

MINUTES

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 3, 2023

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS: MR .STEPHEN PHILLIPS THANKED THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR PLANTING THE BLUE SPRUCE TREE IN FRONT OF THE MUNICIPAL BULIDING.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MR.ZYLA MOVED THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD ON MARCH 6TH BE APPROVED. MS.ZALESKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MS. ZALESKI MESSERS. ROKE, ZYLA, CZAPRACKI "NAYS" NONE MR.VISHNEFSKI ABSTAINED

REPORT OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS:

MR HILLAN REPORTED CASH ON HAND AS OF MARCH 31, 2023 AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	(FNCB)	\$360,181.14
CONTINGENCY FUND	(PLGIT)	\$847,120.45
CAPITAL PURCHAS FUND	(PLGIT)	\$35,540.09
RECYCLING FUND	(PLGIT)	\$19,404.56
REFUSE FUND	(PLGIT)	\$163,597.59
REFUSE FUND	(FNCB)	\$67,492.38
LIQUID FUELS	(PLGIT)	\$1139,883.14
VEHICLE LEASE FUND	(PLGIT)	\$16,728.78
RECREATION USE FUND	(FNCB)	\$4,934.38
WVSA STORM WATER FUND		\$26,809.78
TOTAL CASH ON HAND AS OF MARCH 31, 2023		\$1,684,692.77

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, ROKE, ZYLA, CZAPRACKI. "NAYS" NONE

APPROVAL OF NON-RECURRING BILLS PAID DURING MARCH 2023:

MR HILLAN PRESENTED THE COMMISSIONERS WITH A LIST OF NON-RECURRING BILLS PAID DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH TOTALING \$172,831.43. 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. VISHNEFSKI, ROKE, ZYLA, CZAPRACKI. "NAYS" NONE

APPROVAL OF RECURRING BILLS DUE FOR PAYMENT IN APRIL 2023:

MR HILLAN PRESENTED THE COMMISSIONERS WITH A LIST OF BILLS DUE FOR PAYMENT IN APRIL TOTALING \$104,280.36. MR.ZYLA MOVED THAT THE LIST BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT. MS.ZALESKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES: "AYES" MS. ZALESKI. MESSERS, VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, ROKE, 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 SLUSSER HAD NOTHING TO REPORT

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT REPORT:

JENNIFER POLITO REPORTED THAT THE INCOME FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2023 WAS \$730,938.33 AND THE EXPENSES WERE \$575,571.26. MS POLITO ALSO REPORTED THAT THE ANNUAL AUDIT WOULD BEGIN IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. AS OF MARCH 31st 1,125 REFUSE STICKERS HAVE BEEN SOLD. DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT IS APRIL 30th.
- B. ON MARCH 14th WE RECEIVED OUR 2023 KEYSTONE MUNICIPAL INSURANCE PROGRAM DIVIDEND CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,479.28

C. BLIGHT REMEDIATION UPDATE: GROUP #6 WAS ADVERTISED FOR BID ON MARCH 24TH AND BIDS WILL BE ADDRESSED UNDER NEW BUSINESS. GROUP #6 CONSISTS OF 77 RIDGE STREET AND 81 WEST MAIN STREET IN GLEN LYON.

D.THE EMERGENCY ACCESS ROAD GOING OUT OF GLEN LYON IS COMPLETE. THIS WILL PROVIDE AN EMERGENCY ROUTE IN AND OUT OF GLEN LYON IN THE EVENT OF THE CLOSURE OF FANUCCI'S HILL.

E. WORK HAS BEGUN ON THE WANAMIE CELL TOWER. THE PROJECT SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN A FEW MONTHS.

F. WORK WILL RESUME ON THE GLEN LYON SIDEWALK PROJECT ON MONDAY APRIL 10TH .

G. WE WILL BE HOLDING TWO PAPER-SHREDDING EVENTS JUNE 17TH AND OCTOBER 21ST FROM 9AM UNTIL 12PM AND AN ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT ON JULY 1ST FROM 9AM UNTIL 11 AM

NEW BUSINESS:

MR.ZYLA MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO.3 of 2023 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEWPORT APPROVING A FIVE YEAR LEASE TO PURCHASE A 2023 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR FROM MCCANDLES FORD AND ROTTET MOTORS BASED ON COSTARS PRICING. MS.ZALESKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES: "AYES" MS. ZALESKI. MESSERS, VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, ROKE, CZAPRACKI. "NAYS" NONE

MS.ZALESKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$7,848.75 FROM THE REFUSE ACCOUNT AND \$14,687.25 FROM THE RECYCLING ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL ACCOUNT TO COVER EXPENSES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2023. MR. VISHNEFSKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MS. ZALESKI. MESSERS. VISHNEFSKI, ROKE, ZYLA, CZAPRACKI. "NAYS" NONE.

MR.VISHNEFSKI MOVED TO TABLE THE MOTION TO APPOINT THE NORTHEAST INSPECTION CONSULTANTS TO CARRY OUT NEWPORT TOWNSHIP'S BUILDING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT EFFECTIVE APRIL 1ST2023. MS.ZALESKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES: "AYES" MS. ZALESKI. MESSERS, VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, ROKE, CZAPRACKI. "NAYS" NONE.

MR.VISHNEFSKI MOVED TO GRANT PERMISSION TO THE NANTICOKE AREA LITTLE LEAGUE USE OF THE NEWPORT TOWNSHIP RECREATION PARK DURING THE 2023 LITTLE LEAGUE SEASON. MS.ZALESKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES: "AYES" MS. ZALESKI. MESSERS, VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, ROKE, CZAPRACKI. "NAYS" NONE.

MS.ZALESKI MOVED TO AWARD THE CONTRACT TO BRDARIC FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 77 RIDGE STREET(\$12,00.00) AND 81 WEST MAIN STREET (\$39,00.00) 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. VISHNEFSKI, ROKE, ZYLA, CZAPRACKI. "NAYS" NONE.

MR.VISHNEFSKI MOVED TO APPLY FOR A 2023 COPS GRANT AND GRANTING TOWNSHIP MANAGER JOSEPH HILLAN PERMISSION TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS TO THE SAME. MR.ROKE SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES: "AYES" MS. ZALESKI. MESSERS, VISHNEFSKI, ZYLA, ROKE, CZAPRACKI. "NAYS" NONE.

MS.ZALESKI MOVED TO JOIN WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE LOWER SOUTH VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS IN THE PURCHASE OF A TAC BUGGY NOT TO EXCEED THE COST OF \$4,500.00. . MR. VISHNEFSKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MS. ZALESKI. MESSERS. VISHNEFSKI, ROKE, ZYLA, CZAPRACKI. "NAYS" NONE.

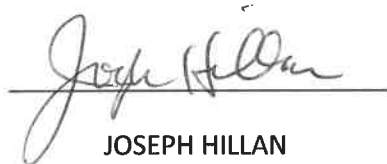
MR.ROKE MOVED TO SELL THE 1976 MACK SQUIRT FIRE ENGINE TO THE HIGHEST QUALIFIED BIDDER FROM MUNICIBID LOUIS STEPHENSON FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$5,600.00. MR. VISHNEFSKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING AYE AND NAY VOTES. "AYES" MS. ZALESKI. MESSERS. VISHNEFSKI, ROKE, ZYLA, CZAPRACKI. "NAYS" NONE.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

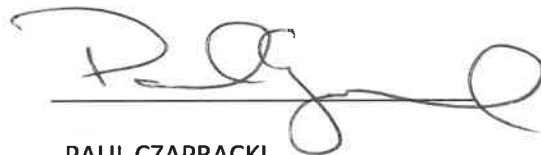
MR.CZAPRACKI WISHED EVERYONE A HAPPY EASTER.

ADJOURNMENT:

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS, MR CZAPRACKI ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6:21 PM



JOSEPH HILLAN
TOWNSHIP SECRETARY



PAUL CZAPRACKI
PRESIDENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS