

**NORTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES**

May 12, 2020

5:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER - Present were Mr. Sabot, Mr. Passalacqua, Mr. Quinn, Solicitor Gary Sweat, Secretary/Treasurer Jackie Kotchman and Erin Dinch, Director of Planning & Development. The Meeting was held via teleconference with no public attendance due to COVID-19. Those physically attending the meeting were seated at least 6 feet apart. The public could email questions using an email address that was advertised in the newspaper and also made available on the Township website.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER – by Pastor Stephen Ramey, Mt. Hermon Baptist Church

ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA - None

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

****MOTION to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2020 meeting** was made by Mr. Passalacqua; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

****MOTION to file the Treasurer’s Report for future audit** was made by Mr. Passalacqua; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

GUESTS - None

BILL APPROVAL AND CHECK SIGNING

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

BUILDING PERMITS

Erin Dinch reported that there were three (3) building permits totaling \$385.00.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **West Chestnut Street Update-** Mr. Sweat advised that the Guttman Oil Attorney filed a complaint and a motion for an emergency injunction with the Court of Common Pleas. He said Attorney Marriner turned the case over to Colin Fitch. He said there is a hearing Thursday morning with all the parties involved with Judge Lucas overseeing at 9:15 am.
2. **McElree Road Update** – Mr. Sabot reported that Todd Lanch and Mr. Johnson have been upgrading the drainage on McElree Road to prepare it for base repair in the future. He said it may be added to the A. Folino work done in Holiday Hills. He also reported that A. Folino started underdrainage work in Holiday Hills and should be paving in another two weeks. He said Columbia Gas was doing work between West Chestnut Street and Franklin Farms Road. He said the Greenhill paving would be done last.
3. **Demolition Update** – Matt Malik reported that it would cost approximately \$28,400.00 to demolish the properties located at 22 Mill street, 16 Altamont, and 640 McElree Road. He said Rich Rush told Harshman to do the bid specs for the project.

****Motion to authorize for Harshman LLC. to prepare bid documents and specifications and to advertise for the demolition of 22 Mill Street, 16 Altamont, and 640 McElree Road contingent on all procedures and steps being followed was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.**

4. Poultry Ordinance

****MOTION to forward Proposed Poultry Ordinance to the Planning Commission for review was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Unanimously carried.**

ORDINANCES

Mr. Sabot and Mr. Passalacqua advised that they would like an Ordinance prohibiting home owners from blowing grass and leaves into the streets.

****MOTION to authorize Sweat Law Offices to begin work on addressing the issues of residents blowing debris into the streets was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.**

RESOLUTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

1. ****MOTION to lift the North Franklin Township State of Emergency effective Monday, May 18th was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Unanimously carried.**

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - None

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Matt Malik of Harshman Group reported they looked at 25 property violations. He advised that there were complaints about 260 Park Avenue including missing windows and tall grass. He said it was supposed to be demolished. In addition, he reported the Sunoco on West Chestnut had trash dumped over the hill and will be getting their third Quality of Life Ticket. The owner told Harshman he paid someone to clean it up but that they did not show up. He also said the BonTon had cleaned up the damaged portico and debris.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sweat requested a brief Executive Session to discuss the West Chestnut Street hearing and some of the issues. He reported that the two Ordinances the Supervisor's adopted last month have been filed in the Law Library including the Mall Rezoning and the Tree, Shrubbery & Brush Ordinance. He also stated there was no new issues in regard to the Recreation Authority with the position of the Township. He commended Erin Dinch on the letter she wrote to the Authority. He said Ron Junko would probably be at next month's meeting to discuss any issues.

SUPERVISOR SABOT'S REPORT - Mr. Sabot advised that some of the Mall stores would open on Friday, May 15th, like Marshalls and Ross's, but that the Mall would remain closed. He also reported that all Wild Things employees are laid off at this point. He said the biggest problem is that there are two teams from Canada in their League, which could pose problems.

SUPERVISOR PASSALACQUA'S REPORT – None

SUPERVISOR QUINN'S REPORT – None

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS

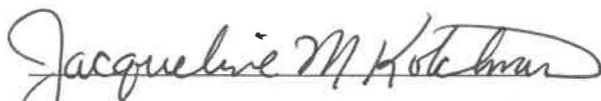
Heather Glaser of 151 Greenhill Drive emailed in a response to the earlier discussion about any Ordinances addressing grass clippings and debris thrown onto the roads. She advised that the Ordinance pertaining to such debris is, "deposit of substance on streets" and can be found in Chapter 6, Section 5, Protecting Public Property.

ADJOURNMENT

****MOTION to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel with no action and adjourn the meeting at 6:10 pm was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.**

Respectfully submitted,


Robert Sabot, Chairman


Jacqueline M. Kotchman, Secretary/Treasurer