

Harrison Township Board of Commissioners  
Regular Public Meeting  
August 23, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Harrison Township Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman William Heasley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Ch. Heasley announced that the Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing to consider adoption of a zoning map amendment, rezoning property along Freeport Road known as 2416 Freeport Road, Parcel No. 1679-J-221 from R-1 to B-1.

Attorney Mueller asked that anyone wishing to speak at this Public Hearing, stand and be sworn in. No one was sworn in to speak. She advised that this Ordinance has been reviewed by the Township and by Allegheny County, and no revisions were requested or suggested. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:03 p.m.

Dr. Bengel made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2021 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Meanor. Motion carried.

Township Manager Rich Hill reviewed the information in the Manager's Report with the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Hill stated that there is a vacancy on the Harrison Township Water Authority Board, and the application to fill this vacancy will be posted on the Township's website. There were questions at last month's meeting regarding the Heights Plaza, and that there is no advertisement for leasing on the entire northern end of the plaza. According to the Receiver who is handling this, he said that would like to do the northern tier in all one block, they don't want to do incremental leasing, they'd like to lease the entire area. I'm going to speak with him this week. I'm still working on the Philadelphia Avenue crossing, no one wants to take responsibility for that area. If I have to talk to the County Counselmen, I'll do that.

Jim Erb asked if people in the Township are able to get involved in working with the RACP Grant to get it moving forward.

Mr. Hill explained that the property owner still owns those properties after they're torn down. The ideal situation would be if a developer would come in with a plan. It's a very long and complicated plan. We need to let the Consultant write this plan. There's no plan for a development as of right now. I will pass that suggestion on the Consultant, and I'll get back to you.

Mr. Meanor made a motion to approve the bills payable for August 2021 in the amount of \$33,215.60 to be paid from the General Fund. Seconded by Dr. Bengel. Motion carried.

Dr. Bengel made a motion to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$37,181.18 to be paid from the Bond Account. Seconded by Mr. Dizard. Motion carried.

Dr. Bengel made a motion to approve the paid bills to be ratified for July 2021 in the amount of \$104,583.49. Seconded by Mr. Meanor. Motion carried.

Ch. Heasley announced that the Board of Commissioners held an executive session prior to this Regular Meeting to address a legal matter.

Mr. Dizard made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2012 -Zoning map amendment, rezoning property along Freeport Road known as 2416 Freeport Road, Parcel No. 1679-J-221 from R-1 to B-1. Seconded by Mr. Meanor. Motion carried.

Mr. Dizard made a motion to hire Kelly Donahue as a School Crossing Guard at an hourly rate of \$12.00 per hour. Seconded by Dr. Bengel. Motion carried.

Dr. Bengel made a motion to approve Change No. 1 as presented by the Allegheny Valley North Council of Governments for Contract No. CD 45-3.11.1 reducing the total contract cost of \$30,150.00 to \$27,832.50. This contract is paid from Federal Grant Funds. Seconded by Mr. Dizard. Motion carried.

Mr. Dizard made a motion to award a demolition contract to Ron Gillette Inc., the low bid, in the amount of \$35,363.00, to demolish property at 42 and 44 Federal Street, and 27 BlueRidge Avenue, Natrona. Seconded by Mr. Meanor. Motion carried.

Mr. Dizard announced that the tree committee received approval from ATI to plant trees along the Federal Street parking lot in the fall.

Dr. Bengel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Meanor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:22

ATTEST:

  
Township Secretary

TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON

  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners