

**TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MAY 7, 2024
AGENDA
7:00 P.M.**

I. Opening Procedures

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

II. Announcement

Council conducted an Executive Session via zoom.com on April 25, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Council also met prior to the May 7, 2024 Workshop for the purpose of interviewing residents that expressed interest in serving on various Boards and Commission to fill vacancies.

III. Citizen Comments Concerning Non-Agenda Items

IV. Review and Discussion

- A. Request for Reapproval of the Strausser-Talukdar Minor Subdivision Plan (a)

Council approved the subject Plan during the January 9, 2024 regular meeting. The applicant failed to record the plan within the required timeframe. The Plan involves a lot line revision between parcel 356-M-130 and parcel 357-J-30. The revised lots will meet the minimum requirement for lot area in the R-4 Special Moderate Density Residential Zoning District. If acceptable, the attached proposed resolution will be included for consideration on the May 14, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

- B. Authorizing Participation in the North Hills COG Sodium Chloride Contract Base Year II (a)

The North Hills Council of Governments received and opened bids May 25, 2023 for the purchase of sodium chloride. This year is Base Year II under the contract with Morton Salt, the lowest responsible bidder and the cost per ton is \$84.22, compared to the 2023-2024 price of \$81.77. If acceptable, the attached proposed resolution will be included on the May 14, 2024 regular meeting agenda for consideration.

- C. Requesting Authorization to Participate in Verizon Franchise Renewal Services with Cohen Law Group Through the North Hills Council of Governments (a)

Cohen Law Group has submitted a proposal to the North Hills Council of Governments for legal services to assist member municipalities in preparing Verizon Franchise Renewal Services. The attached proposed resolution authorizes the Township's participation in the

proposal submitted by Cohen Law Group. If acceptable, the resolution will be included for consideration on the May 14, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

D. Update on Discussions with Blawnox Police Department About Combining Police Departments

Township staff and Blawnox Borough staff met to further discuss the possibility of combining the Blawnox Police Department under the Township of O'Hara Police Department. Staff will provide a verbal update for Council.

E. Update on Discussion Among O'Hara Fire Departments and Blawnox Volunteer Fire Company About Joint Recruiting, Retention, Training and Capital Purchasing

Representatives from both municipalities and fire departments met to discuss joint training, purchasing and recruitment. Staff will provide a verbal update for Council.

F. Veteran's Fish Rodeo – May 8, 2024

Once again, the Morningside VFW will be sponsoring the Fifteenth Annual Fish Rodeo at O'Hara Township Community Park on May 8th beginning at 10:00 a.m.

G. Proposed May 14, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda

Attached for Council's review is the proposed May 14, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

V. Concerns of Council

VI. Concerns of Staff

VII. Adjournment

VIII. Executive Session – Labor and Legal Matters

BILL NO. B- _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA GRANTING
REAPPROVAL TO THE STRAUSSER – TALUKDAR MINOR
SUBDIVISION PLAN**

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. R-2-2024, minor subdivision approval was granted to the Strausser - Talukdar of Lots; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (“MPC”) requires that final plats shall be recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds within ninety (90) days of such approval; and

WHEREAS, the property owners did not record the plat within the ninety (90) day period and has requested Council to reapprove the plat; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of O’Hara hereby grants Reapproval to the Strausser - Talukdar Minor Subdivision Plan, located along Saxonburg Boulevard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Reapproval of said Minor Subdivision Plan does not authorize site development, the construction of buildings or structures, or the sale of lots unless and until the Plan has been recorded with the Allegheny County Recorder or Deeds as provided in the Township of O’Hara Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance; and the applicant has been issued grading, building, and/or other required permits or approvals.

RESOLVED by Council vote of ___ to ___ on this ___ day of _____, 2024.

TOWNSHIP OF O’HARA

ATTEST:

Julie A. Jakubec, CPA, CGMA
Township Manager

Cassandra R. Eccles
President of Council

Adopted _____

BILL NO. _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA AUTHORIZING THE
EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF
SODIUM CHLORIDE FROM MORTON SALT FOR BASE YEAR II**

WHEREAS, bids were previously received by the North Hills Council of Governments on May 25, 2023 for the purchase of sodium chloride with an Option Year II for the 2024 - 2025 winter season; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Township Administrative Code, the Base Year II bid from Morton Salt, the low bidder, was reviewed by the North Hills Council of Governments Bid Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Base Year II bid from Morton Salt was determined to be acceptable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of O'Hara that the bid for the purchase of sodium chloride be awarded to Morton Salt, Chicago, IL, based on the bid price of \$84.22, delivered, for the 2024-2025 winter season, and that the Township Manager be authorized to execute an agreement with Morton Salt.

RESOLVED by Council vote of ___ to ___ on _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA

Julie A. Jakubec, CPA, CGMA
Township Manager

Cassandra R. Eccles
President of Council

Adopted: _____

BILL NO. _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA AUTHORIZING
PARTICIPATION IN VERIZON CABLE FRANCHISE RENEWAL
SERVICES WITH COHEN LAW GROUP THROUGH THE NORTH HILLS
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

WHEREAS, the North Hills Council of Governments ("COG") was formed to allow for regional planning and coordination of local government issues and to create an alliance for obtaining more competitive rates on the purchase of various goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the COG currently consists of fifteen (15) member municipalities in Allegheny County ("the Municipal Members"); and

WHEREAS, Cohen Law Group has submitted a proposal to the COG for Verizon Franchise Renewal Services on behalf of all Municipal Members of the COG that elect to participate in said services; and

WHEREAS, by acting together, the Municipal Members of the COG that elect to participate in the Verizon Franchise Renewal Services will negotiate with Verizon from a position of strength and therefore benefit the general public.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of O'Hara this _____ day of _____, 2024 that the Township elects to participate as a Municipal Member of the COG in the Verizon Franchise Renewal Services with the following provisions:

1. Each Municipal Member that elects to participate in the Verizon Franchise Renewal Services shall share the cost of the legal and other expenses associated with said services in accordance with a formula developed by the COG.

RESOLVED by Council vote of ___ to ___ on this _____ day of _____, 2024.

TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA

ATTEST:

Julie A. Jakubec, CPA
Township Manager

Cassandra R. Eccles
President of Council

Adopted _____

**TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA
COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MAY 14, 2024
PROPOSED AGENDA
7:00 P.M.**

I. OPENING PROCEDURES

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

II. ANNOUNCEMENT

Council also met prior to the May 7, 2024 Workshop for the purpose of interviewing residents that expressed interest in serving on various Boards and Commission to fill vacancies.

III. MINUTES

- A. Council Combined Workshop and Regular Meeting – April 9, 2024

IV. FINANCE

- A. Vouchers – April 2024
- B. Receipts and Expenditures Records – March 2024
- C. Treasurer's Report

V. REPORTS

- A. Other Organizations and Agencies Reports
- B. Monthly Departmental Reports
- C. Manager's Report

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolutions
 - (1) Granting Reapproval of the Strausser-Talukdar Minor Subdivision Plan
 - (2) Authorizing Participation in the North Hills COG Sodium Chloride Contract Base Year II and Execution of Said Contract
 - (3) Authorizing Participation in Verizon Franchise Renewal Services with Cohen Law Group Through the North Hills Council of Governments

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VII. CITIZENS COMMENTS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. CONCERNS OF COUNCIL

IX. CONCERNS OF STAFF

X. ADJOURNMENT

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – LABOR AND LEGAL MATTERS