

MINUTES

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2023

PRESIDENT PAUL CZAPRACKI, CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 PM AND STARTED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ROLL CALL:

THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE: MR. JOHN ZYLA, MS. DEBORAH FORGACH - ZALESKI, MR JOHN VISHNEFSKI AND MR. PAUL CZAPRACKI. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WERE TOWNSHIP MANAGER, JOSEPH HILLAN, ATTORNEY CHRISTOPHER SLUSSER, FINANCIAL CONSULTANT JENNIFER POLITO. MR.MICHAEL ROKE WAS ABSENT.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

MS PALMIRA MILLER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT SHE AND MR. PACZKOWSKI WOULD MEET WITH MR.HILLAN TO DISCUSS THE SET UP OF THE FOOD DRIVE THAT IS GOING TO BE HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL GARAGE DURING THE WINTER MONTHS.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MS.ZALESKI MOVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2022 COMMISSIONERS MEETING BE APPROVED. MR.VISHNEFSKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MS. ZALESKI MESSERS. VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, CZAPRACKI "NAYS" NONE

MS.ZALESKI MOVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 20, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING BE APPROVED. MR.VISHNEFSKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MS. ZALESKI MESSERS. VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, "NAYS" NONE MR.CZAPRACKI ABSTAINED.

MR.ZYLA MOVED THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 22, 2022 MEETING BE APPROVED. MR.VISHNEFSKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MS. ZALESKI MESSERS. VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, "NAYS" NONE MR.CZAPRACKI ABSTAINED

REPORT OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS:

MR HILLAN REPORTED CASH ON HAND AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022 AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	(FNCB)	\$262,874.96
CONTINGENCY FUND	(PLGIT)	\$841,609.21
RECYCLING FUND	(PLGIT)	\$13,883.84
REFUSE FUND	(PLGIT)	\$22,704.32
LIQUID FUELS	(PLGIT)	\$39,165.44
VEHICLE LEASE FUND	(PLGIT)	\$16,559.63
RECREATION USE FUND	(FNCB)	\$4,934.38
WVSA STORM WATER FUND		\$39,883.84

TOTAL CASH ON HAND AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022 \$1,241,400.15

MR. VISHNEFSKI MOVED TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS. MR. ZYLA SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MS. ZALESKI, MESSERS, VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, CZAPRACKI. "NAYS" NONE

APPROVAL OF NON-RECURRING BILLS PAID DURING DECEMBER 2022:

MR HILLAN PRESENTED THE COMMISSIONERS WITH A LIST OF NON-RECURRING BILLS PAID DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER TOTALING \$241,187.88. MS.ZALESKI MOVED THAT THE LIST BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT. MR. ZYLA SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MS. ZALESKI. MESSERS. VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, CZAPRACKI. "NAYS" NONE

APPROVAL OF RECURRING BILLS DUE FOR PAYMENT IN JANUARY 2023:

MR HILLAN PRESENTED THE COMMISSIONERS WITH A LIST OF BILLS DUE FOR PAYMENT IN JANUARY TOTALING \$41,629.40. MR.ZYLA MOVED THAT THE LIST BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT. MR. VISHNEFSKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES: "AYES" MS. ZALESKI. MESSERS, VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, CZAPRACKI. "NAYS" NONE

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

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| a. STREET DEPARTMENT | MR CZAPRACKI |
| b. POLICE DEPARTMENT | MR ZYLA |
| c. CODE ENFORCEMENT | MS ZALESKI |
| d. FIRE DEPARTMENT | MR HILLAN |
| e. PARKS & RECREATION | MR.VISHNEFSKI |

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

ATTORNEY SLUSSER HAD NOTHING TO REPORT

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT REPORT:

JENNIFER POLITO REPORTED THAT THE TOWNSHIP INCOME FOR 2022 WAS \$4,404,548.64 AND THE EXPENSES WERE \$4,274,477.74

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

THE 2023 REFUSE AND RECYCLING BILLS HAVE BEEN MAILED .THE FEE FOR 2023 IS \$385.00 PAYABLE BY APRIL 30.

WANAMIE CELL TOWER UPDATE: LUZERNE COUNTY HAS ISSUED THE ZONING PERMIT.THE TOWNSHIP IS IN THE PROCESS OF ISSUING THE BUILDING PERMIT. ONCE THE BUILDING PERMIT IS ISSUED VERIZON WILL ORDER ALL OF THE EQUIPMENT TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF THE TOWER

GLEN LYON CELL TOWER UPDATE: THE SOIL TEST HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITH NO ISSUES AND VERIZON IS BEGINNING THE PROCESS OF SUBMITTING PLANS TO THE LUZERNE COUNTY ZONING BOARD FOR APPROVAL. THE LOCATION OF THE TOWER WILL BE BEHIND THE KEN POLLOCK APARTMENTS.

NEW BUSINESS:

MR.ZYLA MOVED TO APPOINT PETER WANCHISEN TO A FIVE-YEAR TERM ON THE NEWPORT TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY. MS.ZALESKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES: "AYES" MS. ZALESKI. MESSERS, VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, CZAPRACKI. "NAYS" NONE

MS.ZALESKI TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$9,536.00 FROM THE REFUSE ACCOUNT AND \$13,000.00 FROM THE RECYCLING ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL ACCOUNT TO COVER EXPENSES FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF2022. MR.VISHNEFSKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MS. ZALESKI MESSERS. VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, CZAPRACKI "NAYS" NONE

MR.ZYLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE MUNICIPAL GARAGE FOR THE MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE SPONSORED BY THE NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATON FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY ,MARCH AND APRIL IF NECESSARY. MR.VISHNEFSKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MS. ZALESKI MESSERS. VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, CZAPRACKI "NAYS" NONE

MS.ZALESKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE JOHN ZYLA COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE NANTICOKE AREA LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATIONS ON FEBRUARY 11TH AND 12TH AND FEBRUARY 25TH AND 26TH FROM 10:00AM-12:00PM MR.ZYLA SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED

WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES: "AYES" MS. ZALESKI. MESSERS, VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, CZAPRACKI. "NAYS" NONE

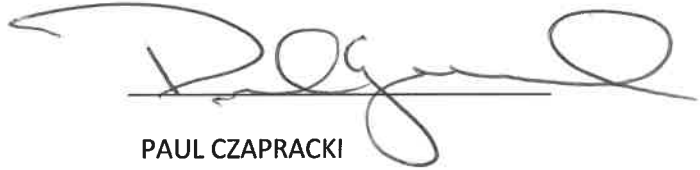
COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS, MR CZAPRACKI ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6:21PM



JOSEPH HILLAN
TOWNSHIP SECRETARY



PAUL CZAPRACKI
PRESIDENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS