

**Regular Meeting
August 24, 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 and Heasley responded to roll call. Mr. Mitchell was absent.

Chairman Poston said we will dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Remarks from Visitors:

Glenn Baker, Pleasantville Road, thanked the Board and the Engineer for getting a backflow valve installed at his home. He had flooding several times with heavy rains.

Chairman Poston wished him luck with it, and Mr. Baker said the contractor did a nice job.

Bob Kennihan, Old Freeport Road, asked about progress at the Gillette property. He said some of the stuff is moved, and Chairman Poston asked Norb Cieslinski, ordinance officer to give a report.

Mr. Cieslinski said that there is a hearing scheduled with Gillette's property on Thursday, but they are making progress and we have photos of how the property was and what has been accomplished.

He said the condition of the property didn't happen overnight.

Chairman Poston said you know he has a salvage license so he can keep a lot of that stuff there.

Mr. Kennihan said he still parks trucks in the middle of the road and no one does anything about it.

Chairman Poston encouraged Mr. Kennihan to go to the hearing and speak his piece. Norb or Joe can tell you when it is.

Harry Gustafson, Evergreen Drive, asked for the Board to refer the situation of the drainage on Caroline Street in the alley to the Engineer for review. He said the water flow is too great in the alley and his house sustained property damage and he does not want to see it happen again.

Chairman Poston said we had planned to do so.

Mr. Antonelli said he understands there are concerns about the amount of water that is running through the yards during these heavy rains. He said that Randy told him roof drains should be moved to go out into Caroline Street so they go into the storm sewer.

Mr. Antonelli said it certainly had some force to do what it did to Mr. Gustafson's foundation.

Mr. Gustafson said it all came down the alley and the catch basins and curbs are not right. He said where the curbs are it lets water come back onto his property.

Mr. Antonelli said perhaps curbing on Burtner Road will also help since a lot of the water comes off that road. He said he needed the Board's approval to study this matter and he will schedule to do so.

Mr. Gustafson insisted it was because of the way the alley was paved that all that water came onto his property.

Chairman Poston asked the Engineer to give the audience and Board an update on the review of the Dallas Avenue area sewer flooding.

Mr. Antonelli read from his letter to the Allegheny County Health Department. He said he was contacted by Bill Hamilton there because of basement flooding by the sanitary sewers.

Mr. Antonelli detailed his findings that the alley is lower than both the Heights Plaza and Freeport Road and that he now believes that all the storm water coming down the line on Freeport Road from above caused our storm sewers not to be able to get into the line and actually caused thousands of gallons of rain water to come back into the rea. He recommended that they install a manhole with a back flow valve in the alley as a temporary measure.

Mr. Antonelli said that they will have to work out a new route to get that storm water going in another direction rather than trying to get out into the Freeport Road line. He said Randy Martinka has some ideas and they will review it and get back to the Board. **Secretary's note: I am attaching a copy of this letter which details Ray's thoughts in full

Mr. Antonelli said that there could have been 6 feet of water in that alley due to the heavy rain and all the flow pushing back our flow into our lines; there was probably water flowing out of our catch basins.

Scott Slezak, Dallas Avenue, asked if the Township put those caps on the sanitary sewers that was suggested?

Mr. Antonelli said that had not been done yet. He said we need to get to that and will work on it.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Mitchell was absent so there was no fire report.

Mrs. Bergstrom, reporting for Finance, advised she had a list of Bills Payable for August in the amount of \$47,071.18 and moved for approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Heasley and carried.

Mrs. Bergstrom said the total bills from the Bond Account are for engineering services and the collection of the EPA fees, for \$4,796.10 and moved to approve these bills. Motions seconded by Mr. Heasley and carried.

Mrs. Bergstrom advised the July Paid Bills to be Ratified for normal operating expenses, payroll and utilities totals \$113,458.61 and moved to approve same. Motion seconded by Mr. Heasley and carried.

Chairman Poston, reporting for Public Safety, read the police report for the month of July as follows:

280	Accounted Phone Calls to Office
489	Reported Police Support and Service Calls
14	Traffic Accidents
2	Prisoners Detained
5	Juvenile Arrests
120	Traffic Citations
19	Non-Traffic Citations
2	Ordinance Citations
63	Parking Tickets
17	Misdemeanor/Felony Arrest Warrants

Fines collected from Allegheny Co. Court	849.08
Fines collected from Magistrate's Office	4,360.16
Fines collected from Parking Tickets	170.00
Copies of Accident Reports, etc.	165.00
Total	\$ 5,544.24

Disbursements to Police for District Court	4	702.32
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Chairman Poston also read from the actual list of activities, including assaults burglaries, retail theft, etc. and advised that most of the cases were solved within the month. He said there is retail theft all over the area and they cleared 14 of 22 that occurred.

Chairman Poston said we need to hire some school guards and jail guards. He said if anyone is interested, see the Chief.

Chairman Poston said Jim Erb is interested in heling out since Norb Lapczynski is 80 and he wants to retire! Chairman Poston moved to hire Jim Erb as an at-will, part-time traffic and jail guard and parade officer. Mr. Heasley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bergstrom asked if we could put this on the website and Chairman Poston said that would be okay.

Mr. Heasley, reporting for Public Works, read the report for the month including a lot of sewer repairs due to the rain storm we had, State Pipe did a job on 6th Street where a storm water line was broken, and VASCAR line

painting and traffic line painting was done during the month among many other activities.

Mr. Lilly, reporting for Zoning and Ordinance, advised that they did 7 inspections with fees totaling \$350; issued \$1.6 million in permits, and handled 23 complaints mostly for grass and junk. He said there were 218 phone calls.

Chairman Poston said the first item of business is Resolution No. 1689 – Authorizing the Sewage Facilities Planning Module for Planet Fitness in the Plaza. He said that is supposed to be a good place, his son belongs to one in West Virginia.

Mr. Heasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 1689. Motion seconded by Mr. Lilly and carried.

Chairman Poston said the next item is to accept the COG bids for demolition of structures. He said there is a legal question about one of them although we have been advised by legal counsel that we can go forward. He said there must be two totally separate entities at Wells Fargo that don't communicate with each other.

Mr. Lilly moved to accept the low bids but to hold action on the one in question until it is completely cleared.

Motion seconded by Mr. Heasley and carried.

Chairman Poston said next is to authorize the 3rd quarter allocations of \$1,250 to each of the fire companies. Mr. Lilly moved to do so; seconded by Mr. Heasley and carried.

Chairman Poston said the next action is to authorize the engineer to prepare the pre-applications for the CD Year 42 program.

Mrs. Bergstrom said we discussed the Chestnut Street sewer line which we may want to cut back, the Natrona Street Scape and the handicapped ramps in Natrona. They were all submitted previously so there is not that much work to do to update them.

Chairman Poston said that it may be best to cut back on the Chestnut Street sewer since it is \$500,000 and maybe go to \$250,000. Mr. Antonelli said it is something we have to get done so any funding would help.

Mr. Lilly moved to authorize Ray to submit the pre-applications as discussed. Motion seconded by Mr. Heasley and carried.

Chairman Poston said the last item is to approve payment of \$14,200 to State pipe Services for the 6th and Keystone Street storm sewer.

Mr. Heasley moved to approve this payment. Motion seconded by Mrs. Bergstrom and carried.

Mrs. Bergstrom said she had a request from Sylvan Pool to put a stop sign at the intersection right above the pool. Mrs. Bergstrom said we could have the Chief evaluate it and Mr. Heasley agreed.

Mrs. Bergstrom said she has concerns about people walking with baby carriages in the roadway up around Wal Mart. She said there is no sidewalk and no place to walk there.

She was advised by Solicitor Means that is a PennDOT right of way.

Mrs. Bergstrom suggested asking them to cut a path through there and Chairman Poston said you can ask but they probably won't do anything.

Mrs. Bergstrom said she sees people using the left turn lane as a bike lane up there also. Mr. Slezak said he sees it happening too.

Mrs. Bergstrom mentioned the bike lane and asked about getting the signs up so far so people now where they can ride on the trail.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Attest:

TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON

Executive Secretary

By _____
President, Board of
Commissioners