

MINUTES

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7 2022

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. MICHAEL ROKE, AND MR. PAUL CZAPRACKI. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WERE TOWNSHIP MANAGER, JOSEPH HILLAN, ATTORNEY JEFF ROCKMAN, FINANCIAL CONSULTANT JENNIFER POLITO. MR. JOHN VISHNEFSKI WAS ABSENT DUE TO AN ILLNESS

CITIZENS COMMENTS: MS HEIDI JARECKI COMMENTED ON A RECENT NEWS ARTICLE ABOUT ABANDONED MINE LAND RECLAMATION CLEANUP. SHE MENTIONED AN AREA IN THE NEWPORT CENTER SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP KNOWN AS ACID LAKE THAT SHE THOUGHT MIGHT POSSIBLY QUALIFY. THE TOWNSHIP WILL CHECK WITH BAMR TO SEE IF THE AREA DOES QUALIFY FOR FUNDING.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MR. ROKE MOVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3, 2022 COMMISSIONERS MEETING BE APPROVED. MR. ZYLA SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT WAS CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MESSERS. ROKE, ZYLA, CZAPRACKI "NAYS" NONE MS. ZALESKI ABSTAINED

MR. ZYLA MOVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JANUARY 10, 2022 COMMISSIONERS MEETING BE APPROVED. MS. ZALESKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT WAS CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MS. ZALESKI MESSERS. ROKE, ZYLA, CZAPRACKI "NAYS" NONE

REPORT OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS:

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT REPORT:

JENNIFER POLITO REPORTED THAT THE INCOME FOR JANUARY WAS \$33,338.90 AND EXPENSES WERE \$90,833.06. MS.POLITO ALSO STATED THAT THE AUDITOR WILL BE IN THE TOWNSHIP IN LATE APRIL OR EARLY MAY.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. 1,085 REFUSE STICKERS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED AS OF JANUARY 31ST COMPARED TO 1,120 THIS TIME LAST YEAR

B. DEMOLITION UPDATES: 260-261 MINER AVENUE IN WANAMIE WAS DEMOLISHED ON MONDAY JANUARY 31ST. 36-38-40 ROCK STREET IN GLEN LYON ARE SCHEDULED FOR DEMOLITION THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7TH. THE NEXT ROUND OF PROPERTIES GOING OUT FOR BID WILL BE 56-58 EAST MAIN STREET, 15 WEST MAIN STREET, 239 WEST MAIN STREET, AND 168 NEWPORT STREET IN GLEN LYON

C. GLEN LYON SIDEWALK UPDATE, THE PROJECT WILL GO OUT FOR BID IN FEBRUARY

D. DOLLAR GENERAL UPDATE GRAND OPENING IS NOW SET FOR FEBRUARY 20TH

E. ON THURSDAY JANUARY 20TH JOHN MAZUR FROM THE LIQUID FUELS FUND RECONCILED THE TOWNSHIP'S MS-965 REPORT FOR 2021. NEWPORT TOWNSHIP WILL BE RECEIVING THEIR 2022 LIQUID FUELS FUNDS DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH

NEW BUSINESS:

MR. ROKE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO.2 OF 2022 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEWPORT APPROVING AND ESTABLISHING PREMIUM PAY TO ESSENTIAL TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES USING FUNDS RECEIVED UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 MS. ZALESKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT WAS CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MS. ZALESKI MESSERS. ROKE, ZYLA, CZAPRACKI "NAYS" NONE

MR. ZYLA MOVED THAT FINANCIAL CONSULTANT JENNIFER POLITO BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF TOWNSHIP WORKERS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ESSENTIAL PAY. MS. ZALESKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT WAS CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MS. ZALESKI MESSERS. ROKE, ZYLA, CZAPRACKI "NAYS" NONE

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

MR. ROKE THANKED THE TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES FOR COMING TO WORK AND HELPING THE TOWNSHIP CONTINUE OPERATIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC.

MR. ROKE ALSO THANKED ALL OF THE AREA FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR RESPONDING AND ASSISTING WITH BATTLING A SERIES OF RECENT FIRES INCLUDING FIVE STRUCTURE FIRES IN JANUARY.