

MINUTES

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MAY 6, 2024

VICE PRESIDENT JOHN ZYLA, 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. JOHN ZYLA, MS. DEBORAH FORGACH - ZALESKI, MR. MICHAEL ROKE AND MR JOHN VISHNEFSKI. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WERE TOWNSHIP MANAGER, JOSEPH HILLAN, ATTORNEY JEFF ROCKMAN, AND FINANCIAL CONSULTANT JENNIFER POLITO. MR.PAUL CZAPRACKI WAS ABSENT.

CITIZENS RECOGNITION: THE NEWPORT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENTED PLAQUES RECOGNIZING THE NEWPORT TOWNSHIP WOMEN'S ACTIVITY GROUPS CELEBRATION OF THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY AND TO TIFFANY HOFFMAN FOR HER SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITY. JOHN KASHATUS AND CHARLES SUDA WERE ALSO HONORED BUT WERE NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

CITATIONS WERE ALSO PRESENTED TO THE NEWPORT TOWNSHIP WOMEN'S ACTIVITY GROUP FROM STATE SENATOR LISA BAKER AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE ALEC RYNCAVAGE COMMEMORATING THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: SALLY MAKAVENSKY ENQUIRED ABOUT THE TNR PROGRAM. THE BOARD INFORMED HER THAT THE SPCA WOULD BE ATTENDING THE COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION ON MAY 21ST TO DISCUSS THE PROGRAM.

PALMIRA MILLER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE IS STILL BEING HELD ON THE SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. STARTING TIME FOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION IS 11:00AM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MS.ZALESKI MOVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING FROM APRIL 1ST BE APPROVED. MR.VISHNEFSKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

ATTORNEY ROCKMAN HAD NOTHING TO REPORT

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT REPORT:

JENNIFER POLITO REPORTED THAT THE INCOME FOR THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THE YEAR WAS \$1,144,307.15 AND THE EXPENSES WERE \$822,535.47.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. 1,512 REFUSE STICKERS HAVE BEEN SOLD AS OF APRIL 30TH. THE FEE INCREASED TO \$420.00 ON MAY 1ST.
- B. STREET PAVING UPDATE: PENNSY SUPPLY RECENTLY COMPLETED THE PAVING OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS: IN SHEATOWN: LOGAN, FAIR, FAIR LANE, WOODRIDGE DRIVE, STONEY LANE, IN GLEN LYON: CHURCH, ROCK AND COAL FROM SPRING TO EAST MAIN STREET. CENTER STREET IN WANAMIE WILL BE COMPLETED IN JUNE.
- C. NEWPORT TOWNSHIP WILL BE HOLDING AN ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT ON SATURDAY MAY 18TH FROM 9AM UNTIL 11 AM AT THE MUNICIPAL GARAGE.
- D. ON APRIL 11TH WE HAD OUR PRE APPLICATION MEETING WITH DEP CONCERNING THE GRANT FOR THE PACMASTER RECYCLING TRUCK. WE WERE INFORMED THAT A FEW YEARS AGO DEP STOPPED FUNDING TRUCKS THAT CRUSH GLASS. WE CAN STILL APPLY FOR THE GRANT AND USE THE PACMASTER FOR PLASTIC AND CARDBOARD.
- E. ON TUESDAY APRIL 30TH WE RECEIVED WORD FROM DEP THAT OUR APPLICATION FOR OUR 2022 ACT 904 RECYCLING GRANT WAS SENT TO THE COMPTROLLER FOR REVIEW FOR PAYMENT. BARRING ANY UNFORESEEN ISSUES WE SHOULD RECEIVE A PAYMENT OF \$1,315.62 IN FOUR TO SIX WEEKS.

NEW BUSINESS:

MR.ROKE MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #5 OF 2024 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF NEWPORT TOWNSHIP, LUZERNE COUNTY, AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP MANAGER JOSEPH HILLAN, TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT MONEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$158,197.50 FOR A PAC MODEL 11RLM REAR LOADER MOUNTED ON A 2023 FREIGHTLINER M2 106 THROUGH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION 902 DEVELOPMENT & IMPLEMENTATION OF MUNICIPAL RECYCLING PROGRAMS GRANT. MR.VISHNEFSKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MS. ZALESKI. MESSERS. VISHNEFSKI, ROKE, ZYLA. "NAYS" NONE

MS.ZALESKI MOVED TO TRANSFER \$250,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND AT FNCB TO THE CONTINGINCEY FUND AT PLGIT TO RECEIVE A BETTER INTEREST RATE. MR.VISHNEFSKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MS. ZALESKI. MESSERS. VISHNEFSKI, ROKE, ZYLA. "NAYS" NONE