

Harrison Township Board of Commissioners
Regular Public Meeting
February 22, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Harrison Township Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:00 p.m., via remote zoom conference call by Vice-Chairman Gary Meanor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call – Gary Meanor, Eric Bengel and Chuck Dizard were present. William Heasley and Gary Lilly were absent. The Solicitor was present.

Remarks from visitors:

Natalie Cale spoke regarding the Recreation Board. I sent an email about our plans for the Easter Egg Hunt. We're not doing a hunt this year, but would like to do an event called "egg your yard". We wouldn't be charging a fee. People would sign up on line, and we will drop off filled eggs to them at their home, and they could do their own Easter egg hunt at their home. We will provide the materials they need to do so. In the past we've had approximately 130 participants, and in 2019 we spent was around \$500. I just want to be sure that it's something we'll be able to do. We didn't do the Octoberfest and we will not be doing touch a truck. We did have the Christmas parade. We limit it to kids ten years old and under, and you have to be a resident of Harrison Township.

Mr. Meanor said he didn't see a problem with this event.

Mike Ceschini spoke regarding Comcast Cable. They are going to start putting band restrictions on everyone and raising their cable costs. Is there any way we can get more internet providers into the Township like Salsgiver, Consolidated or Verizon. My bill is going from \$208 to \$240. I know you have a contract with Comcast and I'd like to know more about that and why we don't have contracts with the others. I know people that have companies that are a lot cheaper. The internet is really important, with a lot of people working from home, and using a lot of internet, and it gets expensive. I need you guys to talk to state representatives and ask them for help. They've already increased the rates, now they're going to nab you on how much you use. They want to stop Netflix, hulu, etc. from showing movies so that they can be the only provider. What they're doing should be illegal. Internet should be like a utility. You need it to get a job. Cable is entertainment. We need to split that up and have internet as a utility. Just about everything uses the internet, alexa, doorbells, lighting, cameras. Comcast just keeps gouging everyone and it's only going to get worse. I would appreciate anything you can do.

Manager Rich Hill stated that we have a franchise agreement with Comcast. I'm not sure how long it lasts, but there is a definite end to that soon. As far as other companies, I don't think there is an issue with having them in here. I don't know what we would need to do as far as the

lines. Nobody has contacted us about coming into the Township. We could check with other places and see if they're interested in coming into the Township. We would be happy to talk to another internet provider. I can definitely look into that. Send any information you have to my email address and I can use that to go forward.

Bill Rudolph spoke regarding the Honor Roll. He said he has two bids for stucco and that he sent them to the Township Manager, and he has to okay them.

Dr. Bengel said he just has to be aware of those bills, we don't have to vote on them. They're budgeted items.

Attorney Mueller advised that because it's a Township project, we still do have to comply with the bidding requirements. There are certain thresholds. If there are any agreements, those would also need Township approval. We are the property owners, and it would have to go before the Commissioners. She asked Rich to send the bids to her for review.

Township Manager Rich Hill reviewed the information in his Manager's Report with the Board.

Dr. Bengel made a motion to approve the advertisement for the 2021 Paving Project, prepared by the Township Engineer. Seconded by Mr. Dizard. Motion carried.

Dr. Bengel made a motion to approve the bills payable for February 2021 in the amount of \$28,354.16 to be paid from the General Fund, \$21,738.67 to be paid from the Bond Account, and \$64,271.71 to be paid from the Liquid Fuel Fund. The paid bills to be ratified for January 2021 in the amount of \$177,296.66. Seconded by Mr. Dizard. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 1870 – approve Planned Equipment Maintenance Agreement with Cummins, Inc. for five years starting April 2021 through January 2025 for three generators. Total cost is \$5,786.02. Mr. Dizard moved to adopt Resolution No. 1870. Seconded by Dr. Bengel. Motion carried.

Resolution Nos. 1871 and 1872 – authorizing the Township to file an application for CITF funds for sewer upgrade and Broadview Boulevard Bike and Walking Path effective February 3, 3032. Mr. Dizard made a motion to adopt Resolution Nos. 1871 and 1872. Seconded by Dr. Bengel. Motion carried.

Mr. Dizard made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Seconded by Dr. Bengel. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON


Township Secretary


Chairman, Board of Commissioners