

- Regular The Regular Meeting of the Harmony Township Committee was called to order by the Mayor. The Mayor made the following announcement: “Adequate notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by providing a notice of the meeting to the Express-Times and Star Ledger posting a copy thereof on the Township bulletin board and filing a copy thereof in the office of the Municipal Clerk.” The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by the Mayor.
- Roll Call Tipton, Yamrock, Cornely
- Consent Agenda Motion by Yamrock, seconded by Cornely and carried unanimously by roll call to approve the consent agenda that included the following items:  
Roll Call: Ayes: Tipton, Yamrock, Cornely Nays: none
- Reports Attorney, Engineer, Zoning
- Minutes July 12, 2022

Resolution **Harmony Township  
Warren County, New Jersey  
R:22-29**

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL’S SPECIAL CONDITIONS ON LIMITED BREWERY LICENSEES**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (NJABC) issued new special conditions on each limited brewery licensee in the state beginning Friday, July 1, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, under the license conditions, craft breweries are limited to hold 25 on-site activities open to the general public annually, as well as 52 private parties. Breweries can also attend 12 off-premises events, such as town, charitable and holiday celebrations; and

**WHEREAS**, under these license conditions, craft breweries have restrictions on the types of television programming they can air in their tasting rooms, restricts what types of live or record music they can play or host, limits what food options they can make available to customers, bans the sale of coffee, and prohibits the sale of soft drinks and other non-alcoholic beverages not made onsite at the brewery; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the national Brewers Association, the one-hundred and forty-one craft breweries operating in New Jersey in calendar year 2021 contributed almost \$2 billion to the state’s economy, creating over 11,000 jobs at an annually income of more than \$55,000 per employee; and

**WHEREAS**, Warren County is home to four microbreweries: Czig Meister Brewing Company and Man Skirt Brewing in Hackettstown, Butzville Brewing Company in Washington Borough and Invertase Brewing Company in Phillipsburg; and

**WHEREAS**, Harmony Township is the home of licensed establishments that support the local microbrewery businesses by offering their products;

**WHEREAS**, this past spring, these breweries created the “Skylands Ale Trail,” which has brought thousands of visitors to Warren County to experience these breweries and visit other neighboring local businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, these new conditions will force these local, homegrown small businesses to rethink business models and closely consider which events they should participate in or host, which will reduce their profits and their opportunities to engage in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, visiting these microbreweries is about each of their unique experiences, and these proprietors have found exciting ways to engage other local businesses, vendors and artists in their communities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Governing Body of the Township of Harmony strongly opposes the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control’s Special Conditions on Limited Brewery Licensees; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to each municipality in Warren County, all the counties of New Jersey, the leaders of the New Jersey Legislature and Governor Phil Murphy.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Harmony Township Committee on August 9, 2022 at a regular meeting of the governing body.

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Kelley Smith,  
Clerk/Administrator

**Harmony Township  
Warren County, NJ**

**R:22-30**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARMONY,  
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
TO AUTHORIZE ELECTRONIC TAX SALES FOR 2022**

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Government Services; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has approved NJ Tax Lien Investors/RealAuction.com to conduct electronic tax sales; and,

**WHEREAS**, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale process; and,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Harmony hereby authorizes to participate in an electronic tax sale and submit same to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services if necessary.

**DATED:** August 9, 2022

Attest:

Approved:

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Kelley Smith, Clerk

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Brian Tipton, Mayor

I, Kelley Smith, Clerk of the Township of Harmony, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Harmony Township Committee at a meeting held on August 9, 2022.

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Kelley Smith, Municipal Clerk

Correspondence

- 1. Email from Amy Overman introducing herself as our JCPL Liaison
- 2. Resolution adopted by Warren County Commissioners in Opposition of NJ Division of ABC Special Conditions on Limited Brewery Licenses

New Business

- 1. Trans-Mix discussion has been tabled to the September Committee Meeting
- 2. Tier B to Tier A Stormwater Program was discussed by Mike Finelli while he went over his report
- 3. Motion by Yamrock, seconded by Cornely and carried by all in favor to send a letter of support to participate in proposed NJTPA Planning Study from Warren County Planning
- 4. Motion by Yamrock, seconded by Cornely and carried by roll call to introduce by title only Ordinance No. O:22-4  
Roll Call: Ayes: Tipton, Yamrock, Cornely Nays: non

**Harmony Township  
Warren county, New Jersey  
Ordinance No. O:22-4**

An Ordinance Appropriating The Sum Of Not More Than \$16,000.00 From The Capital Improvement Fund Of The General Capital Account In Connection With The Purchase And Installation Of A Heat Furnace To Be Installed In The Harmony Township Volunteer Fire Department House

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:**

This Ordinance is intended to appropriate the sum of up to \$16,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund of the General Capital Account in conjunction with the costs attributable to the replacement of the heating furnace at the Harmony Township Volunteer Fire Department House.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Harmony, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that:

- 1. There are funds available in the Capital Improvement Fund of the General Capital Account in the Municipal Budget of the Township of Harmony for costs attributable to the items listed in the Statement of Purpose.
- 2. The costs are associated with upgrades required due the heating requirements for the Fire Department Building which provides

emergency services to the Township and surrounding municipalities by the Harmony Township Volunteer Fire Department;

3. There is hereby appropriated the sum of up to \$16,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund of the General Capital Account in the Municipal Budget of the Township of Harmony for the aforementioned purposes.
4. There is no debt authorized by this Ordinance.
5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage following a public hearing to be conducted thereon and publication of notice of final passage with the requirements of law.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading by the Harmony Township Committee as its budget meeting held on August 9, 2022, which Ordinance shall be given further consideration for final passage following a public hearing to be conducted thereon, at its regular monthly meeting to be held on September 6, 2022, which shall commence at 6:00 p.m. at the Harmony Township Municipal Building, 3003 Belvidere Road, Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

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Kelley D. Smith, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

5. Motion by Yamrock, seconded by Cornely and carried by roll call to introduce by title only Ordinance No. O:22-5  
Roll Call: Ayes: Tipton, Cornely, Yamrock Nays: none

**Harmony Township**  
**Warren county, New Jersey**  
**Ordinance No. O:22-5**

An Ordinance Appropriating The Sum Of Not More Than \$150,000.00 From The Capital Improvement Fund Of The General Capital Account In Connection With Road Projects

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:**

This Ordinance is intended to appropriate the sum of up to \$150,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund of the General Capital Account in conjunction with the costs attributable to several road projects in the Township to ensure the safety of the Township roadways which include catch basin repairs, Ridge Road paving and catch basins with piping, Harmony Terrace paving and engineering costs associated with the Ridge Road DOT project;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Harmony, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that:

1. There are funds available in the Capital Improvement Fund of the General Capital Account in the Municipal Budget of the Township of Harmony for costs attributable to the items listed in the Statement of Purpose.

The costs are associated with repairs necessary to ensure the safety and welfare of travelers within the township;

2. There is hereby appropriated the sum of up to \$150,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund of the General Capital Account in the Municipal Budget of the Township of Harmony for the aforementioned purposes.
3. There is no debt authorized by this Ordinance.
4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage following a public hearing to be conducted thereon and publication of notice of final passage with the requirements of law.

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Kelley D. Smith, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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| Old Business    | 1. Short Term Rentals  |
| Vouchers        | Motion by Cornely, seconded by Tipton and carried by all in favor to approve the vouchers.                                     |
| Public Comments |  |
| Adjourn         | Motion by Cornely, seconded by Tipton to adjourn the meeting at this time. The motion was carried unanimously by all in favor. |

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Kelley Smith, Municipal Clerk