

Meeting The Regular Meeting of the Harmony Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Tipton. Mr. Tipton made the following announcement: “Adequate notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by providing a notice of the meeting to the Star Gazette and The Express-Times, posting a copy thereof on the Township bulletin board and filing a copy thereof in the office of the Municipal Clerk.” The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by the Mayor.

Roll Call Present Mayor Tipton, Deputy Mayor Yamrock and Committeeman Cornely.

Presentation Elaina Gable from Heyer & Gruel presented the Sustainable Economic Development Plan draft. She asked if there were any comments. Mayor Tipton stated he did not have any additional comments. Mr. Cornely said that there are several lots available, one being Transmix quarry. Ms. Gable also provided the Farmland Preservation plan. Mr. Tipton said he is fine with it as long as the Farmland Preservation committee has reviewed it. The plans have to go to the Land Use Board for consideration and then need to be adopted. Mr. Tipton stated the Fair Share Housing Plan needs to be done again. A grant for \$25,000 was given to do this.

Consent Agenda Motion by Yamrock and seconded by Cornely and carried unanimously by roll call vote to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

Municipal Engineer – Mr. Weber brought the committee up to date on the Reeder Road agreement with Rotundi. There has been no proposal by Rotundi yet. The dumpster they are to provide is questionable. Information is still required on what is expected.

Harmony Sand and Gravel Update – only about 5 hours of excavation have been performed up to August 15th and about another 5 hours since then according to their report Gene just received. He said the progress is not as expected. Top soil is being moved and stock piled on the power line side. It appears to have a lot of large rock in it, Mr. Weber took the position that this was not acceptable because the rocks are 6” or larger and if they put down 6” of topsoil this will not work. Mr. Weber also thinks there was an agreement and discussion at a previous site meeting that they were going to use topsoil that was previously on the site and had been stripped off. The engineer hired by Star D had visited the site and looked at the material and it was agreed that the large rock fragments were not going to be acceptable so he believes that everyone should know that but the problem is that after they were advised it’s not acceptable that they continued to move in the topsoil with that type of stone content in it. Gene wanted the committee to know that he’s taking that same kind of position and will notify them again that it’s not acceptable unless the committee has some different feeling about it. Mayor Tipton said he thought they were just bring back what was originally there. Mr. Weber said that they did say that, Mayor Tipton asked if that was accurate. Mr. Weber said he has no way of knowing because he wasn’t around when that material was stripped off so he has no way of knowing. Mr. Weber said it may not matter because both side have made an agreement when they were looking at the agreement they were going to use that the stuff larger than 3” was not going to be acceptable. Mr. Weber’s opinion is that they should be

held to that. Mayor Tipton asked about their position they took about blading off the rocks. Mr. Weber said that may be an option but he would have to talk to them about it to see what it means. He doesn't know how that would work. He thinks it needs to be screened or picked by hand. Mayor Tipton requested a representative to attend at the next meeting. Mr. Weber will talk to their engineer again and advise him that the material has to be screened to get the large rocks out and find out what their plan is. Gene will try to get this worked out before they are requested to come back in.

Mr. Duveneck discussed the salt shed bid specification. He said there are several ways to go to put this out to bid. Mr. Cornely contacted Clear Span and to Jack Templeton. The quote for \$21,000 was received which would include the engineered drawings and the top delivered, not installed. It will take about 100 blocks to build up the bottom course. The floor could be paved. Mr. Cornely thinks if he could use the Road Department, put it out to bid for the roof and for the block, he thinks the DPW could put the pavement down. He thinks it should be \$60,000 tops. He is looking for options or suggestions. Attorney Campbell will review the options for bidding.

The Bisco project is almost completed and it was tested. There was not any problem after all the test was done. Nevitt will follow up with the DPW to finalize.

The oil and chip program was discussed. He reviewed what Mr. Fox determined needed to be done. It will be 3 roadways, or 7 miles and the budgetary amount for the 7 miles for the oil and chip utilizing Warren County to spread the stone and the oil from their bid will be \$136,000 for the 7 miles. Mr. Cornely indicated that he could probably cut that back if necessary. He noted that money might need to be moved over to legal. Mayor Tipton recommended doing the full program. It was the consensus to do the 7 miles.

Mr. Duveneck stated that Mr. Fox indicated to him that Old Belvidere Road is in need of overlay. Based on the length and width it would be about 130 tons of asphalt required. The DPW would do this work with Lopatcong shared services and the budgetary amount for that would be \$20,160.00. Mr. Cornely said this would be out of capital. The Brainards paving project needs to be considered at this time. The check was received from Aqua. Mayor Tipton asked if Mr. Weber would handle the Brainards paving and Mr. Duveneck will handle the Old Belvidere Road Paving project.

Mr. Weber stated that the DOT grant application is due soon. Roads were discussed. Ridge and River Road will be submitted.

Resolutions:

R:15-34

HARMONY TOWNSHIP

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARMONY, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE NO. 2013-003 ON BLOCK 5, LOT 39

WHEREAS, at the Harmony Township Municipal Tax Sale held on October 16, 2013 a lien was sold on Block 5 Lot 39 also known as 3952 River Road for 2012 delinquent taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2013-003 was struck off to the Township of Harmony for 18% interest; and recorded at Warren County Clerk's Office on December 12, 2013 on 5971-76.

WHEREAS, Property owner has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No.2013-003 in the amount of \$703.70.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 4th day of August 2015 that the Mayor & Township Clerk sign Tax Sale Certificate 2013-003 for cancellation.

CERTIFICATION

I, Kelley D. Smith, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Harmony, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Township Committee at a meeting held on Tuesday, August 17, 2015.

Kelley D. Smith

Harmony Township
Warren County, State of New Jersey
Resolution R:15-35

A Resolution Authorizing Landmark I Appraisal, LLC To Provide Appraisal Services For Block 21/Lot 42 For Farmland Preservation/Open Space Purposes

Whereas, The Township has determined that there is a need to enter into a professional services agreement with Landmark I Appraisal, LLC to provide appraisal services on Block 21/Lot 42 for farmland preservation purposes; and

Whereas, funds are available for this purpose; and

Whereas, the Local Public Contracts Law (NJSA 40A:11-5 et seq) requires that the resolution authorizing the award for Professional Services without competitive bid and the contract itself must be available for public inspection.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harmony, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The Township of Harmony hereby authorizes the execution of a professional services agreement with Landmark I Appraisal, LLC as outlined in the July 29, 2015 proposal in the amount of \$1,805.00;
2. A notice of this contract shall be printed in the official newspaper of the Township of Harmony.

I, Kelley D. Smith, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Harmony, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Harmony Township Committee at a meeting held on August 17, 2015.

Kelley D. Smith
Municipal Clerk

Harmony Township
Warren County, State of New Jersey
Resolution R:15-36

A Resolution Authorizing Robert F. Heffernan Associates To Provide Appraisal Services For Block 21/Lot 42 For Farmland Preservation/Open Space Purposes

Whereas, The Township has determined that there is a need to enter into a professional services agreement with Robert F. Heffernan Associates to provide appraisal services on Block 21/Lot 42 for farmland preservation purposes; and

Whereas, funds are available for this purpose; and

Whereas, the Local Public Contracts Law (NJSA 40A:11-5 et seq) requires that the resolution authorizing the award for Professional Services without competitive bid and the contract itself must be available for public inspection.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harmony, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The Township of Harmony hereby authorizes the execution of a professional services agreement with Robert F. Heffernan Associates as outlined in the July 29, 2015 proposal in the amount of \$1,875.00;
2. A notice of this contract shall be printed in the official newspaper of the Township of Harmony.

I, Kelley D. Smith, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Harmony, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Harmony Township Committee at a meeting held on August 17, 2015.

Kelley D. Smith
Municipal Clerk

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1. Letter from State of NJ; Highlands Planning Council
2. Approval of Agriculture Retention & Farmland Preservation Plan Scope of Work. Authorizing Professional to begin work on these tasks not to exceed \$20,000 of grant allocation.
3. Information on Cannonsville Dam from OEM
4. Letter from State of NJ; Department of Agriculture indicating gypsy moth defoliation in our municipality.
5. Letter from State of NJ; Ag Development Committee providing information on the new NJ Land Link Website

6. NJ League of Municipalities Conference; November 17-19, Registration information
7. Email from Highlands Council Affordable Housing Plan Conformance Grant
8. Lopatcong Township Notice of Sign Regulation Ordinance

New

Business

Green Acres has advised that some of the properties are out of compliance. Discussion ensued. It was determined that the letter indicated a reinspection will take place. The Township Attorney will be asked to follow up on this to see exactly what they expect.

A Green Acres meeting will be held to discuss safety issues with the Brainards area accessing the river from their parcels.

Old

Business

Project

1. Budget Estimate by NJ Engineering; Millbrook Road Resurfacing
2. R15-26; Resolution of memorialization Harmony Sand and Gravel Quarrying Permit – Carry due to no progress.
3. A Resolution Dedicating Recreational Field in Memory of Nathaniel Haggerty (Jason Curreri to follow up) - Carry

Voucher

Motion by Yamrock second by Cornely and carried by roll call to approve the voucher list.

Public

Comments

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis indicated Twin Rivers is the company operating the tubing activity along Goat Farm. They are creating a safety hazard and they are littering. Buses of patrons are being dropped off and they are unloading on the street. This is happening all week long. Mayor Tipton will follow up and try to find a way to stop the problems. Mrs. Lewis said there is a boat ramp that was left from Yzierski demolition. Mrs. Lewis said this should be removed it has no use. Discussion ensued about the problems in these areas. Mayor Tipton said we can take care of the boat ramp he wasn't aware that there was one there yet. Mayor Tipton stated that one requirement is that the Township has to maintain the properties and the object has always been to let them grow back to their natural state. Mayor Tipton said the problems are going to be addressed.

Adjournment

Motion by Yamrock seconded by Cornely and carried unanimously to adjourn.