

**Regular Meeting  
June 25, 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 present.**

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

**Remarks from Visitors:**

**Karen Wantland, Painter Avenue, said she noted they were paving Murdock Street on Saturday and asked why.**

**Chairman Heasley said they have been stalled by the rainy weather and are trying to catch up.**

**Ms. Wantland asked if the Township will have to pay more for that weekend work and Chairman Heasley said no, we will pay the contracted amount.**

**Ms. Wantland asked about the costs to the Township involved in the recent sealing of Melrose Avenue. She said it was in front of Danielle Rotto's house.**

**Chairman Heasley said some of the Commissioners volunteered their time to do the work and it was at no cost to the Township.**

**Ms. Wantland asked how the Commissioners can do work that should be done by the Public Works employees. She said the sealing of the Township street should be done by Township workers.**

**Attorney Mueller said she can check in this matter**

**Mrs. Bergstrom said the Board had heard complaints about the road at meetings and she and Chuck and Gary decided to seal the road. She said it was an area about 3 ft. by....and Ms. Wantland said it was about 20 ft.**

**Mrs. Bergstrom said it took them about five minutes to do it.**

**Attorney Mueller said we did not hire anyone to do the work.**

**Ms. Wantland said again the work should have been done by Township union workers. She said I feel this Board is covering u for something and that there was no restitution made.**

**Mrs. Bergstrom said again they did it because of complaints received at meetings.**

**Ms. Wantland said I feel there is something more behind it and I am disappointed in the Board.**

**Ms. Wantland asked about the progress on the Cottone property.**

Mr. Dizard there is a contract in place to demolish the structure adjacent to the Cottones but we had to have an asbestos inspection and that has to be approved by the County. It should come down in the next few weeks.

Ms. Wantland said is a community wall and what will be expected of the contractor or will Cottone have to repair their all?

Mr. Dizard said the replacement work that may be needed is all covered under the contract. We are aware of the requirement to replace anything damaged by the demolition and to make their wall whole again.

Ms. Wantland said she has concerns about the way residents are asked to sign a card to be able to speak before the Board. She said they should be able to talk about items on the agenda during the meeting and there should be a session following the business meeting for more questions. She said at a prior meeting she asked to speak and was told she could not because you had to sign a card before the meeting and she was not aware of that.

Chairman Heasley said she was advised she could ask a question pertaining to the agenda.

Attorney Mueller said the Township is not required to let people make further comments.

Ms. Wantland said the School Board does it.

Chairman Heasley said the next card is from Joe and Paula Migliorisi and their matter will be addressed later in the meeting.

Amy Lutz, Outlook Street, said she has billing problems with Waste Management. She said she didn't know we switched companies and paid Morrow for the first three months of the year, and then got a late bill from Waste Management. She said no one is collecting her garbage now.

Ms. Lutz said she then made a payment to Waste Management and paid extra to be sure it was put into place right away, but still got a collection letter. She said she got two bills close together from Waste Management and didn't understand why.

Mrs. Bergstrom said they just sent bills for the next quarter this week. They send their bill prior to the beginning of the next quarter.

Ms. Lutz said she has made many calls to Morrow also to get her money back. She asked why we took this company.

Chairman Heasley said Morrow didn't bid and we took the lower bid of the two we received.

Mr. Dizard asked if Morrow refunded her money and Lutz said they did not and he asked if the neighbors are having any problems. Ms. Lutz said she didn't know but have said they have had a negative experience with the new company.

Ms. Lutz asked why I am required to go with Waste Management when in other towns you can have who you want.

Chairman Heasley said because the Township holds the contract with the hauler and our ordinance allows us to do it that way. He said we can discuss this with Waste Management.

Ms. Lutz said the water lines have been dug up twice and asked when they are going to have that fixed.

Chairman Heasley said you would have to check with the water authority about that work. She then asked about handicapped parking spaces and Chairman Heasley said you can get an application from the Township office.

Richard Osiecki, Davis Street, asked about the Township's hiring practices. He said he noted that there have been 5 summer workers hired and that there were two new positions the zoning office. He said that the positions were filled without them being advertised in the local paper.

He asked about this and if the Township is compliant with the EOC? He said money was budgeted for newspaper ads.

He said he felt that would bring more candidates for positions. Mr. Osiecki gave the Board copies of ads from many other local communities that are in the newspaper. He said now he hears there may be a borough manager and that would be a good time to advertise in the paper.

Chairman Heasley said the summer workers are college kids that the Commissioners hire from within their wards and that many of them come back year after year.

Mr. Dizard said the zoning and ordinance positions were posted on the website. Mr. Osiecki said do people know to look there for positions that are open?

Attorney Mueller said that the Township is not required to advertise open positions in the newspaper. She said many towns are getting away from that because of the cost of the ads in the newspaper and that they are not always effective in producing candidates.

She said there is a statewide movement to require ads be placed on the website instead of in local papers.

Mr. Osiecki said small towns like Arnold and Freeport and Springdale Township have advertised in the newspaper and they don't have the budget we do.

Chairman Heasley said we are not responsible for other municipalities and the use of funds. He said a major issue may be advertised.

Attorney Mueller said no offense to the local reporter but many people do not read newspaper anymore.

Glenn Baker, Pleasantville Road, asked about Waste Management's bill and said the one just received is due July 16, but it is not even July yet.

Chairman Heasley said they bill prior to the use of the services, not after, like Morrow did.

Mr. Baker asked if anything is going with the erosion of his property.

Mr. Dizard said he was unable to make the meeting with the DEP but they met and Lindsay was there.

Lindsay Fraser said the Allegheny County Conservation District made a review and that any work would be expensive and not something one property owner could undertake.

She said the DEP had not seen the Conservation District's report and were to review same. She said we would check into where these stands.

Mr. Baker said every time we have hard rains his property continues to wash away and he fears he could lose his house.

Mr. Dizard said they would follow up on this.

Ed and Tracey Danka, Poplar Street, thanked the Commissioners for hiring college kids to work here for the summer months.

Mrs. Danka said where they live on Poplar Street, they get all the customers from Phillippi's, NAPA, Ekas' and people are ruining their sidewalk by parking on it. They have parking provided to them at these businesses but they won't park there.

Mrs. Danka asked if the Township would consider rezoning that side of the street for residential permit parking. She said they also leave their trash all over the street.

Chairman Heasley said we can have the Chief look at this.

Mrs. Danka said the Police cannot do anything because even if you call the cars are going to be gone since they are in and out of the business places.

Mrs. Danka asked to be considered for residential permit parking on her side of Poplar Street. She said her visitor with two small kids had to park about a street way and then walk back to her house.

Chairman Heasley said a Resolution will be required for the permit parking.

Caran Mazur, Burtner Road, said she had a petition with 110 signatures for the traffic and speed on Burtner Road. She said she went to neighbors on the side streets who are affected by the speed and the flow of traffic.

Chairman Heasley said PennDOT did a review not too long ago and said the 30 mph was warranted. He said we cannot change the speed limit since it is a State road.

Chairman Heasley said we can post an officer there more often to check the speed.

Mrs. Mazur said PennDOT needs pushed to get this lowered. She said the other people appreciated her efforts in getting a petition signed.

Chairman Heasley asked if we could have a copy of the petition for review.

He said that the traffic is worse now too with the work being done on Route 28. He said no matter what speed is posted, 5 mph, people are going to speed.

Mrs. Mazur said there need to be crosswalks and more patrols to slow them down. She asked if you could put in speed bumps.

Chairman Heasley said PennDOT is not going to install speed bumps.

Mrs. Mazur said it is posted at 30 and the police won't ticket until it is 40, so the speed needs to be lower.

Clayton Falkner in the audience said something terrible is going to append there.

Mrs. Mazur said what about the signs that show what speed you are going. Mr. Jones in the audience, suggested another stop sign.

Mr. Poston said PennDOT has done a study before and they will not reduce the speed limit.

Mrs. Mazur said she needs to be there to explain to them what the problems are.

Mr. Poston agreed that they are possibilities of accidents occurring but PennDOT has the final say.

Chairman Heasley said look how long it took them to do anything about that landslide on Saxonburg Road. It had to be two to three years before they started to correct it.

Tim Napierkowski, 55 Chestnut Street, said now that you did all that sewer work in Chestnut Street I have had sewer backups for the first time ever.

He said he had to get a plumber and it cost him \$450 and it was still backing up. He said something is clogged and won't move

Mr. Antonelli pinpointed exactly where he was and said that Napierkowski's house was not connected to the new sewer work at all. He asked Mr. Napierkowski if he called the Township about it and he said he did not because it was the weekend. Mr. Antonelli spoke directly with Mr. Napierkowski to get more details and said e would check this out.

Mary Jane Zdila, Spruce Street, asked the sweeping policy in a downpour. She said last Wednesday it was pouring rain and the street sweeper was out there. She said that was a waste of money, time, gas and manpower to be sweeping in the pouring rain. Ms. Zdila said she was appalled and that it was a joke.

Ms. Zdila added that there was a great polka band concert in Natrona last week.

Chairman Heasley said the Board held an executive session before the meeting and will do so following the meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

#### Committee Report:

Mrs. Bergstrom, reporting for Fire and Property and Grants, said that Citizens Hose had 16 calls and 290 EMS all and certifications were received for paramedics and EMTs. She said that Hilltop had 11 calls with 2 assists including in Brackenridge.

Mrs. Bergstrom advised that Harrison Hills had 10 calls and 4 hours of training.

Mrs. Bergstrom said we awarded the contract for the Natrona Concession Stand to Swede Construction and that we also were advised we got a grant of \$83,000 to install handicapped ramps at the intersections along River Avenue.

Rs. Bergstrom sked Ray for an update on the Silver Lake grant a\and e advised they cannot proceed with the footbridge work until the developer has consolidated the lots he owns. He said the wetlands survey has been completed.

Mr. Lilly, Finance, advised he has a list of Bills payable for June in the amount of \$40,014.17. Mr. Dizard moved to approve same; seconded by Mr. Poston and carried.

Mr. Lilly advised the Bond Account invoices were \$17,481.29.

Mr. Dizard moved to approve these invoices. Seconded by Mrs. Bergstrom and carried.

Mr. Lilly said the Paid Bills to be Ratified totaled \$42,628.34. Secretary's Note: The actual; total on the report was \$81,030.80.

Mr. Dizard moved to approve the Paid Bills. Motion second by Mrs. Bergstrom and carried.

Mr. Dizard, Zoning and Ordinance said the 12 Greenwich Street demolition had to undergo the County's review and hopefully the demolition will be done the week of July 16.

He advised that in June they did 21 inspections and 16 passed. The fees were \$975. Mr. Dizard said the zoning certificates were \$1,500 and the permit fees, \$2,300.

Mr. Dizard said there were 154 complaints for the month and the three biggest issues were high grass and weeds, rental inspections not being done and property maintenance.

Mr. Dizard said we are signing a contract with Desmone to perform some of these inspections. They will be at the same rate as we charge now. He said the inspections are at about the same rate as in 2017 but there will be a lot more done through the rest of the year.

He said it is because people are aware that the zoning and ordinance office is responding to complaints.

Mr. Poston, Public Safety, read the Police Report for the month as follows:

278	Accounted Calls to Records Office
387	Reported Police Support and Service Calls
14	Traffic Accidents
3	Prisoners Detained
0	Juvenile Misdemeanor/Felony Arrests
21	Adult Misdemeanor/Felony Arrests

30	Traffic Citations		
14	Non-Traffic Citations		
0	Ordinance Citations by Police		
19	Parking Tickets by Police		
	Fines collected from Allegheny County Court		3,948.47
	Fines collected from District Court		3,292.13
	Fines collected from Parking Tickets		165.00
	Copies of Accident Reports		150.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,555.59</b>
	<b>Disbursements to Police for District Court</b>		<b>1,139.01</b>

Mr. Poston read a letter of thanks that Chief Klein sent to the Generation House of Worship for the \$1,000 donation they gave the Police Department. He said the Chief advised Rev. Chybrzynski that the funds will be used in a practical manner to enhance the service of the department.

Chairman Heasley, Public Works, advised that the department repaired a broken storm sewer on Fairmont Avenue, and installed 36 permit parking signs in the Sylvan Park area as requested by the residents.

Chairman Heasley said they also repaired a broken sewer at Echowood Drive and a collapsing catch basin on Broadview Boulevard.

Chairman Heasley said they repaired another hazardous catch basin on Altermoor Drive and ground yard waste for the third time this year. The last of the compost was brought to the township building.

Two more catch basins were installed and Russell Standard completed the fiber matting seal coat work on ten alleys.

Chairman Heasley read Resolution No. 1775, Amending the Solid Waste Collection Ordinance by amending certain collection dates as listed therein.

He said that Waste Management found Thursday to be a heavy collection day and asked to change some of the streets for collection on other days.

Mr. Dizard moved to adopt the Resolution. Motion seconded by Mr. Poston and carried.

Chairman Heasley read Resolution No. 17786, Authorizing the Agreement with James M. Desmone for Rental Inspections.

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

Mr. Dizard said Mr. Desmone has done inspections in other towns for many years and there will be no new cost to the Township.

Chairman Heasley read Resolution No. 1777, Authorizing a stop intersection on Main Street at Fourth Street in both the easterly and westerly direction.

Mr. Dizard so moved. Seconded by Mr. Lilly and carried.

Chairman Heasley said the next item is to authorize the construction of the kayak launch parking lot n Sycamore Street by the Public Works Department. Mr. Dizard moved to direct this. Seconded by Mr. Lilly and carried.

Chairman Heasley said next is to act on the Engineer's recommendation for Payment No. 1, Final, in amount of \$55,202.40 for the Fiber Seal Coating work to Russell Standard.

Mr. Dizard so moved, seconded by Mr. and carried.

Chairman Heasley said the next item is to authorize the Township's shar of the cost for the Year 43 ADA Handicapped Ramps in amount of \$3,161.45, payable to AVNCOG. Mr. Dizard so moved. Motion seconded by Mr. Poston and carried.

Mr. Dizard said these are the handicapped ramps along Broadview Boulevard from Mile Lock to Eat N Park.

Chairman Heasley said the next item is decision on ownership and maintenance of Logan Lane.

Attorney Mueller said she and Ray Antonelli are reviewing documents and will advise the Board.

Mr. Migliorisi asked why do you have to review it? He said he talked to PennDOT and they said it was abandoned by the State. He said it was blacktopped by the Township and they made a turnaround. He said it had to be done that way because you could not landlock the other properties along the lane. He asked what is the problem?

Mr. Migliorisi said the problem was that the township trucks were not able to get into the lane to plow and they were damaging is driveway with salt so Mr. Bushman had it blacktopped and told him if he ever needed any work done to come to the Township. He said he ahs maintained the lane with his plow on his tractor all these years. He said he does not understand what the problem is when Mr. Conroy was also in agreement with this 25 years ago.

Mr. Migliorisi said if you don't want to maintain this road then make me another driveway out another way to Route 28.

Attorney Mueller said she is reviewing Township ordinances and records and the history of maintenance and will advise the Township when that has been completed.

Mr. Migliorisi said again that the Township blacktopped it 25 years ago and told him he could maintain it and ask the Township when he needed work done on the road.

Attorney Mueller said there is no record of that agreement.

Mr. Migliorisi said we had the work done 25 years ago and don't see the question.

Attorney Mueller said we will advise the Board.

Chairman Heasley said we are still investigating the matter.

Mr. Migliorisi said PennDOT abandoned the road to the Township and Bushman told him when it starts to wash out to let us know. It is a lot of work for me.

Mrs. Bergstrom asked if 5889 is their address and they advised it was. She said she was out there but did not come up the lane.

Mrs. Migliorisi said it is the only house on the lane. There is no street name there.

Chairman Heasley said we had an executive session prior to the Regular Meeting and will hold another one to discuss a legal matter following adjournment.

Mr. Lilly said in regard to the petition for changing the speed on Burtner Road he agrees that it is too fast and 28 through town is 40 mph and that is too fast. He said it should be 25 mph.

Mr. Migliorisi said if you need any information please call me.

Mr. Poston moved to adjourn. Motions seconded by Mrs. Bergstrom and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON

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Executive Secretary

By \_\_\_\_\_  
President, Board of  
Commissioners