

MINUTES

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING OF MAY 4, 2020

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.

THIS MEETING AND ALL FUTURE COMMISSIONER MEETINGS WILL BE HELD TELEPHONICALLY AS LONG AS THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IS IN EFFECT DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THAT WAS DECLARED BY THE COMMISSIONERS ON MARCH 17, 2020.

ROLL CALL:

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS: THERE WERE NO CITIZENS COMMENTS SUBMITTED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MS. ZALESKI MOVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2020 COMMISSIONERS' MEETING BE APPROVED. MR. ZYLA 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 MAY 4, 2020 AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	(FNCB)	\$406,198.76
CONTINGENCY FUND	(PLGIT)	\$145,407.62
RECYCLING FUND	(PLGIT)	\$48,688.61
REFUSE FUND	(PLGIT)	\$180,835.05
REFUSE FUND	(FNCB)	\$33,377.96
LIQUID FUELS	(PLGIT)	\$160,917.06
VEHICLE LEASE FUND	(PLGIT)	\$20,182.43
RECREATION USE FUND	(FNCB)	\$6,754.56
WVSA STORM WATER FUND		\$27,333.57
POLICE HOLDING FUND	(FNCB)	_____ \$0
TOTAL CASH ON HAND AS OF APRIL 6, 2020		\$1,029,641.62

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

APPROVAL OF NON RECURRING BILLS PAID DURING APRIL 2020:

MR HILLAN PRESENTED THE COMMISSIONERS WITH A LIST OF NON RECURRING BILLS PAID DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL TOTALLING \$128,856.54. 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 MAY 2020:

MR HILLAN PRESENTED THE COMMISSIONERS WITH A LIST OF BILLS DUE FOR PAYMENT IN MAY TOTALLING \$32,345.24. 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, ROKE, 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 ROKE |
| e. PARKS & RECREATION | MR.VISHNEFSKI |

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

ATTORNEY SLUSSER HAD NOTHING TO REPORT

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT REPORT:

JENNIFER POLITO REPORTED THAT SHE IS CLOSELY MONITORING THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWNSHIP DURING THE COVID -19 PANDEMIC.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. 1595 REFUSE STICKERS WERE SOLD COMPARED TO 1,634 THIS TIME LAST YEAR
- B. DEMOLITION UPDATES:
 1. 129-133 EAST MAIN STREET (CHARLIE HAYES PROPERTY) WE ARE WAITING FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE TRANSFER.
 2. 161-162 BROWN ROW REPOSITORY SALE WAS APPROVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL. WE ARE NOW WAITING FOR THE DEED TO PROCEED WITH THE GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS.

- C. AS OF APRIL 27TH NEWPORT TOWNSHIP HAS A 41.5% RESPONSE RATE TO THE 2020 CENSUS. WE URGE RESIDENTS TO COMPLETE THE 2020 CENSUS. IT ONLY TAKES A FEW MINUTES FOR SOMETHING THAT WILL AFFECT OUR LIVES FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS! INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON OUR NEWLY DESIGNED WEB –SITE AT NEWPORTTOWNSHIP.ORG
- D. ON APRIL 30TH I SENT A LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE CITIZENS OF NEWPORT TOWNSHIP TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED RATE HIKE BY PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN WATER

NEW BUSINESS:

THERE WAS NO NEW BUSINESS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

MR ZYLA COMMENTED DURING HIS PRESENTATION OF HIS MONTHLY POLICE REPORT ABOUT THE RECENT INCREASE OF OFF ROAD VEHICLE TRAFFIC ON TOWNSHIP STREETS THAT IS BEING ADDRESSED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE RECENT JOINT PATROL THAT WAS CONDUCTED BY DCNR, PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION AND THE NEWPORT TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE LEE SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP

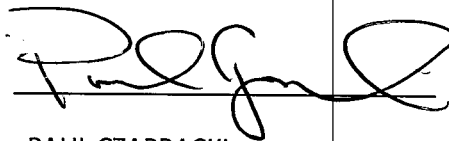
MS. ZALESKI THANKED THE DPW WORKERS FOR THERE EXCELENT WORK AND DEDICATION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

ADJOURNMENT:

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS, MR CZAPRACKI ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6:35 PM



JOSEPH HILLAN
TOWNSHIP SECRETARY



PAUL CZAPRACKI
PRESIDENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS