

**TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA
COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2017
7:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

I. Opening Procedures

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call

II. Recognizing Employees with 20 Years of Service

- A. Ronald Heisel

III. Approval of Minutes

- A. Council Combined Regular Meeting – October 10, 2017

IV. Finance

- A. Vouchers – October 2017
- B. Receipts and Expenditures Records – September 2017
- C. Treasurer's Report

V. Reports

- A. Other Organizations and Agencies Reports

Individual Council members may have reports for the rest of Council and audience concerning certain organizations and agencies (North Hills COG, etc.).

- B. Monthly Departmental Reports

Council may have questions or comments concerning the written monthly reports at this time.

- C. Manager's Report

Council may have questions or comments concerning the Manager's written monthly report at this time, or the Manager may have additional information to report.

VI. Old Business

A. Ordinance – Second Reading and Adoption

- (1) Amending the Township Civil Service Rules and Regulations B-51-2017

The Township Civil Service Commission has reviewed the Rules and Regulations and has offered recommendations to expedite the process to create an Eligibility List and modernize the regulations.

VII. New Business

A. Ordinances – Introduction for First Reading

- (1) B-55-2017: Adopting the Township Budget for the Year 2018

The attached ordinance adopts the proposed year 2018 Township budget of \$17,081,929. The proposed budget will be reviewed by Council during a special workshop scheduled for November 21st, and will most likely be changed before final adoption.

- (2) B-56-2017: Enacting the Real Estate Tax Levy for the Year 2018

The attached ordinance establishes the year 2018 Township real estate tax rate at 1.725 mills per the proposed year 2018 Township budget, which is the same millage rate as in 2017.

- (3) B-57-2017: Enacting the Earned Income Tax Levy Under Act 62 for the Year 2018

The attached ordinance establishes the year 2018 earned income tax levy under Act 62 at .3%, the same rate as in 2017 and for the past fifteen years. Act 62 requires that the earned income tax levied under the Act be enacted each year. The Township also levies an earned income tax of .5% under Act 511, which does not have to be enacted each year.

- (4) B-58-2017: Enacting the Real Estate Transfer Tax Levy Under Act 62 for the Year 2018

The attached ordinance establishes the year 2018 real estate transfer tax levy under Act 62 at .5%. Act 62 requires that the transfer tax levied under the Act be enacted each year. The Township also levies a real estate transfer tax of .5% under Act 511, which does not have to be enacted each year.

- (5) B-59-2017: Establishing a Real Estate Tax Rebate Program for the Year 2018

Per Act 77 of 1993, as amended, the Township established a real estate tax rebate program for the last several years. The attached ordinance establishes the same program in 2018 as we had this year. Research has not produced a program that would be more beneficial to Township residents, as the laws are limited. The program as proposed allows for an eligible

resident to receive a rebate of 25% of the increase in 2018 Township real estate taxes paid over the amount of taxes paid in 2017.

B. Resolution

- (1) B-60-2017: Establishing the 2018 Employee Contribution Rate for the Police Pension Plan

The attached resolution establishes the employee contribution to the police pension plan in 2018 at 3.0% of compensation. Without this action by Council, the employee contribution rate would be 5% of compensation as mandated by State law.

C. Motion

- (1) Approving the 2018 Council Meeting Dates and Time

A list of proposed 2018 Council meeting dates and time was provided to Council for approval.

- (2) Amending the Recreational Fire Policy

Allegheny County Health Department has informed the Township about changes in regulations pertaining to recreational fires. The Township proposes to amend the Recreational Fire Policy in order to meet the new requirements. Council approved a Recreational Fire Policy in May of 2008.

- (3) Appointment to Township Civil Service Commission

Council conducted interviews in September of Township residents that had expressed an interest in servicing on the Civil Service Commission.

- (4) Reappointment to the Fox Chapel Authority Board

Richard Sikon, representative on the Fox Chapel Authority Board, has requested Council to consider his reappointment to serve another five-year term.

- (5) Appointment to the Fox Chapel Authority Board

Eric Nolder has submitted a letter of resignation from the Fox Chapel Authority Board. Council suggested staff contact other individuals previously interviewed for other vacancies to inquire of an interest to fill the vacancy on the Fox Chapel Authority Board. The term will expire December 31, 2018.

VIII. Communications

- A. Citizens
- B. Council
- C. Staff

IX. Adjournment

X. Executive Session – Labor and Legal Matters