

**Regular Meeting
April 23, 2018**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

Roll Call – Commissioners Lilly, Heasley, Bergstrom, Poston and Dizard responded to roll call. The Solicitor and Engineer were also present.

Chairman Heasley advised the minutes of the March meeting were not complete.

Remarks from Visitors:

Joe Imm, 5 Chestnut Street, asked about further sewer work on his street.

Mr. Antonelli advised he will speak with the Board about that in executive session after the meeting because it deals with the EPA Consent Order. He said there is nothing final yet on remaining work.

Randy Richter, Glenmar Street, read a letter with a petition from numerous residents of the Sylvan Park area. He said the people who come to the pool for events park on the neighboring streets all the time, blocking their driveways, parking on their lawns, and making it hard to get through the streets because they're parked on both sides and they are often speeding through the area.

Mr. Richter said they would like to request residential permit parking on the area streets surrounding the pool property. He provided a map with the suggested streets to be made permit parking only.

Chairman Heasley said the Solicitor provided a suggested ordinance, but Attorney Mueller said it can be done by Resolution that then becomes a part of the Code of Ordinances. She said the Board would need to identify the streets to be made permit parking.

Mr. Richter asked about the procedure.

Attorney Mueller said there is no charge to the residents but there is a procedure under Chapter 15 in the Code. You can view it online.

Mr. Richter asked if everyone had to apply and Attorney Mueller said yes, so there is a record of the permits.

Mr. Dizard said there is a placard for visitors.

Chairman Heasley asked Chief Klein in the audience if he felt there would be any problem and he said it would be handled by the police.

Mr. Richter asked what to do if people are parking without permits and he was advised to call the 911 non-emergency number.

Chief Klein said there is only someone at the old police department number from 7 AM to 3 PM so you would have to use that number.

Karen Wantland said she was here to follow up on the Phil and Cathy Cottone matter on Greenwich Street.

Lindsay Fraser advised they are getting bids and said she talked with some contractors about what we have to do about refinishing the Cottone house if we have the building demolished. She asked if it can be that insulating wrap or how much restoration must be done. She said it is a party wall.

Mrs. Wantland said it is damaging the Cottone house and what does it entail?

Ms. Fraser said the Board must determine the level of urgency and figure out what must be done about the then exposed wall of the Cottone house.

Mr. Antonelli, Township Engineer, said that the exposed common wall must be addressed if the other house is demolished. He said any specifications would include the restoration of the party wall of the other property.

Mr. Dizard said that changes the specifications and sked what they have to do? He asked Mr. Antonelli is opinion.

Mr. Antonelli said he has not seen it but Bruce Graff has and there may be attachments to be considered. He said the Cottone house would need to be made whole.

Mrs. Wantland asked why the Chestnut Street sewer matter had to be discussed in executive session and not at the public meeting?

Attorney Mueller said because it involves litigation.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Bergstrom, Fire and Property and Grants, said that Citizens made 16 calls, had 271 EMS calls and four training sessions. She said the EMS subscription is out now.

Mrs. Bergstrom said Harrison Hills had 14 calls and 8 hours of training and Hilltop had seven including the major fire at Alabama Avenue. She said they were assisted by all our companies and any others to fight that fire.

Mrs. Bergstrom said Hilltop purchased additional scuba gear through the grant they received.

Mrs. Bergstrom advised she put in an application for a \$500,000 grant for the biking and walking trail development. She also said that Allegheny County is working on the road diet where they would eliminate one lane of Springhill Road for the walking and biking trail.

Mrs. Bergstrom added that Mackin Engineering has provided a concept design for the trail.

Mrs. Bergstrom said we also have a \$250,000 grant for the Silver Lake trail and Ray is working on that. Mr. Antonelli said they are researching and dealing with wetland issues. He said they may have to revise the foot bridges over the creek to elevate them and Mrs. Bergstrom said she saw it when it was flooded there.

Mrs. Bergstrom said the ADA ramps under the CD project should be underway. She said she has looked at some other grant programs but some of them require a 30% match by the Township.

Mr. Lilly, Finance, said he has a list of Bills Payable in the amount of \$60,069.35 and asked for a motion to approve. Mr. Dizard so moved. Seconded by Mr. Poston and carried.

Mr. Lilly said the Bond Account bills total \$20,281.94 including the water authority and NIRA invoices. He asked for a motion to approve these bills.

Mr. Dizard so moved. Motions seconded by Mr. Poston and carried.

Mr. Lilly said the Paid Bills to be Ratified for last month total \$81,596.15 and moved for approval. Mr. Dizard so moved. Motion seconded by Mr. Poston and carried.

Mr. Dizard, Ordinance and Zoning said there were 28 rental inspections with 19 passing and 9 failing. He said the fees collected were \$1,125. There were 50 complaints for various matters.

Mr. Dizard said the zoning certificates and building permits totaled \$6,806.

Mr. Dizard said the complaints are mostly about junk cars and property maintenance issues. He said more will be coming with high grass and weeds soon.

Mrs. Bergstrom said the newspaper had a positive editorial about the recent fire on Alabama Avenue regarding the actions of the Township and Lindsay Fraser,

Mr. Dizard said the building is down now.

Mr. Dizard said they had a roadway cleanup this past Saturday and sited the numerous items collected including many tires, nearly 300 bags of junk from the roadways, and TV's and car parts. He said Pleasantville Road, Karns Road, Springhill Road and Argonne Drive and Vermont were cleaned up. Chairman Heasley said it's a shame how the stuff is dumped and accumulates ever year.

Mr. Poston, reporting for Public Safety, read the monthly police report as follows:

214	Accounted Phone calls to Records Office
358	Reported police Support and Service Calls
19	Traffic Accidents
5	Prisoners detained
0	Juvenile Misdemeanor/Felony Arrests
9	Adult Misdemeanor/Felony Arrests
44	Traffic Citations
17	Non-Traffic Citations
1	Ordinance Citation by Police
19	Parking Tickets by police

Fines collected form Allegheny County Court	638.97
Fines collected form Magistrate's Office	4,384.32
Fines collected from parking Tickets	255.00
Copies of Reports for Insurance Companies	165.00
Total Receipts	\$ 5,443.29
Disbursements to Police for Court Hearings	\$ 652.02

Mr. Poston advised of two letters of thanks to police officers for the help they gave to citizens. He said the one writer was on active duty Kuwait and thanked Sgt. Ropelewski for assistance to his wife recently.

Mr. Dizard said Lindsay is going to contact Jim Desmone regarding a contract to provide rental inspections.

Chairman Heasley, Public Works, advised that the department finished cold patching the streets and repaired 7 catch basins in preparation for paving. He advised they also replace several collapsed catch basins and started picking up leaf bags and branches

Chairman Heasley said they ground compost and it is available at the township building, free of charge. All the mowers and equipment are ready for the mowing season.

Chairman Heasley said the first action is to authorize advertisement of the Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit Ordinance.

Mrs. Bergstrom so moved. Motions seconded by Mr. Dizard. Solicitor Emily Mueller said you do not have to advertise the Resolution. Motion carried

Chairman Heasley said next we have a motion to direct the Solicitor to review the ownership of Logan Lane.

Attorney Mueller said she spoke with the residents this evening. Mrs. Bergstrom so moved. Motions seconded by Mr. Lilly and carried.

Chairman Heasley said next is to authorize the transfer of \$200,000 of funds to our Washington Financial investment account.

Mr. Dizard said with the current interest rate there, of 1.52%, on the \$800,000 now invested there, brings \$8,240 more in interest annually. IT's free money that can be used for other purposes.

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

Chairman Heasley said the next item is to authorize sending a letter to Allegheny County Department of Public Works regarding truck traffic on River Avenue.

Mr. Dizard said we have had discussions about trying to develop the riverfront park and this heavy truck traffic is a problem. ATI has trucks going back and forth on River Avenue day and night and it was suggested by the County to send a letter to them regarding the impact on all

development of the Natrona area. He said he spoke with people in maintenance at ATI looking for suggestions on this matter today, and that most of the traffic is going back and forth to the weigh station.

Mr. Dizard said the mill has contributed millions of dollars by remaining in our community. He said they intend to move a lot of steel on rail cars so that accounts for a lot more trains on the tracks.

Mr. Dizard moved to send the letter signed by the Board Members. Motion seconded by Mr. Lilly and carried.

Chairman Heasley said the last item is to discuss proposed renovations to the Honor Roll.

Mr. Poston said we got the lights fixed there and it has made a great improvement. There is a good bit of work that needs to be done on the structure itself, and we have contacted companies to get bids on the costs.

He said that we have to look into replacing the lettering which could be done with plastic, and any ideas are welcome. We will get the VFW and American Legion involved in decisions on the work.

Mr. Poston said the Honor Roll is the center of our town and people can walk to it and it should stay there.

Mr. Antonelli advised the 2018 Road Program will start soon and the 2018 Fiber Seal Coat work was approved by the Board at the meeting last week. He said the CDBG ADA ramp work will also begin soon.

Mr. Antonelli advised the CD demolitions have been completed but the restoration work still needs to be done and there was a stall on the 8th Avenue demolition because the utilities were on.

Mr. Antonelli said the Chestnut Street Sewer Work is pretty much complete but some additional work is needed in the area.

He added that the Keystone Grant demolitions have been completed but not yet restored.

Mr. Dizard said the Board will need Ray's input on the Stormwater Management Ordinance and the EPA Consent Order issued recently to all members of the UAJSA. He said there appear to be things we have to do.

Mr. Dizard said Act 167 is the SWM Ordinance and the County is passing one that will cover all municipalities. When it is approved by the DEP we have to comply.

Mr. Antonelli advised that is correct and Mr. Dizard said we will need your input then.

Mr. Antonelli said this goes back to 1978! We have an ordinance here but it deals with the MS4 regulations pertaining to the quality of the runoff and reducing pollution. The new legislation will address the quantity and erosion.

Mr. Poston said we should control the runoff and save the fish but then we all put tons of salt on the roads every year that end up in the storm water system.

Mr. Antonelli agreed that everything on the roads ends up in the storm sewers.

Mr. Antonelli asked the Board for a brief executive session.

Mr. Dizard moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Poston and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON

Executive Secretary

By _____
**President, Board of
Commissioners**