

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

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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. *Requesting Authorization to Submit a Grant Application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the O'Hara Township Community Park Trail Stabilization Project Phase 2 (a)*

*A gabion basket wall along the trail in O'Hara Township Community Park is sagging. Repeated heavy rainfalls has created stabilization problems. It is recommended to replace the wall with soldier pile and concrete lagging. The Township is required to monitor the wall after every rain per an agreement Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The Township is seeking a grant in the amount of \$250,000 for Phase 2. If acceptable, the attached proposed resolution will be included on the May 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting agenda for consideration.*

E. 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.

F. 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.

G. 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 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 a.m.

H. 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**

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**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:

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Julie A. Jakubec, CPA, CGMA  
Township Manager

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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

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Julie A. Jakubec, CPA, CGMA  
Township Manager

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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:

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Julie A. Jakubec, CPA  
Township Manager

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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  
FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE COMMONWEALTH  
FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR THE O'HARA TOWNSHIP  
COMMUNITY PARK TRAIL STABILIZATION, PHASE 2 PROJECT**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of O'Hara of Allegheny County hereby requests a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the O'Hara Community Park Trail Stabilization, Phase 2 project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Applicant does hereby designate Julie A. Jakubec, Township Manager and Cassandra R. Eccles, Township Council President as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between O'Hara Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

**RESOLVED** by Council vote of \_\_\_ to \_\_\_ this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, 2024.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA

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Julie A. Jakubec, CPA, CGMA  
Township Manager

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Cassandra R. Eccles  
President of Council

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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
- (4) Authorizing the Filing of a Grant Application with the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the O'Hara Township Community Park Trail Stabilization Project Phase 2

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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