

**NORTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES**

March 12, 2019

5:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER - Present were Mr. Junko, Mr. Sabot, Mr. Passalacqua and Solicitor Michael Cruny.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER – Pastor Carl Sprowls

ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA - None

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

****MOTION to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2019 meeting,** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

****MOTION to file the Treasurer's Report for future Audit** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Unanimously carried.

BUILDING PERMITS – Harold Ivery from Municipal Consulting Services read the February report which included one (1) building permit totaling \$78.00

BILL APPROVAL AND CHECK SIGNING

****MOTION to approve total bills and check signing** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Unanimously carried.

GUESTS

Chris Blaine, Vice President of Corporate Partnerships for the Washington Wild Things, advised that the reason for her visit was initiated by the owner, Stu Williams to ensure that they are "good neighbors". She explained that at times the "noise" at the park can be an issue, but she assured everyone that they abide by the laws set forth by the Township. Chris said games were already underway since February. She said she wants people to come into the Township for games so they can see what else the Township has to offer. She said the Wild Things will open their season on May 17, 2019 and will play 45 games which includes a lot of special promotions. One is "Awareness Tuesdays" in which non-profits and other organizations will be at the games to help raise awareness and money for their cause. The Antiques Fair will still be the last Sunday of each month and Friday nights will be Fireworks Night. A Concert Series will start in June.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Chestnut Street Flooding

Solicitor Michael Cruny advised that he and Rich Rush from Widmer Engineering had conversations with some of the landowners and the Attorney from Rite Aid. Rite Aid wants the Township to take over the entire length of the stormwater pipe. Mr. Rush is concerned that if the Township took it over there could be substantial liability involved. He advised that Rite Aid would not grant any right-of-way for the collapsed section. Mr. Cruny said the Township would consider, based on Mr. Rush's review and the work being done to Township specifications, taking over the section closer to Franklin Farms. He said that it was not on the table from the landowners so at this time the Township has no further action and that it might go to court.

****MOTION to inform Rite Aid attorney, Steve Marriner, that the Township is not going to take over the entire length of the pipe was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Unanimously carried.**

2. ACT 172-Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit

****MOTION to advertise Act 172, Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit (20% off of Real Estate tax) was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Unanimously carried.**

3. Morgan Excavating

****MOTION to approve payment to Morgan Excavating for additional work requests to 2018 Road Improvement Project in the amount of \$46,121.88 was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Unanimously carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2019 Township Street Sign Replacement Project

****MOTION to obtain quotes for the 2019 Street Sign Replacement Project using blue and white colors was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Unanimously carried.**

2. Earth Day Great American Cleanup of PA

****MOTION to schedule the North Franklin Township Clean-Up day for Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 10 am – 2 pm was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Unanimously carried.**

3. Subdivision & Land Development for Burger King

****MOTION to approve the Land Development Site Plans for the new Burger King was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Unanimously carried.**

4. ****MOTION to obtain quotes for the replacement of the Township Maintenance Facility fence was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Unanimously carried.**

5. ****MOTION to adopt Resolution 7 of 2019 expressing North Franklin Township Board of Supervisors support for retaining the county wide system for earned income tax collection as provided under Act 32 of 2008 was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Unanimously carried.**

6. **Conditional Use Hearing for Sprague Petroleum Bulk Plant**

Harold Ivery, of Municipal Consulting Service, advised that Sprague (Coen Oil) has submitted an application to put in a Petroleum Bulk Plant at 1110 West Chestnut Street. He explained that they would install tanks that will hold diesel fuel.

****MOTION to schedule a Conditional Use Hearing to consider the application of Sprague Operating Resources, LLC to operate a petroleum bulk plant at 1110 West Chestnut Street in the Township for Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 4:30 pm was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Unanimously carried.**

7. **Roselawn Drive Discussion**

Chairman Ron Junko advised that residents on Roselawn Drive are preparing to build a house and have complained about the condition of the road. Mr. Junko explained that it is a Township road.

****MOTION to add Roselawn Drive to the 2019 list of roads to be evaluated for maintenance and improvement was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Unanimously carried.**

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Bane reported that for February 2019 the Fire Department had 48 calls including four (4) building fires, one (1) other fire, one (1) vehicle fire, five (5) medical assists, three (3) motor vehicle accidents, one (1) carbon dioxide incident, two (2) electrical incidents, eight (8) public service calls, three (3) dispatched and canceled in route, eleven (11) false alarms and nine (9) wind storm related calls. He stated that for the year to date they had 76 calls. They averaged 5 persons per call and the average response time from dispatch to arrival on scene was 10 ½ minutes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Jarod D'Amico stated that Code Enforcement had six (6) complaints; two (2) trash and junk, one (1) vehicles, three (3) other category. He stated there was a complaint about the drainage on Bellevue Street and he is waiting to hear back from the notified residents.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Michael Cruny gave an update on the Bridge Grant advising that the 2016 and 2017 audits were completed and he would be checking with Rich Cleveland to see if there is anything else needed in order to receive the grant money.

SUPERVISOR JUNKO'S REPORT

None

SUPERVISOR SABOT'S REPORT

Mr. Sabot advised that since accepting the retirement of Bill Pettit last month, the Board has decided not to hire a full-time Road Crew employee replacement but would keep Bill Pettit on as a non-union consultant and part time employee.

****MOTION to hire Bill Pettit as a non-union part-time employee and Road Crew consultant for no more than \$1000 per month** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Junko. Unanimously carried.

SUPERVISOR PASSALACQUA'S REPORT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1. Art Batson of 1612 Edwards Drive asked how many candidates the Township received for Township Supervisor. Mr. Sabot advised that there were three (3), two (2) democrats and one (1) Republican.

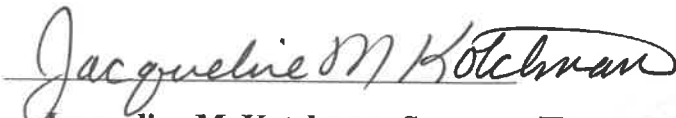
ADJOURNMENT

****MOTION to adjourn and enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Junko. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald Junko, Chairman



Jacqueline M. Kotchman, Secretary/Treasurer