

TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA
COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2018
Immediately Following Public Hearing
AGENDA

I. Opening Procedures

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

- A. Council Workshop – November 7, 2018
- B. Council Regular Meeting – November 13, 2018

A motion will be needed to approve the subject Minutes, followed by a second to the motion and a **voice vote**.

III. Finance

- A. Vouchers – November 2018

A motion will be needed to approve the subject Vouchers, followed by a second to the motion and a **voice vote**.

- B. Receipts and Expenditures Records – October 2018

A motion will be needed to approve the subject Expenditures Records, followed by a second to the motion and a **voice vote**.

- C. Treasurer's Report

Ted Curran, Township Treasurer, will be giving a brief report concerning the status of the Township's finances.

IV. 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.

V. Old Business

A. Ordinance – Second Reading and Adoption

- (1) B-39-2018: Amending the Township Zoning Map to Identify the New R-4 Special Moderate Density Residential District

Council tabled action on the subject ordinance at the October 9th regular meeting as a result of a wish to further review the map. After receiving input from some citizens and additional discussion at the November 7th and December 4th workshops, the map for R-4 has been revised slightly.

- (2) B-61-2018: Restating the Township Stormwater Management Ordinance and Repealing Ordinance Numbers 1295 and 1296

The ordinance was prepared by Lennon Smith Souleret Engineering, Inc. in accordance with Allegheny County Act 167 Plan requirements and the Township's NPDES Permit for MS4. The changes address the requirements of Allegheny County Act 167 Model Ordinance and the PA DEP 2022 MS4 Model Ordinance, while repealing prior stormwater and MS4 ordinances.

- (3) B-62-2018: Adopting the Township Budget for the Year 2019

The ordinance adopts the proposed year 2019 Township budget. The numbers will be updated on Tuesday to account for all expenditures and revenues to date. A revised ordinance will be provided prior to the meeting.

- (4) B-63-2018: Enacting the Real Estate Tax Levy for the Year 2019

The ordinance establishes the year 2019 Township real estate tax rate at 1.9 mils per the proposed year 2019 Township budget. The real estate tax rate is an increase of .175 from the 2018 tax rate of 1.725 mils.

- (5) B-64-2018: Enacting the Earned Income Tax Levy Under Act 62 for the Year 2019

The ordinance establishes the year 2019 earned income tax levy under Act 62 at .3%, the same rate as in 2018. 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.

- (6) B-65-2018: Enacting the Real Estate Transfer Tax Levy Under Act 62 for the Year 2019

The ordinance establishes the year 2019 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.

- (7) B-66-2018: Establishing a Real Estate Tax Rebate Program for the Year 2019

Per Act 77 of 1993, as amended, the Township established a real estate tax rebate program for the last several years. The ordinance establishes the same program in 2019 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 2019 Township real estate taxes paid over the amount of taxes paid in 2018.

VI. New Business

A. Ordinance – Introduction for First Reading

- (1) B-69-2018: Amending the Township Sewer Rates

The ordinance establishes a new sanitary sewer charge of \$2.35 per 1,000 gallons compared to the 2017 rate of \$2.25, and new customer service charge of \$5.75 compared to the 2017 rate of \$5.65. The increase is necessary primarily due to additional expenses related to the Administrative Consent Order.

B. Resolutions

- (1) B-70-2018: Granting Minor Subdivision Approval to the Oblinger Plan of Lots

It has been proposed by Russel Oblinger, owner of parcel 286-C-94 located along Dorseyville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238, to subdivide the parcel for the purpose of building a one story home. The Township Planning Commission reviewed the application at its November 19th meeting and has recommended that Council approve the plan subject to one condition, as listed in the proposed resolution.

- (2) B-71-2018: Recognizing the Services of Dr. Alvin Kinsel

The proposed resolution recognizes the services of Dr. Kinsel. Dr. Kinsel served on the Township Parks and Recreation Commission from 1965 to 1968 and on the Zoning Hearing Board for a total of 32 years. Dr. Kinsel has decided to retire from serving on the Zoning Hearing Board. It has been Council's past practice to recognize the volunteers that have served on various Township Boards and Commissions.

- (3) B-72-2018: Authorizing the Transfer of Liquor License into the Township – Mercurio’s 2

Marc Schneider of Steele Schneider law firm has submitted a request for an inter-municipal transfer of restaurant liquor license No. R-12407 on behalf of Mercurio’s 2, Inc. from Humdingers, 1840 Union Avenue, Natrona Heights, PA 15065. Mercurio’s, intends to serve beer and wine in an upscale pizza restaurant located at 1335 Freeport Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238. As required, a Public Hearing was conducted prior to the Regular Council Meeting to receive public comments concerning the application.

- (4) B-73-2018: Authorizing a Request to Advertise to Receive Bids for the Upper Powers Run Sanitary Sewer / Fox Chapel Interconnect

Township Engineer Chuck Steinert is requesting authorization to receive bids for the Upper Powers Run Sanitary Sewer Contract. This project allows for the replacement of 2,500 feet of sewer and provides an interconnect with Fox Chapel Borough’s sanitary sewer system. The project will be funded with grant funds in the amount of \$313,881, plus the required match from Fox Chapel Borough.

- (5) B-74-2018: Authorizing the Purchase of Public Service Department Equipment

Public Service Superintendent Loren Kephart is requesting authorization to purchase a Case CX57C Compact Excavator demo in the amount of \$60,327.50, which includes a trade-in. The 2019 budgeted allocation to replace the 2006 Bobcat Excavator/Backhoe is \$68,000. By purchasing the demo in 2018 the Township will receive a \$7,672.50 savings. The purchase will be included in the 2018 Budget amendment in January.

- (6) B-75-2018: Restating the Township Fee Resolution

Each year staff reviews the fees, and adjustments are recommended for the use of Township Police Officers and Public Service Employees addressing private property issues.

C. Motion

- (1) Certifying the List of Eligible Volunteers at Volunteer Fire Company/Department and Emergency Medical Service Agency to Receive a Local Tax Credit

A List of Eligible Volunteers for the Local Tax Credit in accordance with Act 172 of 2016 has been submitted. Council is requested to certify the list.

VII. Communications

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

VIII. Adjournment

IX. Executive Session – Legal and Labor Matters