

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 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, Cornely, Yamrock

Consent            Motion by Cornely, seconded by Tipton and carried by  
Agenda            all in favor to approve the consent agenda including the following:

Reports:            Attorney, Engineer, Zoning  
Minutes            October 5, 2021

Resolutions:

**HARMONY TOWNSHIP  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES  
AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF BELVIDERE  
R:21-45**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Belvidere provides shared court services to the Township of Harmony pursuant to a Shared Services Agreement expiring December 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, for the purpose of effectuating further efficiency and cost savings, the Township Committee of the Township of Harmony have determined it to be in the best interests of the citizens of the Township to renew the Shared Services Agreement for municipal Court services with the Town of Belvidere.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Harmony, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk be and hereby are authorized to date and execute a Shared Services Agreement for a shared Municipal Court with the Town of Belvidere, a true copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, the terms and conditions of which are specifically incorporated herein by reference.

Certification

I, Kelley D. Smith, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, Township of Harmony do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Harmony Township Committee at a regular meeting held on November 2, 2021.

Kelley D. Smith, RMC  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

Bingos/Raffles:    RA:22-1; Harmony Township Volunteer Fire Co.  
BA:22-2; Harmony Township Volunteer Fire Co.

Correspondence:

1. JCP&L notification of public hearing
2. Township of Franklin; notice of Ordinance 2021-10 introduction

3. State of NJDOT; notice of award for Ridge Rd, Section 2 funding
4. Email from Cheryl Fortner Tate regarding the Delaware River Flooding issues and NYCDEP

New

Business

1. 2022 Professional Service Contracts were discussed. They all will be renewed with the current professionals.
2. An end of year meeting was scheduled for 12/29/21 at 5pm virtually only to pay vouchers.
3. Motion by Yamrock, seconded by Cornely and unanimously carried by all in favor to adopt Proclamation naming November Family Court Awareness

## PROCLAMATION

Harmony Township

Warren County, NJ

### FAMILY COURT AWARENESS MONTH 2021

WHEREAS, the mission at One Mom’s Battle (OMB) and the Family Court Awareness Month Committee (FCAMC) is to increase awareness on the importance of a family court system that prioritizes child safety and acts in the best interest of children;

WHEREAS, the mission at the FCAMC is to increase awareness on the importance of education and training on domestic violence, childhood trauma and post separation abuse for all professionals working within the family court system, and;

WHEREAS, the mission at the FCAMC is to educate judges and other family court professionals on the empirical data and research that is currently available. Such research is a critical component to making decisions that are truly in the best interest of children. This research includes The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study (CDC-Kaiser Permanente), Saunder’s Study (US Department of Justice), The Meier Study: Child Custody Outcomes in Cases Involving Abuse Allegations, and the Santa Clara Law Study (Confronting the Challenge of High-Conflict Personality in Family Court, and;

WHEREAS, the mission at the FCAMC is fueled by the desire for awareness and change in the family court system while honoring the 100(+) children in the United States who have been murdered by a parent after a custody court rejected the other parent’s plea for protection(Source: Center for Judicial Excellence).

NOW, THEREFORE, Harmony Township does hereby proclaim November 2021 to be Family Court Awareness in Harmony Township.

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Brian R. Tipton, Mayor

Dated: November 2, 2021

4. Motion by Yamrock, seconded by Cornely and unanimously carried by roll call to award COAH Apartment Renovation Project to Al’s General Contracting in the amount of \$28,200.00 for Township owned Affordable Housing Unit rehabilitation (lowest of 2 proposals received)  
Roll Call: Ayes: Tipton, Yamrock, Cornely Nays: none
5. Recreation Site Water System/Contamination; discussion took place regarding what is happening and what the options and plan of action needs to be. Kelley will continue to pursue the corrective actions according to the DEP regulations.

6. Best Practice Inventory was reviewed and discussed. The Township will not incur any funding withholding based on our score.
7. Master Plan Amendment per NJDEP request will be forwarded to Planner Angela Knowles for review.
8. The ACO shared service contract is up for renewal next year. The Committee would like to request the current ACO to attend the next meeting to discuss his contract and what is expected for Harmony residents. Kelley will invite him.

Old

- Business 1. Motion by Yamrock, seconded by Cornely and unanimously carried by all in favor to open public hearing and consideration of Ordinance No. 21-10; Ordinance of the Township of Harmony, County of Warren, State of New Jersey to Amend Chapter 142 “Stormwater Management” to Reflect Warren County Planning Department Comments to the public

There were no public comments

Motion by Yamrock, seconded by Cornely and unanimously carried by all in favor to close public comments

Motion by Yamrock, seconded by Cornely and unanimously carried by roll call to adopt Ordinance No. 21-10.

Roll Call: Ayes: Tipton, Yamrock, Cornely Nays: none

- Vouchers Motion by Yamrock, seconded by Cornely and unanimously carried by roll call to approve the vouchers submitted by the finance office.

Roll Call: Ayes: Tipton, Yamrock, Cornely Nays: none

- Public Comments Resident Linda VanSetters addressed Mayor Tipton with questions about the Merrill Creek tax appeal settlement. She stated that herself and others thought we were still fighting it when in fact it has been settled.

Resident “Butch” VanSetters stated many of the election signs for candidate Manny Esceleira have been taken from Ridge Road and this is a criminal act. Mayor Tipton stated it is and should be reported to the prosecutor.

- Adjourn Motion by Yamrock, seconded by Cornely to adjourn the meeting at this time. The motion was carried unanimously by all in favor.

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Kelley Smith, Municipal Clerk