

MINUTES

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 4, 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 FOLLOWED BY A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR A FORMER TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICER RICHARD NOVAK WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY,AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

ROLL CALL:

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

SENATOR JOHN YUDICHAK PRESENTED NED ZWIEBEL A PLAQUE IN APPRECIATION FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICES TO HANOVER TOWNSHIP AND THE LOWER SOUTH VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS.

MR.ROKE MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO.4 OF 2022 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEWPORT, COUNTY OF LUZERNE, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, NAMING THE MEETING ROOM AND COMMUNITY CENTER PORTION OF THE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING THE JOHN ZYLA MEETING ROOM & COMMUNITY CENTER. MS.ZALESKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES: "AYES" MS. ZALESKI. MESSERS, VISHNEFSKI, ROKE, CZAPRACKI. "NAYS" NONE MR.ZYLA ABSTAINED

SENATOR YUDICHAK PRESENTED MR.ZYLA WITH A REPLICA OF THE PLAQUE THAT WILL BE ADDED TO THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING HONORING HIM FOR A LIFETIME OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: MR. DAVID FINOGLE ADDRESSED THE BOARD EXPRESSING HIS APPROVAL FOR THE PROPOSED NACERO FACILITY THAT IS TO BE LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP. MR.FINOGLE ASKED WHAT NACERO WOULD BE DOING FOR THE BENEFIT OF RESIDENTS IN THE TOWNSHIP. MR.FINOGLE WAS INFORMED THAT THERE WERE NO MEETINGS WITH NACERO AS OF THIS DATE BUT THIS WOULD BE ADDRESSED AT A FUTURE DATE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MS.ZALESKI MOVED THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD ON MARCH 7TH BE APPROVED. MR.VISHNEFSKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT WAS

CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MS. ZALESKI MESSERS. VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, CZAPRACKI "NAYS" NONE MR.ROKE ABSTAINED

REPORT OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS:

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

GENERAL FUND	(FNCB)	\$312,816.78
CONTINGENCY FUND	(PLGIT)	\$145,629.44
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RECYCLING FUND	(PLGIT)	\$52,048.41
REFUSE FUND	(PLGIT)	\$166.96
REFUSE FUND	(FNCB)	\$263,313.96
LIQUID FUELS	(PLGIT)	\$122,437.11
VEHICLE LEASE FUND	(PLGIT)	\$8,906.94
RECREATION USE FUND	(FNCB)	\$4,934.38
WVSA STORM WATER FUND		\$27,333.57
TOTAL CASH ON HAND AS OF MARCH 31, 2022		\$1,187,551.44

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

APPROVAL OF NON-RECURRING BILLS PAID DURING MARCH 2022:

MR HILLAN PRESENTED THE COMMISSIONERS WITH A LIST OF NON-RECURRING BILLS PAID DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH TOTALING \$158,701.21. MR. VISHNEFSKI MOVED THAT THE LIST BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT. MR. ROKE SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MS. ZALESKI. MESSERS. VISHNEFSKI, ROKE, ZYLA, CZAPRACKI. "NAYS" NONE

APPROVAL OF RECURRING BILLS DUE FOR PAYMENT IN APRIL 2022:

MR HILLAN PRESENTED THE COMMISSIONERS WITH A LIST OF BILLS DUE FOR PAYMENT IN APRIL TOTALING \$8,516.80. MR.VISHNEFSKI MOVED THAT THE LIST BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT. MS.ZALESKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES: "AYES" MS. ZALESKI. MESSERS, VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, ROKE, 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 ROKE |
| e. PARKS & RECREATION | MR.VISHNEFSKI |

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

ATTORNEY SLUSSER HAD NOTHING TO REPORT

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT REPORT:

JENNIFER POLITO REPORTED THAT THE INCOME FOR MARCH WAS \$319,839.20 AND THE EXPENSES WERE \$436,788.43. MS POLITO ALSO REPORTED THAT ALL OF THE DCED YEARLY REPORTS WERE COMPLETE.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

A .REFUSE STICKERS 1,455 SOLD AS OF MARCH 15, 2022 COMPARED TO 1,452 THIS TIME LAST YEAR

B.ON MARCH 14th WE RECEIVED OUR 2022 KEYSTONE MUNICIPAL INSURANCE PROGRAM DIVIDEND CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,414.02

C.BLIGHT REMEDIATION UPDATE: BIDS WERE RECEIVED ON FRIDAY APRIL 1ST FOR GROUP #3 WHICH CONSISTS OF 48-50-52-54-68 EAST MAIN STREET IN GLEN LYON THIS WILL BE ADDRESSED UNDER NEW BUSINESS.

D THE TOWNSHIP HAS RECEIVED NOTIFICATION FROM THE LUZERNE COUNTY ZONING HEARING BOARD THAT THERE ARE TWO HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW TUESDAY APRIL 5TH AT 7:00 PM AT THE LUZERNE COUNTY COURTHOUSE 2ND FLOOR JURY ROOM REGARDING THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS. 1, PATRICK HOGAN IS REQUESTING A USE VARIANCE TO RE-OPEN A FORMER COMMERCIAL TAVERN AND A SIGN VARIANCE (3 FT X3 FT) HANGING SIGN AT 35 ORCHARD STREET GLEN LYON LOCATED IN A (R-2) TWO FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT. 2, ALEXANDER MCNITT, IS REQUESTING A USE VARIANCE FOR PHASE 1: CONVERT A FORMER SCHOOL INTO (29) LUXURY LOFTS & APARTMENT UNITS AND A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR PHASE 2: CONSTRUCTION OF 100 STORAGE UNITS. WITH A PROPOSED SMALL OFFICE SPACE/STRUCTURE LOCATED ON THE OLD PULASKI SCHOOL GROUNDS IN THE GLEN LYON IN A (GB) GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

E. GLEN LYON SIDEWALK PROJECT UPDATE: A PRECONSTRUCTION MEETING WAS HELD ON FRIDAY APRIL 1ST AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING WITH THE CONTRACTOR MULTISCAPE AND PENNEASTERN ENGINEERS. WORK WILL BEGIN AT THE WEST SIDE OF TOWN IN THE NEXT WEEK

..F 2022 STREET PAVING UPDATE: THE LOWER SOUTH VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WILL BEGIN PAVING THE FOLLOWING STREETS THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY: CENTER STREET, MINER AVENUE AND BELLES ROAD. THE FOLLOWING STREETS WHICH WILL BE FUNDED WITH OCD FUNDS FRANKLIN STREET, BURNETT STREET IN SHEATOWN, DEPOT STREET, STRALKA LANE AND 600 FEET OF WATER STREET IN GLEN LYON. ALONG WITH THE FOLLOWING STREETS WHICH WILL BE PAVED WITH THE REMAINING FUNDS FROM THE PRISON CLOSURE GRANT, EDWARD, OLD NEWPORT, PRINCE, MARCELLA, MARIE, AND RAILROAD ST FROM RK FURS

TO FINE STREET. WILL BE ADVERTISED FOR BID ON APRIL 14TH AND 29TH AND WILL BE AWARDED ACCORDING TO FUNDS AVAILABLE AT THE MAY 4TH COMMISSIONERS MEETING

G. TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ABIDE BY THE WVSA STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SIGNS WHEN THEY ARE POSTED FOR STREET CLEANING. IN SOME CASES RESIDENTS WILL HAVE TO PARK FOR ONE DAY ON THE SIDE OF A STREET THAT IS NORMALLY A NO PARKING AREA.

NEW BUSINESS:

MR.ROKE MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO.5 OF 2022 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEWPORT APPROVING A SEVEN YEAR LEASE TO PURCHASE WITH REAL LEASE AND MID ATLANTIC WASTE SYSTEMS A PACMODEL 11RLM REAR LOADER MOUNTED ON A 2023 FREIGHTLINER M2 106 BASED ON COSTARS PRICING MS.ZALESKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES: "AYES" MS. ZALESKI. MESSERS, VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, ROKE, CZAPRACKI. "NAYS" NONE

MR.ROKEMOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$7,848.75 FROM THE REFUSE ACCOUNT AND \$14,687.25 FROM THE RECYCLING ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL ACCOUNT TO COVER EXPENSES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2022. MR.VISHNEFSKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES: "AYES" MS. ZALESKI. MESSERS, VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, ROKE, CZAPRACKI. "NAYS" NONE

MR.ROKE MOVED TO APPROVE AN ADDENDUM TO THE CONTRACT FOR STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN LUZERNE COUNTY AND NEWPORT TOWNSHIP FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION PROVIDED BY PENNEASTERN ENGINEERS FOR 120 DAYS AT \$520 A DAY FOR A TOTAL OF \$62,400.00. MR.ZYLA SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES: "AYES" MS. ZALESKI. MESSERS, VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, ROKE, CZAPRACKI. "NAYS" NONE

MR.VISHNEFSKI MOVED TO GRANT PERMISSION TO THE NANTICOKE AREA LITTLE LEAGUE USE OF THE NEWPORT TOWNSHIP RECREATION PARK DURING THE 2022 LITTLE LEAGUE SEASON MS.ZALESKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES: "AYES" MS. ZALESKI. MESSERS, VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, ROKE, CZAPRACKI. "NAYS" NONE

MS.ZALESKI MOVED TO AWARD THE BID FOR DEMOLITION OF 48,50,52,54 AND 68 EAST MAIN STREET IN GLEN LYON IN THE TOTAL BID AMOUNT OF \$43,800.00 TO BRDARIC EXCAVATING PENDING THE APPROVAL OF OUR SOLICITOR CHRIS SLUSSER AND PENN EASTERN ENGINEERS MR.ZYLA SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES: "AYES" MS. ZALESKI. MESSERS, VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, ROKE, CZAPRACKI. "NAYS" NONE

MR.ZYLA MOVED TO SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED APARTMENT PROJECT AT THE PULASKI SCHOOL IN GLEN LYON TO THE LUZERNE COUNTY ZONING HEARING BOARD. MS.ZALESKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES: "AYES" MS. ZALESKI. MESSERS, VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, ROKE, CZAPRACKI. "NAYS" NONE

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

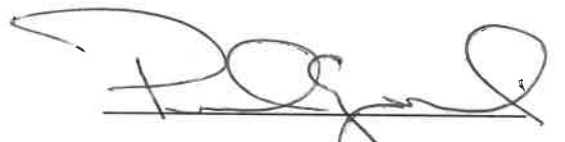
MR. ZYLA THANKED THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR HONORING HIM AT TONIGHTS' MEETING

MR ROKE RECOGNIZED MR ROBERT W PIAVIS A FORMER TOWNSHIP RESIDENT WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY .MR PIAVIS WAS VERY ACTIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

ADJOURNMENT:

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS, MR CZAPRACKI ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6:42 PM


JOSEPH HILLAN
TOWNSHIP SECRETARY


PAUL CZAPRACKI
PRESIDENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

