

**TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA**  
**COUNCIL VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING**  
**APRIL 13, 2021**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**REVISED AGENDA**

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Join Zoom Meeting

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I. Opening Procedures

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

II. Approval of Minutes

- A. Council Workshop – March 2, 2021
- B. Council Regular Meeting – March 9, 2021

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 – March 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 – February 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.

#### 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 Department Reports

Council may have questions or comments concerning the written monthly reports at this time.

##### C. Township 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. Proclamations

###### (1) Recognizing Local Government

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.

###### (2) 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.

##### B. Ordinances – Introduction for First Reading

###### (1) B-23-2021: Directing the Placement of a Question on the November 2021 General Election Ballot to Amend 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. The ballot question concerns amending the Township Home Rule Charter to be gender neutral. If acceptable, Council may introduce the ordinance this evening. If introduced, Council could proceed with scheduling a Public Hearing to receive public comments, and possible adoption of the ordinance in May.

- (2) B-24-2021: Directing the Placement of a Question on the November 2021 General Election Ballot to Amend 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. The ballot question pertains to amending the Township Home Rule Charter with regard to removing the political affiliation requirement for appointment to vacant Council seats. *Mr. Portante has also provided an email further explaining his suggestion discussed at the April 6th workshop.* If acceptable, Council may introduce the ordinance this evening. If introduced, Council could proceed with scheduling a Public Hearing to receive public comments, and possible adoption of the ordinance in May.

- (3) B-25-2021: Restating and Repealing Ordinance No. 1372, Establishing and Enacting Rules and Regulations for the Use of Park and Recreation Facilities in the Township of O'Hara, and to Promote and Preserve the Public Health, Safety and Welfare in the Parks Owned and Maintained by the Township of O'Hara

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. The proposed ordinance restates and repeals Ordinance No. 1372, known as the Township Parks Rules and Regulations.

#### C. Resolutions

- (1) B-26-2021: Recognizing the Services of John J. Millburn

John Millburn, Township Police Officer, has decided to retire after serving the community for 37 years. The resolution recognizes John's services and dedication to the community.

- (2) B-27-2021: Recognizing the Services of George J. McBriar

George McBriar, Fire Chief of Blawnox Volunteer Fire Company, has decided to retire. The resolution recognizes the accomplishments and dedication of Chief McBriar.

- (3) B-28-2021: Recognizing the Services of John Simmons

John Simmons, Assistant Fire Chief of Blawnox Volunteer Fire Company, has decided to retire. The resolution recognizes the services of John Simmons.

- (4) B-29-2021: Adopting the 2020 Allegheny County Hazard Mitigation Plan as the Official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the Township of O'Hara

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

(5) B-30-2021: Awarding the 2021 Road Improvement Program Contract

After reviewing bids that were received by Fox Chapel Borough on March 15<sup>th</sup>, the Township Engineer is recommending awarding the Base Bid to Shields Paving in the amount of \$413,349, which includes the milling and resurfacing of Kappa, Weir, Meadow Heights, Alleyne, and Dowling Drives and Joanne Street (north and south), Division Street and Sacco Park parking lot; 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.

(6) B-31-2021: Authorizing the Execution of 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 Township Solicitor reviewed the agreement and has determined it to be acceptable.

(7) B-32-2021: Accepting Bids Received by the South Hills Area Council of Governments Purchasing Alliance for 2021 Spring Commodities

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

(8) B-33-2021: Authorizing the Purchase of 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.

(9) B-34-2021: Authorizing the Execution of a Joint Municipal Agreement for Glass Recycling Program with the Boroughs of Blawnox and Aspinwall

Glass recycling is being removed from the regular recycling stream. In anticipation of the next trash and recycling collection contract(s) not including glass for recycling, the Township is recommending partnering with Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) in a

pilot program. The Boroughs of Blawnox and Aspinwall have expressed desire to also participate in the program and share any related costs equally.

- (10) B-35-2021: Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Fox Chapel Area Youth Soccer Association

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 over 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.

- (11) B-36-2021: Authorizing the Filing of a Grant Application with Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the O'Hara Township Community Park Trail Stabilization Project

The resolution authorizes the filing of a DCNR Grant Application for the Trail Stabilization Project at O'Hara Township Community Park. A gabion wall along the creek has failed and is in need of replacement.

- (12) B-37-2021: Authorizing the Filing of a Grant Application with Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the O'Hara Township ATV Purchase

The resolution authorizes the filing of a DCNR Grant Application for the purchase of an ATV. Staff has indicated the ATV would be useful in maintaining Township parks and trails. The grant request is for \$30,000 and no match from the Township is required.

- (13) B-38-2021: *Approving the Acquisition and Subsequent Disposition of Side Yard and Blighted Structure Application for Property Known as Lot and Block 223-R-315 Located Along Mary Street*

*Michael Haas of Kittanning Pike, is seeking to acquire dilapidated property on Mary Street, across from the rear of his property through the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program. Mr. Haas indicated the plan is to acquire the property to provide parking.*

#### D. Motions

- (1) Extending the Discounted Township Real Estate Tax Deadline to May 28, 2021

A motion will be needed to authorize the extension to receive the discounted real estate tax deadline to May 28, 2021, which will mirror the extension offered by the Allegheny County Treasurer.

(2) *Authorizing the Auctioning of Used Township Equipment on Municibid*

*Loren Kephart, Public Service Superintendent, is requesting authorization to auction various equipment through Municibid, an online auction company. The Township has no use for the equipment listed in Mr. Kephart's memo.*

VI. Communication

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

VII. Adjournment

VIII. Executive Session – Labor and Legal Matters