

**TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA
COUNCIL COMBINED VIRTUAL WORKSHOP
AND REGULAR MEETING
JULY 13, 2021
7:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

Join Zoom Meeting Time: July 13, 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. Announcement

Council convened at 6:10 p.m. this evening in order to interview residents that have volunteered to fill vacancies on the Civil Service Commission, Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board.

III. Approval of Minutes

- A. Council Combined Workshop and Regular Meeting – June 8, 2021

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

IV. Finance

- A. Vouchers – June 2021

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 – May 2021

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

C. Treasurer's Report

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

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. Review / Discussion / Possible Action

A. B-49-2021: Application for Minor Subdivision – Fanning / Park Place Associates Plan of Lots

It has been proposed by James Fanning, owner of parcel 228-J-247, and Park Place Associates, owner of parcel 228-J-150 located in Chapel Harbor at the Water, to revise the lot line between the parcels. Both parcels are located in the SM (Suburban Manufacturing District) zoning district. The Township Planning Commission reviewed the application during its scheduled June 21st meeting and has recommended that Council approve the Plan. If acceptable, a motion will be needed to approve resolution Bill No. B-49-2021 followed by a second to the motion and a **roll call vote**.

B. B-50-2021: Recognizing the Services of Barbara Simanek on the Zoning Hearing Board

Barbara Simanek submitted her resignation from the Township Zoning Hearing Board. It has been past practice to recognize residents that have served on Township Boards and Commissions. If acceptable, a motion will be needed to approve resolution Bill No. B-50-2021 followed by a second to the motion and a **roll call vote**.

C. B-44-2021: Clarifying the Current Vacancy Election Procedure Consistent with 1983 Ballot Referendum

The 1983 ballot question asked if the Home Rule Charter should be amended so appointed Council Members can serve until the next general municipal election, rather than the next election, as it is in the current Charter. The electorate voted in favor of the Charter change.

However, in 1983, the way the ordinance was written, it did not actually amend the Charter. The proposed ordinance would amend the Home Rule Charter as decided by the electorate. The proposed ordinance was tabled at the June 8th combined workshop and regular meeting and is attached for Council's consideration. If acceptable, a motion will be needed to **introduce** ordinance Bill No. B-44-2021, followed by a second to the motion and a **voice vote**.

D. Request for Crosswalks at Fox Chapel, Freeport and Old Freeport Roads Intersection

Bethany Carney sent an email explaining pedestrian crossing concerns at the subject intersection. Township Engineer Chuck Steinert, Jr. reviewed the intersection and will provide a verbal report of his findings.

E. Review of Possible Council Packet Information Availability to the Public

A memo outlining items to be made public with the Council agenda packets, including additional items based on prior discussion during the June 8th meeting, was provided to Council for consideration. If approved by Council, additional items would be watermarked accordingly, i.e. draft 1, draft 2, unaudited, and dated and included on the Township website. Council requested additional time to review the items listed and consider other possible items that may be made public with the agendas.

F. Parks and Recreation Commission Recommendation for Historic Signs in O'Hara Township Community Park

The historic signs for O'Hara Township Community Park have been ordered and most likely will be installed this summer. The Township Parks and Recreation Commission has recommended announcing that the signs have been installed through social media, followed by a dedication ceremony in the fall. If acceptable, staff will proceed as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

G. Renaming of the Creek Behind O'Hara Township Community Park

Council, by majority vote, agreed to change the name of the creek that runs through O'Hara Township Community Park at the May 4th workshop. Ms. Berger suggested asking Mr. Powers for a recommendation on a name for the creek, which several suggested names have been provided for review and discussion. Fox Chapel Borough voted on their first and second choice names; Trillium Creek or Veteran's Creek. According to Jennifer Runyon of USGS, the Township and its neighbors would need to put forth a name in formal resolutions, garner the County's support, elected officials' letters of support, submit an application to the USGS, who will seek a recommendation from the PAGS. If everyone can agree on the new name, the Township could hear something from USGS late 2021 or early 2022.

H. Announcing the 2021 Allegheny County Side Yard and Blighted Structure Program

Residents have an opportunity to acquire vacant lots and structures at a discounted cost through the County's Vacant Property Recovery Program. The program provides a way to

take vacant, blighted properties and put them back into use as side yards, parks and green space, or other uses. Applications must be postmarked no later than September 30, 2021 and are available at the Township office. Additional information can be found on the Allegheny County Economic Development website, the Township website and Facebook.

I. Authorizing the Payment of Routine Invoices in August 2021

Typically, Council does not meet in August, but the meetings are not canceled in advance in the event Council would need to meet. Staff is requesting authorization to pay the routine invoices for the month of August 2021. If acceptable, a motion will be needed to approve payment of routine invoices for August 2021, followed by a second to the motion and a **voice vote**.

J. Solicitors June 20, 2021 Invoice

The subject invoice is provided to Council for review and approval.

VII. Citizens Comments Concerning Non-Agenda Items

VIII. Concerns of Council

IX. Concerns of Staff

X. Adjournment

XI. Executive Session - Labor and Legal Matters