

TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA
COUNCIL VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2020

I. OPENING PROCEDURES

- A. Call to Order by President Smith at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance led by President Smith.
- C. Roll Call

Council Members Present: Robert John Smith, President of Council; Charles A. Vogel, Vice-President of Council; George H. Stewart, Second Ward; Scott Frankowski, Third Ward; Allison Berger, Fourth Ward; Cassandra Eccles, Fifth Ward; John R. Denny, Jr., At-Large

Also Present: Ted Curran, Treasurer; Julie A. Jakubec, CPA, CGMA, Township Manager; Brendan Lucas, Township Solicitor; Charles W. Steinert, Jr., P.E., Township Engineer; Loren R. Kephart, Public Service Superintendent, Scott K. Slagel, Police Superintendent; Cathy Bubas, Manager's Secretary

The Manager read a statement related to virtual meeting procedures and participation in the meeting.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS CONCERNING A PROPOSED ORDINANCE ENACTING A STORM WATER SYSTEM USER FEE

President Smith stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comments concerning the implementation of a storm water system user fee. Lennon Smith Souleret Engineers, Inc. presented information to Council at their March 10th public meeting and again to Council and Township residents and businesses during a Special Town Hall Meeting on June 30th. Council continued review and discussion at the July 7th and July 14th meetings. Due to the severe storms, particularly in the last two years, and increased regulatory requirements, a storm water funding program was determined to be the fair and equitable mechanism for the Township to maintain its storm water services and plan and construct new storm water facilities.

It was noted property owners could receive up to 50% discount off the stormwater system user fee by implementing stormwater management facilities.

A few people hacked into the Zoom Virtual meeting and some members of Council considered postponing the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting. The consensus of Council was to continue the Public Hearing and the 'hackers' eventually left the meetings.

Mr. Miller, Fox Hall, noted the development has a detention pond and questioned if it would be eligible for a discount. Mr. Shawn Wingrove, of Lennon Smith Souleret Engineers, explained the fee reduction program applies to individuals, home owner associations and commercial property owners that have stormwater management controls on their property.

III. ADJOURNMENT

With no other comments, motion by Vice President Vogel to adjourn the Public Hearing was seconded by Mr. Stewart and carried unanimously. The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Cathy Bubas, Manager's Secretary

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

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(a) – denotes attachment

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II. Public Comments Concerning a Proposed Ordinance Enacting a Storm Water System User Fee (a)

Adjournment

A motion will be needed to continue or adjourn the Public Hearing, followed by a second to the motion and a **voice vote**.