

MINUTES

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AUGUST 3, 2026

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 ATTENDED MR. RONALD JONES, MR. DAVID SARAKA, MR. JOHN ZYLA AND MR. PAUL CZAPRACKI. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WERE TOWNSHIP MANAGER, JOSEPH HILLAN AND ATTORNEY CHRIS SLUSSER. MR. MICHAEL ROKE WAS ABSENT.

RECOGNITION OF FIREFIGHTERS:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENTED FIRE-CHIEF JASON KOWALSKI, DEPUTY CHIEF KYLE GRUBER WITH LIFE SAVING MEDALS FOR THEIR EFFORTS DURING A FLOODING EVENT ON WEST KIRMAR PARKWAY ON JULY 6TH. FIREFIGHTER DAVID MCGOVERN WAS ALSO HONORED BUT WAS NOT PRESENT HE WILL BE PRESENTED WITH HIS LIFE SAVING MEDAL AT A FUTURE DATE.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

THERE WERE NO CITIZENS COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MR. SARAKA MOVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING FROM JULY 6TH BE APPROVED. MR. JONES SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES MESSERS JONES, SARAKA, ZYLA, AND CZAPRACKI "NAYS" NONE

REPORT OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS:

MR. HILLAN REPORTED CASH ON HAND AS OF JULY 31, 2026 AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	(PSBT)	\$429,684.75
CONTINGENCY FUND	(PLGIT)	\$761,116.54
RECYCLING FUND	(PLGIT)	\$68,794.83
REFUSE FUND	(PSBT)	\$44,314.06
REFUSE FUND	(PLGIT)	\$215,795.06
LIQUID FUELS	(PLGIT)	\$68,794.83

TOTAL CASH ON HAND AS OF JULY 31, 2026

\$1,568,818.88

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

APPROVAL OF NON-RECURRING BILLS PAID DURING JULY 2026:

MR. HILLAN PRESENTED THE COMMISSIONERS WITH A LIST OF NON-RECURRING BILLS PAID DURING THE MONTH OF JULY TOTALING \$142,534.80. MR. SARAKA 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. JONES, SARAKA, ZYLA, AND CZAPRACKI "NAYS" NONE

APPROVAL OF RECURRING BILLS DUE FOR PAYMENT IN AUGUST 2026:

MR. HILLAN PRESENTED THE COMMISSIONERS WITH A LIST OF BILLS DUE FOR PAYMENT IN AUGUST TOTALING \$62,764.05. MR. ZYLA MOVED THAT THE LIST BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT. MR. JONES SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES: "AYES" MESSERS JONES, SARAKA, ZYLA, AND CZAPRACKI "NAYS" NONE

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

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

SOLICITOR IS REPORT:

ATTORNEY SLUSSER HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT REPORT:

MR. HILLAN REPORTED THAT THE INCOME YEAR TO DATE IS \$1,942,198.85 AND EXPENSES ARE \$1,452,358.39.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. REFUSE COLLECTION UPDATE: 26 HEARINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 1ST AT MAGISTRATE WHITTAKER'S. COLLECTION RATE IS AT 99% FOR THE YEAR.
- B. RAILROAD STREET PLAYGROUND UPDATE: THE PLAYGROUND SURFACE WILL BE INSTALLED THIS WEEK AND THE FENCE IS ON BACK ORDER AND NOT EXPECTED FOR AT LEAST THREE WEEKS.

- C. ON JULY 21ST NEWPORT TOWNSHIP SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$766,678.99 UNDER THE DCED MULTI MODEL TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR THE PAVING OF VISTA DRIVE, OVERLOOK DRIVE, MARK AND JAMES STREETS.

NEW BUSINESS:

MR. ZYLA MOVED TO PASS RESOLUTION #13 OF 2026 A RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY CHANGING THE DIRECTION OF TRAVEL OF VEHICLES ON GRUVER STREET AND CHURCH STREET IN NEWPORT TOWNSHIP. MR. SARAKA SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES MESSERS JONES, SARAKA, ZYLA, AND CZAPRACKI "NAYS" NONE

MR. ZYLA MOVED TO PASS RESOLUTION #14 OF 2026 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE PENSION PLAN FOR THE POLICE OFFICERS OF NEWPORT TOWNSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 600. MR. JONES SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES: "AYES" MESSERS JONES, SARAKA, ZYLA, AND CZAPRACKI "NAYS" NONE

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

MS. CAROL JARECKI EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 162-164 EAST MAIN STREET IN GLEN LYON

MR. JOHN JARECKI QUESTIONED RESOLUTION #14 OF 2026

MR. JEREMY BLANK EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT RECEIVING POLICE REPORTS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

MS. PALMIRA MILLER REPORTED ON THE SUN MEAL PROGRAM AND THE MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION. MS. MILLER ALSO HAD CONCERNS WITH THE RETAINING WALL AND CODE ENFORCEMENT ON RIDGE STREET.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

THERE WERE NO COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

ADJOURNMENT:

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


JOSEPH HILLAN
TOWNSHIP SECRETARY


PAUL CZAPRACKI
PRESIDENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

