

Harrison Township Board of Commissioners  
Agenda Meeting  
October 18, 2018

The Harrison Township Board of Commissioner's Public Agenda Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman William Heasley.

Commissioners William Heasley, William Poston, Robin Bergstrom, Gary Lilly and Chuck Dizard were present. Solicitor Emily Mueller was also present.

Mr. Heasley announced that the Board held an executive session prior to the Agenda Meeting to discuss personnel issues.

Karen Wantland expressed concern that the Board takes action and votes on agenda items at the Agenda Meeting rather waiting to act at the Regular Public Meeting. She said she feels it would be beneficial to the taxpayers to take the action at the Regular Public Meeting, because more people attend, and asked that the Board take this under consideration.

Attorney Mueller advised Mrs. Wantland that it is legal to take action at the Agenda Meeting, due to the fact that it is an advertised meeting, and it's up to the Board if they wish to take action at the Agenda Meeting.

Mrs. Wantland remarked on the Interim Manager, Ed Kirkwood. She asked if there was a search done, and would like to know how that was handled, and if the Township spoke to other candidates?

Mr. Heasley said no, he came highly recommended, and that he managed Lower Burrell and Butler Township.

Mrs. Wantland asked if he will be micromanaged and if he will be able to perform his duties without interference. She stated that she knows why Mr. Marino turned the job down. He was hired as an at will employee, and if that's standard.

Attorney Mueller stated that the contract was very standard.

A gentleman who did not announce his name, spoke out and asked if the Board endorsed politicians to campaign at Township sponsored functions.

Mr. Poston said we did not endorse that.

Attorney Meuller advised that when you have a function, you have to make it mutually available to each party (person). It's a First Amendment right.

The gentleman said to the Board that you have a Chairman for that festival committee, didn't you know the rules. You people are in charge. He was an embarrassment to this community, and you should let people know who is going to have a booth at these functions. You people looked bad. Dermody was there and there was no politicking.

Norbert Cieslinski asked if a new search for Township Manager had begun.

Mr. Dizard said yes, we're doing it ourselves, it will be on the website and in the newspaper.

Mr. Cieslinski stated that the Resolutions and Ordinances need to be more clear, and he would like to know what they mean, and asked if the Township Manager is in charge of everything and all Departments.

Mr. Heasley said yes, he or she will oversee all Departments. We'll continue on with the Agenda.

#### Agenda Items

Resolution No. 1800 – Authorizing a Professional Service Contract with Hoffman's Boarding Kennels, with Stray Feline Rider for 2019. Mr. Poston moved to adopt Resolution No. 1800. Seconded by Mr. Dizard. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 1801 – Appointment of the position of Collector of Local Service Tax and Appointment of Chief Administrative Officer for the Police Pension Plan and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans. Removing J.P. Marino from the position of Collector of Local Service Tax and removing J.P. Marino as Chief Administrative Officer for the Police Pension Plan and Non-Uniformed Pension Plan.

Resolution No. 1802 – Appointment of Edward Kirkwood to the position of Interim Township Manager with an hourly rate of \$65 per hour.

Resolution No. 1803 – Authorizing certain Township Officials to have access and request information regarding the Harrison Township General Fund.

Resolution No. 1804 – Authorizing certain Township Officials to have access and request information regarding the Harrison Township Sinking Fund.

Resolution No. 1805 – Authorizing certain Township Officials to have access and request information regarding the Harrison Township Payroll Account.

Resolution No. 1806 – Authorizing certain Township Officials to have access and request information regarding the Harrison Township Liquid Fuel Account.

Resolution No. 1807 – Authorizing certain Township Officials to have access and request information regarding Harrison Township Police Pension Fund.

Resolution No. 1808 – Authorizing certain Township Officials to have access and request information regarding the Harrison Township Bond Savings Account.

Resolution No. 1809 – Authorizing certain Township Officials to have access and request information regarding the Harrison Township Bond Checking Account.

Resolution No. 1810 – Concurring Resolution for Safe Neighborhoods Demolition 2019.

Resolution No. 1811 – Attachment E for Demolition for Slum and Blight.

Resolution No. 1812 – Concurring Resolution for Handicap Sidewalk Ramps 2019.

Resolution No. 1813 – Concurring Resolution for Natrona Sewer System Improvements 2019.

Authorize to advertise an Ordinance amending the Harrison Township Stormwater Management Ordinance.

Act to recommend that the AVNCOG award to contract for the CDBG Fiscal Year 2018 ADA Handicap Sidewalk Ramps to the low bidder, Ron Gillette, Inc., in the amount of \$40,076.00, and that the AVNCOG request that the County consider allowing the Township to prepare a separate contract for bidding through AVNCOG for additional ramps so as to make use of the balance of the grant funds initially awarded totalling \$81,000.00.

Act to appoint a Right to Know Officer for Harrison Township.

Act on payment to Savvy Citizen for November and December 2018 for a total amount of \$438.00.

Act on request from Allegheny Valley Association of Churches for use of the Meeting Room for two days in January and February 2019, for food bank registration.

Act to accept the resignation of Michael Cebula, effective October 19, 2018 from the Harrison Township Recreation Board. Mr. Dizard moved to accept this resignation. Seconded by Mr. Poston. Motion carried.

Mr. Poston moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Dizard. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON

Susan K. Motosucky  
Township Secretary

Will W. Hearley  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners