

**TOWNSHIP OF O’HARA
COUNCIL VIRTUAL WORKSHOP
APRIL 6, 2021
7:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

Join Zoom Meeting Time: April 6, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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I. Opening Procedures

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

II. Visitors

- A. PWSA Water Quality Presentation

Representatives of Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (“PWSA”) will present steps taken to ensure water quality.

- B. Tom Powers – Presentation of O’Hara Township Community Park Historic Signs

Tom Powers will present the proposed Historic Signs for the O’Hara Township Community Park. The signs were presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission at the March 24th meeting. The Commission has recommended to Council that approval of the signs be granted.

III. Citizens Comments Concerning Non-Agenda Items

IV. Review and Discussion

- A. Proposed Ordinance Amending the Township Home Rule Charter to be Gender Neutral

The proposed ordinance prepared by the Township Solicitor, provides for a ballot question to the electors for the November 2021 election, concerning an amendment to the Township Home Rule Charter with regard to changing the Charter to be gender neutral. If first read at the April 13th regular meeting, Council could move the ordinance to a Public Hearing and adoption in May or June, and still make the County Board of Elections cutoff.

- B. Proposed Ordinance Amending the Township Home Rule Charter Concerning Removal of Political Affiliation Requirement for Appointments to Vacant Council Seats

The proposed ordinance prepared by the Township Solicitor, provides for a ballot question to the electors for the November 2021 election, concerning an amendment to the Township Home Rule Charter with regard to removing the political affiliation requirement for appointments to vacant Council seats. If first read at the April 13th regular meeting, Council could move it to a Public Hearing and adoption in May or June, and still make the County Board of Elections cutoff.

- C. Recommending Adoption of the 2020 Allegheny County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Emergency Management Coordinator Tom Heilmann is recommending the Township adopt the updated Allegheny County Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

- D. Recommending Awarding of the 2021 Road Improvement Program Contract

Bids were received by Fox Chapel Borough for the 2021 Road Improvement Program on March 15th. It is recommended that the Township award the Base Bid to Shields Paving in the amount of \$413,349, which includes the milling and resurfacing of Kappa Drive, Weir Drive, Meadow Heights Drive, Joanne Street (north and south), Alleyne Drive, Dowling Drive, Division Street, Sacco Park parking lot, and Village Drive; and Add Alternates No. 6 (Fox Ridge Farms Drive), No. 7 (Davonshire Drive), No. 9 (Village Drive), No. 10 (Emily Drive), No. 11 (Fairgrove Drive), and No. 12 (Queens Court) in the amount of \$260,354.76. The Total Cost of all roads is \$673,703.76. The 2021 budget allocation for the Road Improvement Program is \$1,100,000.

- E. Requesting Authorization to Execute a Joint Municipal Agreement for the Ravine Street Stream Removal Project GROW Grant

The ALCOSAN Grow Grant for the Ravine Street Stream Removal Project requires the execution of a Joint Municipal Agreement between the Township, ALCOSAN, Sharpsburg Borough and Shaler Township. The agreement is acceptable to our Solicitor.

- F. Recommending Acceptance of Spring Commodities Bids Received by the South Hills Council of Governments Purchasing Alliance

The South Hills Area Council of Governments received bids for its spring commodities contracts on March 12th. Staff is requesting authorization to accept the bids in order to secure the quoted prices on an as needed basis.

- G. Requesting Authorization to Purchase Public Service Department Equipment

Public Service Superintendent Loren Kephart is requesting authorization to purchase one Backhoe from Groff Tractor and Equipment, Inc., Cranberry, PA through CoStars Purchasing Alliance Contract. The cost of the new backhoe under the CoStars Contract is \$123,543.55, less the trade in value of \$19,850 for the Township's 1998 580-L Backhoe, and vendor discount of \$10,430.55 for a total purchase price of \$93,263. The purchase

price will be shared between the General Fund and the Sewer Fund. The 2021 budgeted allocation for Public Service Department equipment is \$114,378.

H. Requesting Authorization to Execute a Joint Municipal Agreement for Glass Recycling Program with the Borough of Blawnox and Borough of Aspinwall

A memo from Julie Jakubec explains how a Glass Recycling Program would function. The Boroughs of Blawnox and Aspinwall have also expressed desire to participate in the program and share any related costs equally.

I. Discussion of Extending the Discounted Real Estate Tax Deadline

The Allegheny County Treasurer has announced the extension of the discounted real estate tax deadline by 30 days. Staff wishes to discuss with Council the possibility of also extending the Township discounted real estate tax deadline.

J. Application for Banner Community Status

Part of the requirements for the Township to be considered a “Banner Community” include promoting local government. The Township has provided various support resources and virtual activities for the public during the COVID-19 Pandemic, as well as the Township’s bi-annual collection of leaves and brush that promote local government.

K. Recommendation from Parks and Recreation Commission Concerning Park Rules and Regulations

During a recent review of the Township Parks Rules and Regulations, the Township Parks and Recreation Commission has recommended amending the rules to prohibit smoking of any devices and all tobacco products in all Township parks.

L. Proposed Agreement with Fox Chapel Area Youth Soccer Association Relative to Updates to the Boyd Soccer Field and Continued Use

Fox Chapel Area Youth Soccer Association presented a proposal to the Township Parks and Recreation Commission regarding updates and maintenance of the Boyd Soccer Field, including a monetary contribution for the updates and maintenance. In exchange, the Soccer Association requests continued use of the soccer field, as has been past practice, for seven (7) years with options for renewal for a period in total of 20 years. This will not prohibit Lauri Ann West Community Center or the general public from using the fields. Usage volume by the Soccer Association is not changing.

M. Recognizing John Millburn

John Millburn, Township Police Officer, has decided to retire after serving the community for 37 years. It has been past practice to recognize retirees.

N. Recognizing George McBriar

George McBriar, Fire Chief of Blawnox Volunteer Fire Company, has decided to retire. It has been past practice to recognize volunteers that assist the Township.

O. Recognizing John Simmons

John Simmons, Assistant Fire Chief of Blawnox Volunteer Fire Company, has decided to retire. It has been past practice to recognize volunteers that assist the Township.

P. Proposed Proclamation Recognizing the Services of PA One Call

Council's consideration is being requested regarding the recognition of PA One Call and the services they provide.

Q. Solicitors March 18, 2021 Invoice

Council was provided a copy of the subject invoice for review.

R. Proposed Agenda for the April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting

Council was provided a copy of the proposed April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda for review and approval.

V. Concerns of Council

VI. Concerns of Staff

VII. Adjournment

VIII. Executive Session - Labor and Legal Matters