

**Regular Meeting
February 23, 2015**

Chairman Poston called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

Roll Call – Commissioners Lilly, Poston, Bergstrom, Mitchell and Heasley responded to roll call.

The Solicitor and Engineer were present.

Remarks from Visitors:

Steve Jones, 1527 Glenn Street, asked about getting the closed portion of Glenn Street opened. He measured it and it is 80 feet. He said he is concerned for safety reasons because emergency equipment may not be able to get to his house because of the blocked part. He said even when Ms. Higgins died they went to the wrong house.

He said GPS doesn't even take you to the correct address.

Chairman Poston said he does not know why it is like that and we will have to check on it.

Mr. Jones suggested that they change his address to Springhill Road because it is where the GPS ends.

Chairman Poston said he will have Mr. Heasley check with Public Works to find out why that portion was never opened.

Mr. Jones said his main concern is for the safety of his family and neighbors. He added that he has cut grass there for years.

Chainman Poston asked him about activity at the old Higgins house.

Mr. Jones said they cleaned it up a lot but seemed to have stopped.

Chairman Poston said to let us know if nothing else is done.

Chairman Poston said we will have the Solicitor check to see if that is a right of way for drainage or some purpose.

Mr. Heasley said it may even be part of private property. He said that Ms. Higgins address is on Glenn Street also.

Mr. Jones said there are six properties below the closed part of Glenn Street.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Mitchell, reporting for Fire and Property, read the November and December monthly reports of Hilltop's activities including fire calls and a total of 109 calls for the year.

He said they assisted at the fire at the Brackenridge Hi Rise and had several training sessions.

Mr. Mitchell said in January they provided mutual aid for a fire in Tarentum and also were on standby for the big fire in Freeport.

He said that training sessions were being held in February and he stopped by for one and there were 67 firefighters in attendance.

Mr. Mitchell read Citizens report for the month and advised they had a total of 236 EMS calls in January. He also said that Citizens Hose wrote a letter commending Hilltop Hose on its 100th anniversary as a fire department this year.

Mrs. Bergstrom, reporting for Finance, read the list of Bills Payable for February in amount of \$133,357.78, including almost \$197,000 for salt and moved to approve these bills for payment. Motion seconded by Mr. Heasley and carried.

Mrs. Bergstrom advised there is one invoice in the Bond Account totaling \$3,273.90 and moved to pay same. Mr. Heasley seconded the motion, and carried.

Mrs. Bergstrom said the Paid Bills to be Ratified for January totaled \$107,134.80 including our COG dues and some traffic signal work, along with utilities. She moved to approve these payments. Motion seconded by Mr. Mitchell and carried.

Chairman Poston, Public Safety, read the Police Report for the month of January as follows:

242	Accounted Phone calls to Police office
345	Reported Police Support and Service Calls
13	Traffic Accidents
2	Prisoners Detained
1	Juvenile Arrest
71	Traffic Citations
24	Non-Traffic Citations

3	Ordinance Citations
5	Parking Tickets
14	Misdemeanor/Felony Arrest Warrants

Fines collected from Allegheny County	469.39
Fines collected from Magistrate's Office	4,716.97
Fines collected form Parking tickets	60.00
Copies of Accident Reports	240.00

Total receipts for January \$ 5,486.36

Disbursements to Police for District Court \$ 953.04

Chairman Poston said we received the two new 2015 Police cars, which Secretary advised are called Police Interceptors. He said they cost \$53,926 for the two cars. He said now the Chief will shift the older cars into different positions and some willow go to public works and ordinance officers.

Mr. Heasley, reporting for Public Works, advised that the department has continued cold patching when they could and had salted nearly every day for the last five weeks. He said that the transmission blew on one of the 1994 trucks and now Randy reported this morning that an axle went on the same truck. He said our mechanics found a transmission and got the truck back on the road within the next day. He said we should consider replacing at least this truck since it is 21 years old.

Chairman Poston said we got a price of nearly \$120,000 for a new truck. He said these 1994's have stainless steel beds and if you didn't know they were old, they would look brand new.

Mr. Heasley said at this point we are just putting band aids on the troubles and it is a good thing that Jules and Kevin are so capable and can keep fixing them.

He said the County inspected the pump stations; State Pipe completed pipe bursting work on Van Doren Drive in a line where tree roots keep causing backups into homes.

Zoning and Ordinance, Mr. Lilly, advised that they did 16 occupancy inspections and 14 passed, bringing in \$800. He said there were 8 permits issued for a total of \$2,018 and 29

complaints received. He said they were the usual accumulation of junk and garbage and even grass, also with snow removal. Mr., Lilly said there were 231 phone calls for the month.

Mr. Lilly asked if it was okay for the ordinance officers to register for a blight webinar at a cost of \$25. Chairman Poston said there was no problem with that.

Chairman Poston read Resolution No. 1681 – Authorizing a Mutual aid Agreement with ATI Flat Rolled Products for Fire, Ambulance and Rescue Services. Mrs. Bergstrom moved to adopt the Resolution. Chairman Poston said we have had an agreement like this for years and it is a renewal. Motion seconded by Mr. Lilly and carried.

Chairman Poston said next is Resolution No. 1682 – Authorizing a contract with Sarah Peterson to write grant applications for the Township at a cost of \$15 per hour.

Mr. Heasley so moved. Chairman Poston said Robin will monitor this contract. Motion seconded by Mr. Lilly and carried.

Chairman Poston said the next item is the sale of a 1994 Chevy Pickup Truck. He said the high bid was \$1,500 from Daniel Turack from Export. The bids ranged from around \$400 to \$789 otherwise.

Mr. Lilly moved to sell the truck to the highest bidder. Motion seconded by Mr. Heasley and carried.

Chairman Poston said the next item is the 1st Quarter Allocations of \$1250 to each fire company. Mr. Heasley moved to make these payments. Motion seconded by Mr. Lilly and carried.

Chairman Poston said next it sot authorize State Pipe Services to perform about 300 feet of pipe bursting on Warner Alley and about 1,650 feet on Broadview Boulevard. He said we thought we had a smaller portion to do on Warner but found a spliced pipe so we had to add to the work. It will cost about \$15,000 for the line and \$99,000 for Broadview.

He said this will replace the old non-reinforced concrete sewer lines that just crumble in your hands.

Chairman Poston said we already had two problems on Broadview and one across the highway so this will repair that

entire line from the High Rise to Dallas Avenue. We have had a lot of luck with the pipe bursting procedure.

Mr. Lilly moved to authorize this work. Motion seconded by Mr. Heasley. Motion carried.

Chairman Poston said the final item is to authorize West Penn Power to replace three metal street light poles on Union Avenue around the post office and CVS with wooden poles. He said these poles are all rusted out and are the only bad ones left to replace. He said we have to settle a couple on JP Marino Boulevard.

Mr. Lilly moved to take this action. Motion seconded by Mr. Mitchell and carried.

Mr. Heasley moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Lilly and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

ATTEST:

HARRISON TOWNSHIP

Executive Secretary

By _____
President, Board of
Commissioners