

MINUTES

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

NOVEMBER 1, 2021

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

MS. PALMIRA MILLER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE MONTHLY CEO FOOD DISTRIBUTION WILL BE ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13TH AT THE NEWPORT TOWNSHIP RECREATION PARK BEGINNING AT 11:00AM. MS. MILLER ALSO INFORMED THE BOARD AND THE RESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE THAT TURKEY CERTIFICATES WERE ABLE THRU THE CEO AND THE DEADLINE TO APPLY WAS NOVEMBER 4TH.MS. MILLER ALSO THANKED POLICE CHIEF JEREMY BLANK AND THE ENTIRE POLICE FORCE FOR KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE.

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

REPORT OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS:

MR HILLAN REPORTED CASH ON HAND AS OF OCTOBER 29, 2021 AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	(FNCB)	\$373,604.64
CONTINGENCY FUND	(PLGIT)	\$145,621.59
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RECYCLING FUND	(PLGIT)	\$1,358.98
RECYCLING FUND	(FNCB)	\$14,420.91
REFUSE FUND	(FNCB)	\$103,773.55
LIQUID FUELS	(PLGIT)	\$96,625.88

VEHICLE LEASE FUND (PLGIT)	\$8,906.47
RECREATION USE FUND (FNCB)	\$4,934.38
WVSA STORM WATER FUND	\$34,305.70
TOTAL CASH ON HAND AS OF OCT 29, 2021	\$1,002,570.04

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

APPROVAL OF NON RECURRING BILLS PAID DURING OCTOBER 2021:

- MR HILLAN PRESENTED THE COMMISSIONERS WITH A LIST OF NON RECURRING BILLS PAID DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER TOTALING \$92,709.64. 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. VISHNEFSKI, ROKE, ZYLA AND CZAPRACKI "NAYS" NONE

APPROVAL OF RECURRING BILLS DUE FOR PAYMENT IN NOVEMBER 2021:

MR HILLAN PRESENTED THE COMMISSIONERS WITH A LIST OF BILLS DUE FOR PAYMENT IN NOVEMBER TOTALING \$40,958.83. MS. ZALESKI 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 AND 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 SOLT HAD NOTHING TO REPORT

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT REPORT: JENNIFER POLITO PRESENTED THE COMMISSIONERS WITH THE TEN MONTH REVENUES \$1,863,787.14. AND EXPENSES \$1,214,385.06.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. *2022 PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTATION: GENERAL FUND BUDGET TOTALS \$1,480,435. THE 2022 TAX RATE 3.7500 MILLS FOR GENERAL PURPOSE REMAINS THE SAME AS 2021, THE 2022 TAX RATE FOR FIRE PROTECTION WILL INCREASE TO .40 AN INCREASE OF .25 DUE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CAPITAL PURCHASE FUND FOR A NEW FIRE ENGINE.*

THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION ONLINE ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE AND AT THE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING UNTIL THE DECEMBER 6, 2021

DEMOLITION UPDATES:

B. LIEN SEARCHES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED ON THE FIRST ROUND OF PROPERTIES SCHEDULED FOR DEMOLITION. THE NEXT STEP IN THE PROCESS WILL BE THE ASBESTOS INSPECTIONS.

C. DOLLAR GENERAL UPDATE: SITE CLEARANCE HAS BEGUN, CONTRACTOR IS HOPEFUL TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THE PROJECT READY FOR PAVING WHILE THE WEATHER PERMITS.

D. WE RECEIVED PROPOSALS FOR SNOW REMOVAL FOR THE 2021-2022 WINTER SEASON FROM WINFIELD PETERS FOR \$90.00 PER HOUR THAT WAS A FIVE DOLLAR INCREASE. THAT IS THE FIRST INCREASE IN THREE YEARS. THE INCREASE IS DUE TO THE RISING COSTS OF FUEL.

E. PAVING IS COMPLETE ON NORTHERN AVENUE IN SHEATOWN. WORK HAS BEGUN ON THE HANDICAP RAMPS AND DRAINS ON MAIN STREET IN WANAMIE. THE PROJECT IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

F. GLEN LYON SIDEWALK UPATE: ALL OF THE REQUIRED PERMITS HAVE BEEN SECURED AND THE PROJECT WILL BE PUT OUT FOR BID IN JANUARY 2022

G. COG PAVING UPDATE: GRUVER STREET IN ALDEN HAS BEEN PAVED, RAILROAD STREET IN ALDEN IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 2ND, AND THEN THE ALLEY ALONG SIDE OF THE WANAMIE FIRE STATION WILL CONCLUDE THE PAVING FOR THIS YEAR.

NEW BUSINESS

MR. ZYLA MOVED TO APPROVE A 5.9% COLA INCREASE FOR 2021 FOR NORMAN BODEK FROM THE FIREMANS PENSION PLAN REQUESTED BY NORMAN BODEK AND AUTHORIZED BY THE PLANS ACTUARY FOSTER & FOSTER. MR. VISHNEFSKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT WAS CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MS. ZALESKI MESSERS. VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, ROKE, CZAPRACKI, "NAYS" NONE

MS. ZALESKI MOVED TO HIRE RICHARD J GUZIAK AS A PART TIME EMPLOYEE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. HE WILL BE UTILIZED FOR RECYCLING AND EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. MR. ZYLA SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MS. ZALESKI MESSERS, VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, AND CZAPRACKI "NAYS" NONE

MR. ZYLA MOVED TO APPROVE A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE #2 OF 2011. MR. VISHNEFSKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT WAS CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MS. ZALESKI MESSERS. VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, CZAPRACKI, "NAYS" MR. ROKE

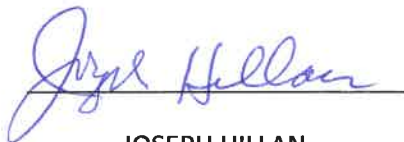
MR. ROKE MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE MUNICIPAL GARAGE ON NOVEMBER 16 2021 FOR A MEETING OF THE NEPA REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP (811) FROM 11AM TO 2PM. MS. ZALESKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT WAS CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MS. ZALESKI MESSERS. VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, ROKE, CZAPRACKI, "NAYS" NONE

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

MR. ZYLA COMMENTED ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF NACERO CHOOSING TO INVEST \$6 BILLION DOLLARS IN A GAS FACILITY TO BE LOCATED IN NEWPORT TOWNSHIP. MR. ZYLA COMPARED THE SIZE OF THIS PROJECT TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT IN SALEM TOWNSHIP AND THAT THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT NEWPORT TOWNSHIP'S ECONOMY WILL ACTUALLY BENEFIT FROM THIS TYPE OF PROJECT.

ADJOURNMENT:

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS, MR CZAPRACKI ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6:36 PM



JOSEPH HILLAN
TOWNSHIP SECRETARY



PAUL CZAPRCKI
PRESIDENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS