publicly stating that they did something wrong.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

No new business to report on.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Matt Pitsch of Senate Engineering reported:

- the 2017 Paving Program is in progress  
Mr. Seibert asked if the double seal coat occurs first and the fog seal application is placed one week later. Mr. Pitsch answered "yes". Mr. Pitsch also stated that this process is not a typical tar and chip process. There will be no bleeding of tar with this method.
- the Campbell's Run Sanitary Sewer relining project is currently in the design phase
- Senate has applied for the Highway Occupancy Permit for the Dremmel Road project
- Senate is preparing the bid document for the CDBG grant for Campbell's Run Sanitary Sewer

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Resolution #20-2017 Accepting the Right-of-Way and Easements Acquired by Allegheny County to Reconstruct Little Deer Creek Bridge No. 5 on Jacoby Road**

Mr. Biermeyer made a motion to approve Resolution #20-2017. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **Resolution #21-2017 through Resolution #36-2017 to Change the Names of Authorized Persons on the Accounts at First Commonwealth Bank**

Dr. Piper stated that new signature cards were prepared that removed Mr. Cresta and added Mr. Seibert and Mr. Biermeyer. Mr. Seibert. Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve Resolutions 21-36 of 2017. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

**Police Department Vacation Schedule:** Mr. Seibert made a motion to approve the Police Department vacation schedule for 2017 as submitted by Chief Domaratz. Mr. Exler provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

**CDBG 43 Grant – Campbell’s Run Sanitary Sewer Lining Project:** Mr. Exler made a motion to authorize the Municipal Engineer to advertise the Project for Bids. 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 7:25 pm. Mr. Lenhart provided the second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Donna J. Piper  
Secretary