

**Regular Meeting  
February 27, 2017**

**V. Chairman Heasley called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated**

**Roll Call – Commissioners Heasley, Bergstrom and Dizard were present.**

**Mr. Poston and Mr. Lilly were both out of town.**

**The Solicitor and Engineer were present.**

**V. Ch. Heasley said we will dispense with the reading of the minutes.**

**There were no cards signed for Remarks from Visitors, but Mary Jane Zdila in the audience asked the Board how much information they would get concerning the closing of some of the locks and dams.**

**She said her house has been flooded before and Natrona is in a floodplain and asked how the Township will deal with it.**

**V. Ch. Heasley said that is under control of the Corps of Engineers and Natrona was not listed as one of the locks to be closed. He said that all locks were not installed for flood protection and we will see what we may need to do. He said they're closing three dams.**

**Mr. Antonelli, Township Engineer, said that not all dams were installed to control flooding.**

**Committee Reports:**

**Mrs. Bergstrom, Fire and Property, and Grants, advised that Harrison Hills had 6 calls during the month and held training. Hilltop Hose had 12 alarms including a rabbit pen fire and they had hazmat training.**

**Mrs. Bergstrom advised the engine had a valve problem which will be repaired. She said that Citizens had 8 calls and 282 EMS calls during the month. They also had training, and she advised it is time for the annual subscription drive, with an individual at \$35 and a family, \$50. She said that they will hold a Community Day event on May 7 with things for kids, vendors and music.**

**Mrs. Bergstrom advised the CITF grant application for \$100,000 for the concession stand at the Natrona Playground was filed. She advised that she has an RFP out for the design study for the walking and biking trail for which we have a grant of \$50,000. The bids are due Friday.**

**Mrs. Bergstrom said they should have the project complete by July 31 and the study covers three phases of the walking and biking trail as proposed. She said she will be making another application for an Active Allegheny grant for the next level of the project.**

**Mrs. Bergstrom said they had a presentation at COG regarding a land bank and the elimination of blight. She said it is in the early stages and she is not ready to recommend it for the Township just yet.**

**Finance, with Mr. Lilly absent, the Secretary read the Bills Payable in the amount of \$69,455.34.**

Mr. Dizard said the one item is to pay Alvin Wise for the demolition of two structures and he has not yet completed site work. He said he did the work for a very reasonable price but felt we should withhold \$400 until the work is complete. The weather has been a factor in getting this done. Mr. Dizard said the total then would be \$69,055 and moved to approve. Motion seconded by Mrs. Bergstrom and carried.

Secretary advised the Bond Account bills total \$6,813.38. Mr. Dizard moved to approve same for payment, seconded by Mrs. Bergstrom and carried.

Secretary advised the Paid Bills to be Ratified for January total \$77,057.67. Mrs. Bergstrom moved to approve same. and

Mr. Dizard, reporting for Zoning and Ordinance, that even with the short staff there has been a lot of activity in zoning and ordinance. He said they did 23 rental inspections with 16 passing and \$900 was collected.

Mr. Dizard said zoning certificates issued totaled \$12,110 and plan reviews and permits amounted to \$13,955.

He said that these certificates are issued here and not through the engineer's office.

Mr. Dizard said the fees were \$28,000 last year and they're already \$15,000 this year, due to the actions of the current staff. He said there were 356 complaints, of the usual variety, property maintenance and chicken situations and one pet pig. He said that this work is a testament to the ordinance officered. Mr. Dizard said that eight letters were sent to owners of properties regarding potentially illegal rentals.

Mr. Dizard said last month the Board approved 40 hours for the initial work on the updating of the database and the full total for the rest of the year should cost the Township \$2,952. He said that people from Pitt met here and they said we have the most comprehensive one in the County. He said that Lindsay and Kacey will attend a workshop if they can to discuss the database, which he advised has delinquent taxes and information about water authority payments. He said we had a grant to start the database.

Mr. Dizard said we have posted for a second full time zoning and ordinance officer and are taking applications through March 31 and the focus will be on inspections of rentals. We have 1,400 that are due for inspection.

Mr. Dizard read from a written statement, which is incorporation herein as part of the minutes, in full, but its attachment.

Attached at the end of the minutes

V. Ch. Heasley, reading the Public Safety report in Mr. Poston's absence, advises as follows:

171	Accounted Phone Calls to Records Office
336	Reported police Support and Service calls
17	Traffic Accidents



There being no comment, V. Ch. Heasley closed the hearing and asked the Board to bring up these amendments under Chapter 27 of the Code.

Mr. Dizard moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1992 to do so. Motion seconded by Mrs. Bergstrom and carried.

V. Ch. Heasley said next is Ordinance No. 1993, amending the transient retail merchant ordinance by modifying the license requirements and imposing additional requirements for door-to-door solicitations.

Mr. Dizard moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1993. Motion seconded by Mrs. Bergstrom and carried.

V. Ch. Heasley said the next item is Resolution No. 1748-Authorizing the Agreement with Harrison Highland Land Company for the donation of 6 parcels of land on Altermoor Drive.

Mrs. Bergstrom so moved. Motion seconded by Mr. Dizard and carried.

V. CH. Heasley said item 8 is Resolution No. 1749 – Declaring the month of April 2017 as Local Government Month in the Township as part of our Banner Community Status. Mrs. Bergstrom moved to adopt the Resolution.

Motion seconded by Mr. Dizard and carried.

V. Chairman Heasley said the last item is a Proclamation honoring Eagle Scout Christopher Dombrowski on his attainment of that status.

V. CH. Heasley said we have reviewed a list of proposed streets for paving this year and have brought the total below the current budget figure. That would also leave room for some tar and chip work on certain roads.

He said we won't know for certain until we receive the bids.

Mrs. Bergstrom moved to authorize the Township Engineer to proceed with the advertisement if bids for the 2017 Road Program. and

Mr. Antonelli said with the Burger King and the redevelopment of [property, the issue of whether they could use an existing sewer tap arose. He said our ordinance doesn't address this matter and it would not be unusual to require them to at least camera the existing lateral before they re-use it.

Mr. Antonelli said another issue is who is responsible for the sewer lateral to the Township's line in the street. He said there is probably a practice in effect but it would be good to also have that ion writing in the Township's sewer ordinance

Mr. Dizard gave a report on Earth Day and said the 5K Race has been cancelled because there are only 8 people registered for it. He said for it to be successful there have to be 70 participants and they will try to re-schedule it later.

Mr. Dizard said oh Earth Day there are several roadways to be cleaned up including Pleasantville Road, Springhill Road, Karns Road and Argonne Drive. He said they will also id a cleanup along the River.

Mr. Dizard said they are offering to assist 15 seniors who need some light yard work done on Earth Day. Volunteers would do the work.

Mr. Dizard said the banner amendment passed tonight will allow for the proposed installation of banners along Freeport Road and River Avenue. He said they need a list of all the poles and he is preparing a spreadsheet of them.

Mrs. Bergstrom said there will be a Household Hazardous Waste Collection that day too. She said that the new street lights are being installed and they provide better lighting. She said they are all being done free of charge to the Township.

V. Ch. Heasley said there is a marked difference between the old ones and the new LED lights.

Mr. Cajka in the audience asked if it has been decided how they are going to water the new trees.

V. CH. Heasley said we can use the VacCon since it can be used as a hose or for high pressure when needed.

Mr. Dizard said they owe us the bag to be used for watering the trees.

Mrs. Bergstrom said there will be an Easter Egg Hunt in Natrona on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Dizard said the Recreation Board is also working on an Egg Hunt on the school property.

A resident cited a catch basin in Natrona that needs cleaned and Mr. Heasley said he will tell Public Works.

Mr. Dizard moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mrs. Bergstrom and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON

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Executive Secretary

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Vice President, Board of  
Commissioners