

HARMONY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
JANUARY 18, 2006

PAUL KOKOSKI  
CURT LARRICK  
JOHN CERMAK  
DONALD GUNTHER  
GLENN ANGUS, CHAIRMAN

DAMIAN, AMATO AND START, P.C. – RICHARD F. START, ESQUIRE  
NIRA CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. – FRANK LEMMON, JR.  
PAULA WINNE, TREASURER  
LYLA L. SWAN, SECRETARY

MR. CERMAK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 21, 2005  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES AND JANUARY 3, 2006  
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES. MR. LARRICK SECONDED THE  
MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED,

MR. KOKOSKI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
REPORT, MAGISTRATE REPORT, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT,  
ANIMAL WARDEN REPORT AND ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT. MR.  
GUNTHER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MR. GUNTHER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE LIST OF BILLS PAYABLE  
AS OF JANUARY 16, 2006 FOR THE GENERAL FUND, LIQUID FUELS FUND  
AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ROAD PROGRAM FUND. MR. CERMAK  
SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MR. KOKOSKI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT.  
MR. LARRICK SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE EXPLANATION OF NEW BUSINESS ITEMS AS  
LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

1. MR. KOKOSKI STATED THE ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE AT SEVEN SPRINGS RESORT IS SPONSORED BY THE ALLEGHENY LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES.
2. MR. ANGUS STATED THIS ITEM IS SELF-EXPLANATORY.
3. MR. ANGUS STATED HARRY OSWALD WILL BE PROMOTED TO FULL TIME, BUT WILL STILL BE PAID THE PART-TIME HOURLY RATE AND HE WILL RECEIVE A REDUCED PENSION CONTRIBUTION.
4. MR. ANGUS STATED THIS ITEM IS SEFL-EXPLANATORY.
5. MR. ANGUS EXPLAINED WITH THE REORGANIZED BOARD, NEW SIGNATURE CARDS MUST BE SIGNED FOR BANK ACCOUNTS.

6. MR. CERMAK EXPLAINED THE RESIDENTIAL RATE WILL BE INCREASED BY \$5.00 PER QUARTER AND IN ADDITION, THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL RATES WILL ALSO INCREASE ACCORDING TO THE FEE SCHEDULE. THESE INCREASES ARE DUE TO INCREASED COSTS CHARGED TO THE TOWNSHIP BY THE AMBRIDGE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY AND BADEN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY.
7. MR. ANGUS STATED THIS ITEM IS SELF-EXPLANATORY.
8. ATTORNEY START STATED THE TOWNSHIP'S CONTRACT WITH COMCAST HAS EXPIRED AND THERE WILL BE DISCUSSIONS FOR A NEW CONTRACT.
9. MR. CERMAK EXPLAINED THE EMERGENCY MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAX (FORMERLY OCCUPATION TAX) WOULD INCREASE IN THE TOWNSHIP FROM \$35.00 TO \$52.00. HE ADDED THE STATE AUTHORIZES UP TO \$52.00 AND THE ADDITIONAL REVENUE WILL ASSIST THE TOWNSHIP.
10. ATTORNEY START EXPLAINED THIS PROPOSED ORDINANCE WILL LAY THE GROUNDWORK TO CONSIDER CERTAIN AREAS IN THE TOWNSHIP FOR RESIDENT PARKING ONLY.
11. ATTORNEY START EXPLAINED THE HOUSE ON VALLEY ROAD THAT HAS SLIPPED AWAY IS READY TO COLLAPSE AND THE PROPER ACTIONS TOWARDS DEMOLITION MUST BE TAKEN.
12. MR. ANGUS STATED SOME TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS HAVE EXPIRED.

MIKE KUGA, HIGHLAND AVENUE

-QUESTIONED WHAT ORDINANCE THE BOARD IS GOING UNDER TO RAISE THE SEWAGE RATES. MR. START ASKED HOW THE SEWAGE RATES ARE CURRENTLY ESTABLISHED. MR. CERMAK STATED THE RATES HAVE BEEN INCREASED BY BOTH ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION AND EXPLAINED THE LEASEBACK AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY. MR. CERMAK ADDED THE LAST INCREASE WAS BY RESOLUTION. MR. CERMAK ADDED THE MOTION WOULD BE TO ADOPT THE SEWAGE RATES BY RESOLUTION. MR. KUGA REPLIED THERE WILL BE TROUBLE WITH THIS. MR. CERMAK REMINDED MR. KUGA THAT WHEN MR. KUGA WAS A COMMISSIONER, HE RAISED THE RATES THE SAME WAY.

PAT GUNTHER, MAYFIELD AVENUE

-QUESTIONED IF THE CONVENTION IS FOR COUNTY MEMBERS, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR STATE OFFICIALS. MR. KOKOSKI REPLIED IT IS ONLY FOR LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES. MRS. GUNTHER ASKED WHAT ITEMS ARE DISCUSSED. MR. KOKOSKI REPLIED AGENDAS ARE USUALLY PROVIDED. MRS. GUNTHER QUESTIONED, FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE COST TO ATTEND IS \$500.00 AND THE CONVENTION IS MOSTLY INFORMATIONAL, WHAT DO WE GET BACK FOR THE \$500.00. MR. KOKOSKI EXPLAINED OFFICIALS CAN TALK WITH PEOPLE REPRESENTING MANY MUNICIPALITIES AND COMPARE PROBLEMS AND RESOLUTIONS. MRS. GUNTHER QUESTIONED IF

THERE IS ANYTHING THAT ACTUALLY BENEFITS THE COMMUNITY. MR. ANGUS ADDED THAT THE BOARD IS LOOKING FORWARD TO RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM THE CONVENTION WHEN THE COMMISSIONER RETURNS.

MR. LARRICK MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT THE SEVEN SPRINGS CONVENTION. MR. KOKOSKI SECONDED THE MOTION. MR. CERMAK AND MR. GUNTHER VOTED AGAINST THE MOTION. MR. ANGUS VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

MR. GUNTHER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL #250 REGARDING HOURLY WAGE AND PENSION CONTRIBUTION FOR HARRY OSWALD. MR. KOKOSKI SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MR. CERMAK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROMOTION OF HARRY OSWALD FROM PART- TIME TO FULL- TIME ROAD DEPARTMENT LABORER. MR. LARRICK SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MR. KOKOSKI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE DONALD GUNTHER AS THE TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ENTERPRISE ZONE COMMITTEE. MR. CERMAK SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MR. CERMAK MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COMPLETION OF NEW SIGNATURE CARDS. MR. KOKOSKI SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MR. CERMAK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SEWAGE RATE INCREASES. MR. LARRICK SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MR. GUNTHER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE HOSPITALIZATION COVERAGE FOR RACHELLE ROBERTS AND HARRY OSWALD. MR. KOKOSKI SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MR. KOKOSKI MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SOLICITOR TO CONTACT COMCAST REGARDING A NEW CONTRACT. MR. LARRICK SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MR. LARRICK MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAX INCREASE FROM \$35.00 TO \$52.00. MR. CERMAK SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MR. KOKOSKI MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE PROPOSED RESIDENT PARKING ORDINANCE. MR. GUNTHER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MR. GUNTHER MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SOLICITOR TO PROCEED WITH PROPER NOTICES REGARDING THE DANGEROUS STRUCTURE ON VALLEY ROAD. MR. KOKOSKI SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MR. CERMAK MADE A MOTION TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENTS TO HARMONY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEES:  
PLANNING COMMISSION - ANTHONY SANGERMANO  
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION – CRAIG WINNE  
ZONING HEARING BOARD – JACK BEDALOTA

THE ENGINEERING REPORT WAS REVIEWED AT THE WORK SESSION AND IS ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES.

MRS. WINNE STATED THE TAX BILLS SHOULD BE PRINTED AND MAILED ON TIME. SHE ALSO STATED SHE WILL CONTACT THE SECRETARY FOR POSTAGE FUNDS.

MR. CERMAK MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 1991 FORD DUMP TRUCK WITH A MINIMUM BID ON \$5,500.00. MR. GUNTHER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

TO CLARIFY DISCUSSIONS BY THE BOARD REGARDING THE ATTENDENCE OF DINNERS AND CONVENTIONS, MR. CERMAK MADE A MOTION THAT COMMISSIONERS CAN TRAVEL TO ONLY ORGANIZATIONS THAT THE TOWNSHIP BELONGS TO WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL. MR. LARRICK SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

ROGER THOMAS, CARLSON DRIVE

-STATED HE MET WITH TWO COMMISSIONERS REGARDING A SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT IN HIS YARD. MR. THOMAS STATED HE SENT A LETTER TO CONFIRM THEIR AGREEMENT MADE AT THE TIME, BUT HE HAS HAD NO RESPONSE. MR. CERMAK STATED HE WAS ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS AND THAT THEY DID NOT AGREE TO ANYTHING AND IT WOULD HAVE TO GO BEFORE THE BOARD. MR. CERMAK ADDED IT WAS FORWARDED TO THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY FOR RECOMMENDATION. MR. THOMAS ASKED HOW THIS CAN BE SOLVED. ATTORNEY START ASKED IF THIS IS A SERVICE LINE. MR. CERMAK REPLIED YES AND THE ORIGINAL PLAN LINE WAS MOVED ABOUT 20', MAKING THE LATERAL LONGER AND MR. THOMAS WANTS COMPENSATED FOR THE EXTRA LENGTH. ATTORNEY START STATED THE TOWNSHIP HAS NOT AGREED TO PAY THE COST OF ANYONE'S LATERAL OR SERVICE LINE. ATTORNEY START ALSO ADVISED THE BOARD NOT TO AGREE TO PAY FOR ONE UNLESS THE BOARD IS PREPARED TO PAY FOR 80. ATTORNEY START TOLD MR. THOMAS THAT HE HAS NOT TAKEN STEPS TO EXTINGUISH HIS RIGHTS AND MR. THOMAS

CAN CONTEST. MR. THOMAS STATED HE DOES NOT WANT TO DO THAT.  
ATTORNEY START SUGGESTED TO MR. THOMAS THAT HE THEN SIGN THE  
EASEMENT.

MR. CERMAK MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MR. KOKOSKI  
SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

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