

MINUTES

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JULY 5, 2022

PRESIDENT PAUL CZAPRACKI, CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:08 PM AND STARTED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ROLL CALL:

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS: MR.LEON BONCZEWSKI QUESTIONED IF THE TEN O’CLOCK CURFEW IS STILL IN EFFECT .HE ALSO STATED THAT THE POLICE FORCE IS DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB COMBATING CRIME IN THE GLEN LYON AREA.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MR. ZYLA MOVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING FROM JUNE 5th AND THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 10th BE APPROVED. MR. ROKE SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT WAS CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. “AYES” MESSERS. ROKE, ZYLA, CZAPRACKI, “NAYS” NONE

REPORT OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS:

MR HILLAN REPORTED CASH ON HAND AS OF JUNE 30, 2021 AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	FNCB)	\$332,727.18
CONTINGENCY FUND	(PLGIT)	\$581,222.90
RECYCLING FUND	(FNCB)	\$34,533.32
REFUSE FUND	(FNCB)	\$204,938.22
LIQUID FUELS	(PLGIT)	\$91,796.78
VEHICLE LEASE FUND	(PLGIT)	\$8,911.81
RECREATION USE FUND	(FNCB)	\$4,934.38
WVSA STORM WATER FUND		\$33,228.56

TOTAL CASH ON HAND AS OF JUNE 30, 2022 **\$1,292,293.15**

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

APPROVAL OF NON-RECURRING BILLS PAID DURING JUNE 2022:

MR HILLAN PRESENTED THE COMMISSIONERS WITH A LIST OF NON-RECURRING BILLS PAID DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE TOTALING \$233,358.40. MR. ROKE MOVED THAT THE LIST BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT. MR. ZYLA SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MESSERS. ROKE, ZYLA AND CZAPRACKI "NAYS" NONE

APPROVAL OF RECURRING BILLS DUE FOR PAYMENT IN JULY 2022:

MR HILLAN PRESENTED THE COMMISSIONERS WITH A LIST OF BILLS DUE FOR PAYMENT IN JULY TOTALING \$204,253.89. MR. ZYLA MOVED THAT THE LIST BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT. MR. ROKE SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES: "AYES" MESSERS, ZYLA, ROKE AND CZAPRACKI. "NAYS" NONE

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

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

SOLICITOR IS REPORT:

ATTORNEY SLUSSER HAD NOTHING TO REPORT

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT REPORT:

JENNIFER POLITO REPORTED THAT THE TOWNSHIP INCOME YEAR TO DATE IS \$1,644,117.80 AND THE EXPENSES ARE \$1,617,178.78

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. 1,683 REFUSE STICKERS WERE SOLD AS OF JULY 1ST . THERE ARE 12 PROPERTY OWNERS HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 19TH AT THE MAGISTRATE FOR FAILURE TO PAY THE 2021 REFUSE FEE.
- B. GLEN LYON SIDEWALK PROJECT UPDATE: THE PROJECT IS PROCEEDING AND IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE THROUGH THE SUMMER MONTHS
- C. DEMOLITION UPDATE: GROUP #4, 128 WEST MAIN STREET GLEN LYON WAS DEMOLISHED ON JUNE 30. 1050 WEST MAIN AVE IN WANAMIE IS EXPECTED TO BE DEMOLISHED THE

WEEK OF JULY 5TH . WE ARE STARTING TO PUT TOGETHER GROUP# 5 SO FAR WE HAVE 7-8 COLLEGE HILL SELECTED AND ARE IN THE PROCESS OF SECURING TWO OTHER PROPERTIES TO COMPLETE THE BID PACKAGE.

- D. PAVING UPDATE: THE LOWER SOUTH VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS HAS COMPLETED THE PAVING OF CENTER STREET, MINER AVE, COLLEGE HILL AND BELLES ROAD IN WANAMIE. PENNSY SUPPLY SHOULD BEGIN THE PAVING OF BURNETT, FRANKLIN, PRINCE, OLD NEWPORT, AND EDWARD STREETS IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. ALSO MARIE DRIVE, MARCELLA DRIVE, HEMLOCK, DEPOT, NEWPORT AND 600 FEET OF WATER STREETS ALONG WITH VANDERMARK ROAD AND NEWPORT STREET ARE SCHEDULED TO BE PAVED THIS YEAR. PENNEASTERN ENGINEERS ARE IN THE FINAL STAGES OF PREPARING THE BID PACKAGE FOR THE RECREATION PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND THE CENTER STREET AND ROBERT STREET ALLEY PROJECTS.

- E. ON TUESDAY JUNE 7TH , AT 7:00 PM, I ALONG WITH COMMISSIONER ZALESKI ATTENDED TWO HEARINGS FOR VARIANCES AND SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS FROM THE LUZERNE COUNTY HEARING BOARD. THE FIRST HEARING WAS FOR THE OLD PULASKI SCHOOL TO BE TRANSFORMED INTO HIGH LEVEL APARTMENTS AND FOR STORAGE UNITS ON THE ADJACENT PROPERTY AND FOR THE VERIZON TOWER TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY BOTH PROJECTS RECEIVED APPROVAL.

NEW BUSINESS:

MR.ROKE MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$7,848.75 FROM THE REFUSE ACCOUNT AND \$14,687.45 FROM THE RECYCLING ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL ACCOUNT TO COVER EXPENSES FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2022 MR. ZYLA SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MESSERS. ROKE, ZYLA AND CZAPRACKI "NAYS" NONE

MR.ROKE MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE # 1 OF 2022 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) STORMWATER DISCHARGES FROM SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SYSTEMS (MS4S) MR. ZYLA SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MESSERS. ROKE, ZYLA AND CZAPRACKI "NAYS" NONE

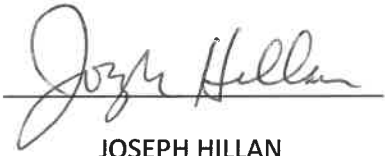
MR.ZYLA MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE NEWPORT TOWNSHIP POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN A CAR CRUISE SPONSORED BY SAINT FAUSTINA'S GROVE ON SUNDAY AUGUST 28 AT 2:30PM. MR. ROKE SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MESSERS. ROKE, ZYLA, CZAPRACKI, "NAYS" NONE

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

THERE WERE NO COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS.

ADJOURNMENT:

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS, MR CZAPRCKI
ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6:28 PM

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joseph Hillan", written over a horizontal line.

JOSEPH HILLAN
TOWNSHIP SECRETARY

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Czaprcki", written over a horizontal line.

PAUL CZAPRCKI
PRESIDENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS