

**Regular Meeting
November 20, 2017**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance as repeated.

Roll Call - Mr. Lilly, Mr. Poston, Mrs. Bergstrom, Mr. Heasley and Mr. Dizard responded to roll call.

The Solicitor and Engineer were present.

Chairman Poston said it is a sad day and asked the assembled audience and Board to observe a moment of silence at the loss of New Kensington Police Officer Brian Shaw following his untimely death on Friday.

He thanked all first responders for their service, some who have to lay down their lives to protect us.

The Minutes from the last meeting were not complete.

Remarks form Visitors:

Rich Osiecki, Davis Street signed a card, and Chairman Poston sad we were not going to discuss the matter he has listed.

Mr. Osiecki asked him to read what he wrote, and Chairman Poston said it is a personnel matter.

Mr. Osiecki continued to ask if the Township has a code of ethics that employees have to sign.

Solicitor Emily Mueller said we cannot discuss personnel matters.

Mr. Osiecki started to speak and Chairman Poston said where will be no discussion.

Josh Nulph, Recreation Board Chairman, said the Christmas Parade and Festival will be held starting at 4 P.M. on December 4th. There will be vendors and foods trucks and stuff for kids to do. He said we got a 40 foot tree with 16,000 pounds of concrete holding it down. He said that Beaver Jack worked 7 or 8 hours Friday to put it up then came back Saturday morning and put the lights on it in the rain.

He said several members of the committee are here and they have been working hard on this. Josh said Recreation Board meetings are the second Tuesday at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Dizard said Indiana's 42 foot tree blew over on Saturday.

Chairman Poston said the Board appreciates all you are doing.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Bergstrom, Fire and Property and Grants, advised that Hilltop had 13 calls and two training sessions, along with a drill at ATI.

She said the ladder truck has been out of service for quite a while.

Mrs. Bergstrom said they got a large FEMA grant for new breathing apparatus and 4 members have been certified as Firefighter 1.

She advised that Harrison Hills also had 13 alarms and Citizens had 10 with 280 EMS calls for the month. They also had training sessions.

She said they're gathering information regarding a tax credit that firefighters can receive.

Mrs. Bergstrom advised that Ray filed our CDBG grant applications with COG.

Mr. Dizard stated the Township got a \$250,000 grant for expansion of Silver Lake Trails and the developers for Harrison Point got a \$1.3 million grant from the State also for their infrastructure.

Bob Barrage is working on plans for another grant for Natrona's park.

Finance – Mr. Lilly read the total Bills Payable for the month amounting to \$47,300.46. Mr. Heasley moved to approve these for payment. Motion seconded by Mr. Dizard and carried.

Mr. Lilly advised we also have \$25,967.02 in bills from the Bond Account. Mr. Heasley oved to approve these. Motion seconded by Mr. Dizard and Carried.

Mr. Lilly read the Paid Bills to be Ratified list in total amount of \$306,595.23 and Mr. Heasley moved to approve same. Seconded by Mr. Dizard and carried.

Zoning and Ordinance, Mr. Dizard, said that a lot of expenses come in during this time of year being the reason for the increase in the figures.

He advised 21 units were inspect, and 19 assed. The fees were \$1,000. He said that is a 36% increase over 2016 but we have a lot to do.

Mr. Dizard said there were 267 inspections to date and 100 failed, and now there is a fee of \$25 for inspections.

Mr. Dizard said there were 61 complaints, for garbage and property maintenance issues.

He said we are getting more calls because they know they get a response and the matters are resolved.

Mr. Dizard said zoning fees were \$435 and permit fees, \$1,300.

Chairman Poston, Public Safety, read the monthly report of the Police Department as follows:

454	Reported Police Support and Service Calls
21	Traffic Accidents
7	Prisoners Detained
0	Juvenile Arrests
11	Adult Misdemeanor/Felony Arrests
62	Traffic Citations
12	Non-Traffic Citations
0	Ordinance Citations by Police
7	Parking Tickets by Police

Fines collected from Allegheny County Court	412.59
Fines collected from District Court	3,158.28
Fines collected form parking tickets	50.00
Sale of copies of accident reports	210.00
Total Receipts	\$ 3,830.87

Disbursements to Police for District Court Hearings 676.30

Chairman Poston said our officers have been volunteering to work in New Kensington because their department is shut down following the murder. He said towns from all over the valley are helping them.

Mr. Heasley, reporting for Public Works, advised they completed crack sealing in 5 days of a number of streets to preserve the paving work. He advised they ground compost for the seventh time this year and are collecting bags of leaves.

Mr. Heasley said the winter equipment is all ready to go when we need it. The department replaced a 40 foot section of drain pipe on Alter Road because it was causing water to lay on the road.

Mr. Heasley said he met with Senator Vulakovich and a representative of PennDOT at Saxonburg Road and they are working on plan to repair that road next year. He said they saw there is a lot of truck traffic and will replace the cones with jersey barriers now for better protection since the landslide is so big.

Engineer Ray Antonelli reported on the bids received for the Chestnut Street sewer work. He said we need to make a motion to accept the low bid.

Mr. Antonelli said the company that has the low bid is also part of another group of companies and he has been assured by the owner of all of them that the proper equipment and expertise needed for this sewer work will be

provided. He said he talked with Chuck Means and hopes to have the letter that is required from Jet Jack by tomorrow. He said he has known Independent Enterprises for many years and they do good work. Further discussion ensued that the company has to assure us that they will have the manpower and equipment and Ray asked that the Board make a motion contingent upon that assurance from the owner. He said the bids came in higher than his estimate, and the Township was going to have to pay about \$100,000 since we have two grants to help fund this. Now it is about double that.

Chairman Poston said he understands that we have to use the State funds rather soon and the CD one has a later time limit.

Mr. Heasley moved to award the bid for the Chestnut Street sewer work to Jet Jack under the conditions discussed. Motion seconded by Mr. Dizard and carried.

Chairman Poston said we are separating sanitary and storm water.

Chairman Poston read Resolution no. 1777 – Authorizing the CDBG Application for Handicapped Ramps. Mrs. Bergstrom moved to adopt the Resolution. Motions seconded by Mr. Heasley and carried.

Chairman Poston said we will have an executive session with Ray following the meeting.

Mr. Dizard asked Ray about the contract for the HP ramps on Broadview Boulevard and Ray advised the contract will be delayed until the weather is warmer.

Chairman Poston read Resolution No. 1778 – Authorizing the Township to receive banking services through Washington Financial Bank.

This is for the investment of idle funds.

Mr. Dizard move to adopt the Resolution. Motion seconded by Mr. Lilly and carried.

Chairman Poston read Resolution No. 1779 – Authorizing the Harrison Point Cost Reimbursement Agreement.

Mr. Dizard oved to approve same. Motion seconded by Mr. Lilly and carried.

Chairman Poston advised the next Resolution is No. 1780 – Appointing a Township Auditor for 2017

He said we received a proposal from Merge Hill, CPA's. Motion by Mr. Dizard, seconded by Mrs. Bergstrom, to adopt the Resolution appointing Merge Hill as the Township Auditor. Motion carried. They have done the audit the past three years.

Chairman Poston advised next is to act on the Engineer's recommendation to release the Burger King/Boos Development performance bond in the amount of \$108,350. Mr. Heasley so moved.

Mr. Antonelli advised tis bond was for the construction phase of the work and it is complete. Motion seconded by Mr. Lilly and carried.

Chairman Poston said next is to make the 4th Quarter allocations of \$1,250 to each fire company.

Mr. Heasley so moved, seconded by Mrs. Bergstrom and carried

Chairman Poston said next is to act on the Planning Commission recommendation regarding a multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan update and associated costs for 2018.

Mr. Dizard moved to go forward with this recommendation and contact Brackenridge and Tarentum. Motion seconded by Mr. Heasley and carried.

Mr. Heasley moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Dizard. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Attest:

TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON

Executive Secretary

By _____
President, Board of
Commissioners