

Regular Meeting
May 26, 2015

The Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Chairman Poston.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

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

The Engineer was present. Solicitor Means was absent due to another scheduled meeting.

Chairman Poston said we would dispense with the reading of the minutes since the Board received a copy of same.

Remarks from Visitors:

Rich Osiecki, Davis Street, wanted to discuss committee appointments. He said you have an appointment of Richard Korczynski on the agenda and I thought he was on the Water Authority.

Chairman Poston said yes he is the Present of the Planning Commissions and is also on the Water authority.

Mr. Osiecki said you got at least ten applications from people who were interested in the Planning Commission. Chairman Poston asked Mr. Osiecki if he knew who Rich was and Mr. Osiecki said I think he is Korcker.

Mr. Osiecki said then you have a Mark Krumenacker on the Civil Service Commission and the Water authority, and George Conroy on the Water Authority and the Vacancy Board. He said if ten people were interested in serving the Township why don't you consider them for these positions. He said one was Ed Kennah.

Chairman Poston said we appointed Mr. Kennah to the Zoning Board not the Planning Commission. He said Mr. Korczynski is the Presidents of the Planning Commission and he expressed an interest in staying on.

Mr. Osiecki said he talked to Mr. Heasley before about people who are interested when terms expire and why isn't it in the paper? He said you could get someone better if you opened up the application. He said you could make sure that there is only one person per Board and not several on a couple of Boards each.

Chairman Poston said we can look into that.

Committee Reports: Mr. Mitchell advised he did not have a report this month. Chairman Poston asked if he got any form the fire companies. Mr. Mitchell advised they all had been quite busy and he did not jump on them to get their reports in.

Mr. Lilly, reporting for Zoning and Ordinance, advised there were 14 inspections and \$139,300 value of permits issued for a total of \$7,706. He said there were 40 complaints and 5 citations were issued for garbage and junk accumulation, high grass and illegal rental of property. Mr. Lilly advised there 35 calls to the office this month.

Mr. Heasley, Public Works, advised that the department was busy repairing or replacing catch basins all over the Township that either collapsed or were in need of repair. He said they did some hot mix patching on several streets using 20 tons of mix.

Mr. Heasley advised the men cleaned the honor rolls and put in new mulch and stone before the holiday.

Chairman Poston said we will have to take a look at the honor because Randy advised there are some blocks moving and we need to attend to that before it gets worse.

Chairman Poston read Resolution No. 1685 – Authorizing the Agreement with Allegheny County Parks for the Compost Site.

Mr. Heasley moved to adopt the Resolution. Motion seconded by Mrs. Bergstrom and carried.

Chairman Poston said next is Resolution No. 1686 – Designating authorized signers on the Wells Fargo Police pension Plan account.

Mr. Heasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 1686. Mr. Lily seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Poston said next is the appointment to a four year term on the Planning Commission which was Richard Korczynski's term.

Mr. Mitchell moved to reappoint Mr. Korczynski to the Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Mr. Heasley and carried.

Chairman Poston advised we may have some other appointments on the Planning Commission because some members have indicated they plan to leave the Commission after the Sheetz/CVS matter is finished or later this year.

The next item is to accept the SHACOG Spring Commodities bids for [paving materials, traffic paint, leaf bags and police ammunition and range supplies.

Mr. Heasley moved to accept these bids. Motion seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bergstrom asked if now the paving program can be advertised for bids.

Ray Antonelli advised they have the specs underway and now they can complete them with the bids from the COG›

Chairman Poston said the bids came from the SHACOG very late this year, and they also were late with truck and police car bids. He said they seem to be dragging these bids out.

Mr. Heasley asked about the minimum equipment specifications.

Mr. Antonelli reviewed the performance based specs that will require a minimum compaction and if it is not right they may have to tear it out and do it over.

Mr. Heasley said he hopes the specs will give us more control over the work. Mr. Poston said last year the roller was too small for the job.

Chairman Poston said next is to authorize the 2nd Quarter Allocations of \$1,250 to each fire company.

Mr. Mitchell moved to make the allocations. Motion seconded by Mr. Heasley and carried.

Chairman Poston asked Mitch to request the reports from the companies when they can get them in to us.

Chairman Poston said next is to authorize the sale of a 2005 and a 2007 police vehicle each having over 120,000 miles on them.

Mr. Lilly so moved. Motion seconded by Mr. Heasley and carried.

Chairman Poston said the next action is to install a Glenn Street name sign at Ivanhoe Street and to add a sign at the upper end of the street indicating the house numbers that are accessed by Ivanhoe Street because that guard rail is there.

Mrs. Bergstrom moved to do so. Motion seconded by Mr. Heasley and carried.

Chairman Poston said we had a presentation from MIBS to redevelop our website and received a proposal for \$3,500 to do so. He said it will be patterned after the one MIBS did for Butler Township.

Mrs. Bergstrom moved to accept this proposal. Motion seconded by Mr. Lilly and carried.

Chairman Poston said the new site will be able to have a lot more information available and asked anyone who had any suggestions to let the Board or Faith know. He said we are not looking for design help but suggestions to provide the most information we can.

He said the first impression of the site will be an improvement.

Mrs. Bergstrom said Friends of the Riverfront will be here tomorrow to walk or drive the proposed bike trail. She said it will only go to 84 Lumber because we did not approve the trail maintenance agreement

Mr. Lilly showed the Board photos of the building on Garfield Street that is dangerous and should be torn down. He said that Hatajik is carrying the paper on the loan to the owners who bought it and now cannot afford it.

Mr. Lilly asked since we know about the condition is the Township liable for anything that happens?

Chairman Poston said that is a legal question that we would have to ask the Solicitor.

Pat Walters in the audience asked if there is a list of buildings that will be torn down.

Chairman Poston said 5 to 7 or so will come down this year. Mr. Lilly said there are about 40 on the list. He said that they are adding ore all the time as people just eve the properties

Mr. Lilly asked Natrona Comes Together if they can advise the Township when they get funding and what they are using it for. He said they stated they got \$20,000 for their summer program and he heard they are buying another statue with some of that money.

Mrs. Walter said I sent you copy of the summer schedule.

Mr. Lilly said he did not see it. He said theoretically you do not have to tell us how you spend the money but it would be informative so we know what is being done.

Mr. Lilly said they are tearing more of the railing off the bandstand and we did work to make it safe when they took the metal last year. He said we may have to close it because it will take \$4,000 to repair it and I don't think the Township will want to spend that kind of money.

Chairman Poston said he would like to see the park finished. Mr. Lilly agreed and mentioned the concession stand.

Chairman Poston said we are trying to work out a way we can get the work done there without paying high costs for it.

Mr. Heasley said he had a comment from someone that the pillars should have inscriptions on them so people now what they are depicting.

Mrs. Babinsack in the audience said they are of the mill and the history of the town.

Mr. Heasley said that kids don't necessarily know that a small signs might be a good idea.

Chairman Poston said on that one building that needs to be torn down, is it possible to take down that part where the bricks are coming off? He asked the Engineer to check on this matter.

Mrs. Heasley moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Mitchell and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Attest:

TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON

Executive Secretary

By _____
President, Board of
Commissioners