

MINUTES

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MAY 2, 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. PAUL CZAPRACKI MR. JOHN ZYLA, MS. DEBORAH FORGACH - ZALESKI, MR. MICHAEL ROKE AND MR JOHN VISHNEFSKI ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WERE TOWNSHIP MANAGER, JOSEPH HILLAN, ATTORNEY JOHN SOLT, FINANCIAL CONSULTANT JENNIFER POLITO

CITIZENS RECOGNITION: THE FOLLOWING CITIZENS WERE RECOGNIZED BY THE NEWPORT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND PRESENTED A PLAQUE FOR THEIR SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITY: HEIDI JARECKI, RON JONES, LEONARD PACZKOWSKI, STEVE PHILLIPS.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: THERE WERE NO CITIZENS COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MR. ROKE MOVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING FROM APRIL 4TH BE APPROVED. MS. ZALESKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT WAS CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MS. ZALESKI MESSERS. CZAPRACKI, VISHNEFSKI, ROKE, ZYLA, "NAYS" NONE

REPORT OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS:

MR HILLAN REPORTED CASH ON HAND AS OF APRIL 29, 2022 AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	(FNCB)	\$535,380.32
CONTINGENCY FUND	(PLGIT)	\$145,633.79
CONTINGENCY FUND	(FNCB)	\$250,146.78
RECYCLING FUND	(FNCB)	\$36,719.19.
REFUSE FUND	(PLGIT)	\$116.57
REFUSE FUND	(FNCB)	\$244,007.73
LIQUID FUELS	(PLGIT)	\$107,265.79
VEHICLE LEASE FUND	(PLGIT)	\$8,907.21
RECREATION USE FUND	(FNCB)	\$4,934.38
WVSA STORM WATER FUND		\$33,228.56
TOTAL CASH ON HAND AS OF APRIL 29, 2022		\$1,366,223.75

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

APPROVAL OF NON RECURRING BILLS PAID DURING APRIL2022:

MR HILLAN PRESENTED THE COMMISSIONERS WITH A LIST OF NON-RECURRING BILLS PAID DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL TOTALING \$195,791.02. MS. ZALESKI 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. CZAPRACKI, VISHNEFSKI, ROKE, ZYLA. "NAYS" NONE

APPROVAL OF RECURRING BILLS DUE FOR PAYMENT IN MAY 2022:

MR HILLAN PRESENTED THE COMMISSIONERS WITH A LIST OF BILLS DUE FOR PAYMENT IN MAY TOTALING \$26,442.99. 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" MS. ZALESKI. MESSERS, CZAPRACKI, VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, ROKE. "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 SOLT HAD NOTHING TO REPORT

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT REPORT:

JENNIFER POLITO REPORTED THAT THE INCOME FOR THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THE YEAR WAS \$708,821.03 AND THE EXPENSES WERE \$565,155.17. SHE ALSO REPORTED THAT PROPERTY TAXES ARE BEING COLLECTED AT A STEADY RATE.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. 1, 627 REFUSE STICKERS HAVE BEEN SOLD COMPARED TO 1,642 THIS TIME LAST YEAR.
66 RESIDENTS HAVE NOT PAID. CHARGES WILL BE FILED AT THE MAGISTRATE ON MAY 15TH
- B.GLEN LYON SIDEWALK PROJECT UPDATE: CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN ON THE WEST SIDE OF GLEN LYON. CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE THROUGH THE SUMMER MONTHS.

C. DEMOLITION UPDATE: DEMOLITION OF 15 WEST MAIN IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED SOON AS WELL AS 48-50-52-54-56-58-68 EAST MAIN STREET. THE BLIGHT REMEDIATION TEAM IS COMPILING A LIST OF PROPERTIES FOR GROUP 4.

D. STREET PAVING UPDATE: THE BIDS FOR THE OCD AND PRISON CLOSURE GRANT PROJECTS WERE OPENED ON APRIL 29TH AT 1:00 PM AND WILL BE ADDRESSED UNDER THE NEW BUSINESS PORTION OF TONIGHT'S MEETING. PENN EASTERN ENGINEERS ARE NOW WORKING ON PREPARING THE BIDS FOR THE ROBERT STREET ALLEY, CENTER ST ALLEY JAMES STREET AND THE RECREATION PARK PROJECTS.

NEW BUSINESS:

MR. ROKE MOVED TO AWARD THE BID TO PENNSY SUPPLY FOR THE PAVING OF FRANKLIN, BURNETT, DEPOT STREETS AND STRALKA LANE AS WELL AS 600 FEET OF WATER STREET USING LUZERNE COUNTY OCD FUNDS \$182,969.40 PENDING THE APPROVAL OF OUR SOLICITOR CHRIS SLUSSER AND PENN EASTERN ENGINEERS. MR. VISHNEFSKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES: "AYES" MS. ZALESKI. MESSERS, CZAPRACKI, VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, ROKE. "NAYS" NONE

MR. VISHNEFSKI MOVED TO AWARD THE BID TO PENNSY SUPPLY FOR THE PAVING OF EDWARD, OLD NEWPORT, PRINCE AND HEMLOCK STREETS, MARIE AND MARCELLA DRIVE USING THE REMAINING FUNDS OF THE PRISON CLOSURE GRANT (\$192,571.95) PENDING THE APPROVAL OF OUR SOLICITOR CHRIS SLUSSER AND PENN EASTERN ENGINEERS MR. ROKE SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES: "AYES" MS. ZALESKI. MESSERS, CZAPRACKI VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, ROKE. "NAYS" NONE


COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

MR. CZAPRACKI COMMENTED ON THE DEMOLITION OF THE ABANDONED PROPERTIES IN GLEN LYON AND THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW SIDEWALKS. MR. CZAPRACKI ALSO THANKED EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECTS AND FOR TRYING TO STRIVE FORWARD TO MAKE THE TOWNSHIP A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.

ADJOURNMENT:

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS, MR ZYLA ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6:27 PM

JOSEPH HILLAN
TOWNSHIP SECRETARY



PAUL CZAPRACKI
- PRESIDENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

