

**TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA
COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022
7:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

I. Opening Procedures

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

II. Minutes

- A. Council Combined Workshop and Regular Meeting– July 12, 2022

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 – July and August 2022

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

- B. Receipts and Expenditures Records – June and July 2022

A motion will be needed to accept the subject receipts and expenditures records, followed by a second to the motion and a **voice vote**.

- C. Treasurer's Report

The Township Treasurer will give 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. New Business

A. Ordinances – Introduction for First Reading

- (1) B-48-2022: Conveying Township Property to Walter B. and Lori Ann Price

In 2016, the Township consolidated a portion of parcel 357-K-20 with parcel 357-K-10, known as Ruth Weir Park. The unconsolidated portion of parcel 357-K-20 was intended to be transferred to Walter and Lori Ann Price in order to allow for maintenance of their driveway and provide frontage along Saxonburg Boulevard. The Prices were using the unconsolidated portion of parcel 357-K-20 as their driveway without obtaining an easement from the Township. Staff is recommending transferring parcel 357-K-20 the Walter and Lori Ann Price. The attached proposed ordinance authorizes said transfer, as well as a Special Warranty Deed. If acceptable, a motion will be needed to introduce ordinance Bill No. B-48-2022 followed by a second to the motion and a **voice vote**.

- (2) B-49-2022: Adopting the 2022 Codified Ordinances

Township staff, Solicitor and General Code have finally completed the in-depth review and consolidation of the Township's ordinances. If acceptable, a motion will be needed to introduce ordinance Bill No. B-49-2022 followed by a second to the motion and a **voice vote**.

- (3) B-50-2022: Establishing No Parking Along Rockingham Road

Township Engineer Chuck Steinert recommending a No Parking Zone along Rockingham Road due to concerns of site distance. If acceptable, a motion will be needed to introduce ordinance Bill No. B-50-2022 followed by a second to the motion and a **voice vote**.

- (4) B-51-2022: Reapportioning Certain Voting Wards and Districts As Required By the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Into Compact and Contiguous Districts As Nearly Equal As Possible In Population

During the September 6, 2022 workshop, the consensus of Council was to move forward with Option No. 2 of the redistricted Township wards. The attached proposed ordinance begins the process. If acceptable, a motion will be needed to introduce ordinance Bill No. B-51-2022 followed by a second to the motion and a **voice vote**.

B. Resolutions

- (1) B-52-2022: Approving a Change Order to the 2022 Road Improvement Program

While milling the road surfaces of Glen Brook and Emily Drives, large areas of unsuitable road base were exposed. To correct the problem eight (8) additional inches of subbase were removed and replaced with eight (8) inches of asphalt. As a result, change orders to the road improvement contract were necessary. The total cost of the change orders is \$123,480. If acceptable, a motion will be needed to approve resolution Bill No. B-52-2022 followed by a second to the motion and a **roll call vote**.

- (2) B-53-2022: Authorizing the Purchase of New Vehicles for Administration

Staff is recommending ordering two (2) new Chevy Bolts electric vehicles from C. Harper Chevrolet, Belle Vernon, PA, through the CoStars Contract No. 026-124, in order that the vehicles will be delivered next year. The cost for the two electric vehicles is \$51,990. If acceptable, a motion will be needed to approve resolution Bill No. B-53-2022 followed by a second to the motion and a **roll call vote**.

- (3) B-54-2022: Authorizing the Purchase of a Vehicle for the Social Service Coordinator

Staff is recommending the purchase of a vehicle for the Township Social Service Coordinator position. The vehicle will be purchased under the CoStars Contract No. 026-148 from C. Harper Ford in the amount of \$26,700. If acceptable, a motion will be needed to approve resolution Bill No. B-54-2022 followed by a second to the motion and a **roll call vote**.

- (4) B-55-2022: Authorizing the Awarding of Contracts Received by the North Hills Council of Governments for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation

Per the Allegheny County Health Department Administrative Consent Order (“ACO”) the Township is required to maintain its sanitary sewer lines. The North Hills Council of Governments received bids for its annual sanitary sewer repairs contracts on August 25th. Township Engineer Chuck Steinert is requesting authorization to execute the necessary contracts on an as needed basis for sanitary sewer repairs in order to comply with the ACO. The estimated cost for repairs has been between \$200,000 and \$300,000 in past years. If acceptable, a motion will be needed to approve resolution Bill No. B-55-2022 followed by a second to the motion and a **roll call vote**.

- (5) B-56-2022: Acknowledging Receipt and Acceptance of the Employee Pension Plan Budgets for the Year 2023

The Township is required by law to establish an appropriation in each year’s budget for police and employee pension plans. The appropriation for 2023, referred to as the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO), will be \$0 for the non-uniform defined benefit

plan, \$48,410 for the non-uniform defined contribution plan, and \$152,075 for the police plan according to the attached documentation received from our pension actuary, Mockenhaupt Associates. Pension aid money received from the state typically covers the MMO. The attached resolution acknowledges the receipt and acceptance of the 2023 budget appropriation for the employees' pension plans. If acceptable, a motion will be needed to approve resolution Bill No. B-56-2022 followed by a second to the motion and a **roll call vote**.

- (6) B-57-2022: Establishing the 2023 Employee Contribution Rate for the Police Pension Plan

The attached resolution establishes the employee contribution to the police pension plan in 2023 at 3.0% of compensation. Without this action by Council, the employee contribution rate would be 5% of compensation as mandated by State law. If acceptable, a motion will be needed to approve resolution Bill No. B-57-2022 followed by a second to the motion and a **roll call vote**.

- (7) B-58-2022: Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC

The attached proposed resolution authorizes the execution of an agreement with Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC in order to provide electrical service through Township property to Denis J. and Francis J. Meinert along Village Drive. If acceptable, a motion will be needed to approve resolution Bill No. B-58-2022 followed by a second to the motion and a **roll call vote**.

- (8) B-59-2022: Authorizing the Filing of a Grant Application with the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County ("RAAC") for the Fox Chapel Road Retaining Wall Project

A gabion basket wall along Fox Chapel Road and the creek in O'Hara Township Community Park is sagging. This wall was rebuilt in 2006, but there were issues with the construction and 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 \$500,000 to rebuild the wall. If acceptable, a motion will be needed to approve resolution Bill No. B-59-2022 followed by a second to the motion and a **roll call vote**.

- (9) B-60-2022: Authorizing the Filing of a Grant Application with the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County ("RAAC") for the Alpha Drive Stormwater Improvements Project

Staff is seeking authorization to apply for grant funding through the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County. Staff is requesting \$150,000 for the Alpha Drive Stormwater Improvements Project to reduce downstream flooding. If acceptable, a motion will be needed to approve resolution Bill No. B-60-2022 followed by a second to the motion and a **roll call vote**.

- (10) B-61-2022: Authorizing the Filing of a Grant Application with the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (“RAAC”) for the Powers Run Road Sanitary Sewer Project

This project was identified in the Feasibility Study that was submitted to ALCOSAN. This project will reduce surcharging in the Township’s sanitary sewer line. The Township is seeking a grant in the amount of \$300,000. If acceptable, a motion will be needed to approve resolution Bill No. B-61-2022 followed by a second to the motion and a **roll call vote**.

- (11) B-62-2022: Authorizing the Filing of a Grant Application with the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (“RAAC”) for the Mary Street Retaining Wall Project

The retaining wall along Mary Street, behind the Pleasant Valley Volunteer Fire Department parking lot, needs to be replaced in 2023. In anticipation of the project, the Township is seeking a grant in the amount of \$450,000. If acceptable, a motion will be needed to approve resolution Bill No. B-62-2022 followed by a second to the motion and a **roll call vote**.

- (12) B-63-2022: Authorizing the Filing of a Grant Application with the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (“RAAC”) for the Woodland Park Stormwater Improvements Project

Staff is seeking authorization to apply for grant funding through the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County. Staff is requesting \$375,000 for the Woodland Park Stormwater Improvements Project. If acceptable, a motion will be needed to approve resolution Bill No. B-63-2022 followed by a second to the motion and a **roll call vote**.

- (13) B-64-2022: Authorizing the Filing of a Revised Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Application with the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the Alpha Drive Sidewalk Improvements Project

The Township is considering adding concrete sidewalk along Alpha Drive from Freeport Road to Gamma Drive to provide safe travel for pedestrians. The Alpha and Gamma Drives intersection will also be upgraded to meet ADA accessibility requirements. The Township submitted a grant application in July 2022 for this project. Staff is recommending submitting a revised application in the amount of \$1,299,700, with no Township match because the Township qualifies for the match waiver. If acceptable, a motion will be needed to approve resolution Bill No. B-64-2022 followed by a second to the motion and a roll call vote.

C. Motion

- (1) Designating Trick-Or-Treat Night in the Township

Staff will soon begin receiving phone calls inquiring about when Trick-Or-Treating is scheduled in the Township. Traditionally Trick-Or-Treating has been on Halloween between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. If acceptable, a motion will be needed to designate Trick-or-Treating in the Township on October 31, 2022 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., followed by a second to the motion and a **voice vote**.

VII. Communications

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

VIII. Adjournment

IX. Executive Session – Labor and Legal Matters