

**NORTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 2018 at 4:00 pm**

CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Junko

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER - Reverend Michael Roach from Trinity Bible Fellowship Church

INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Junko introduced Jackie Kotchman as the newly appointed Secretary/Treasurer and Erin Dinch as the new Director of Planning and Zoning.

RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES- Mr. Sabot recognized Peter N. Riddell as the recipient of the Eagle Scout Award. The Supervisors presented him with a certificate and Peter spoke about his project, Buddy Benches, which is an anti-bullying program. It included installing benches at each of the Trinity Elementary school playgrounds that were designed to encourage children to reach out to other children when they needed someone to play with. He also designed an additional bench for a student who had passed away the year before. Mr. Sabot also asked Peter if he and his fellow scouts could help raise awareness and help with the Township Clean Up Day in April.

Mr. Junko recognized Martha Ward for her years of service to the Township. She was presented with a certificate for her dedication and hard work. Mr. Junko also acknowledged and thanked Tim Fritz for helping to repair the flags.

ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA- None

GUEST

Layton Wise of 292 Franklin Terrace addressed the flooding on his property. He explained flooding on July 28, 2017 resulted in 18 inches of water in his basement that cost him \$15,000 in repairs. After he discussed various issues he was having and the estimated costs involved, he requested that an overflow pipe be installed under Franklin Terrace and an additional pipe be placed beside his driveway. Mr. Junko recommended that Widmer Engineering address the issue again and that the Township would try to alleviate the situation in the spring, based on their findings.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

****MOTION to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2018 meeting and the November 29, 2018 Special Meeting was made by Mr. Passalacqua; seconded by Mr. Sabot. Unanimously carried.**

****MOTION to approve and sign Employee Agreement for Jackie Kotchman** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Unanimously carried.

****MOTION to approve and sign the Employee Agreement for Erin Dinch** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Unanimously carried.

6. Road Project Update

Mr. Passalacqua stated that the paving contracted through Morgan Excavating was completed and was satisfactory.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Supervisor Meetings for 2019

****MOTION to set meeting times for the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Unanimously carried.

2. Reorganization Meeting 2019

****MOTION to advertise and set the Reorganization Meeting for Monday, January 7, 2019 at 12 noon** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Unanimously carried.

****MOTION to set the January 2019 Board of Supervisor's meeting for Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 5:00 pm** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Unanimously carried.

3. Request a Loan from NFT Recreation & Business Improvement Authority Mr.

Sweat advised that there is a holdup on the reimbursement of \$250,000.00 for the Bridge Grant to the Township because audits and reports have not been filed. Mr. Sweat said the Board of Supervisors requested him to approach the Recreation & Business Improvement Authority to see if they would have the funds available to make a short-term loan to the Township to help meet the financial obligations of the Bond payment and the Police Pension MMO. Mr. Sweat stated that Mr. Passalacqua and Martha Ward contacted the Authority Board Chairman, Frances Eates to begin discussions. As a result, a Loan Agreement was developed between the Authority and the Township in the amount of \$275,000.00 to assist the Township in meeting some of their financial obligations before year end. He advised that the Authority would be meeting December 12, 2018 to take a formal vote on the no interest loan with a repayment date of on or before February 28, 2019.

****MOTION for the Board Chairman, Mr. Junko, to sign the Loan Agreement for presentation to the Recreation & Business Authority for action at their meeting December 12, 2018** was made by Mr. Passalacqua; seconded by Mr. Sabot. Unanimously carried.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

SUPERVISOR JUNKO'S REPORT

Mr. Junko read a letter from the American Legion thanking the Township for their \$250 donation for the Veterans Day Parade.

SUPERVISOR PASSALACQUA'S/ROADMASTER REPORT

Mr. Passalacqua advised that the problem on Hamilton has been resolved and that lights at the Mall are being replaced.

SUPERVISOR SABOT'S REPORT

****MOTION to send Erin Dinch to the PSATS Convention and Conference April 14-17, 2019** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Unanimously carried.

Mr. Sabot said he received a call from Rick Marker at PennDOT about a meeting on December 20, 2018 to address the West Chestnut Street flooding. He recommended that a member of the Board and an attorney attend the meeting.

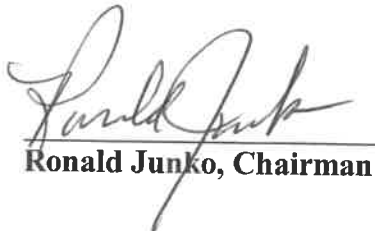
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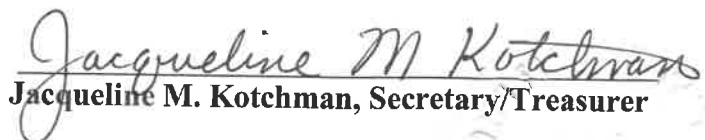
Christina Hartzell of 76 Fulton Street asked why the Board never discusses the Police Department and the State Police coverage. She said she would not pay her taxes until it was resolved. Mr. Sabot explained that they had hired a fifth officer but that officer had resigned.

ADJOURNMENT

****MOTION to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters** was made by Mr. Junko; seconded by Mr. Sabot. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Ronald Junko, Chairman


Jacqueline M. Kotchman, Secretary/Treasurer