

**NORTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES**

November 10, 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 public attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

****MOTION to approve the minutes of the October 13, 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.

BILL APPROVAL AND CHECK SIGNING

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

GUESTS

BUILDING PERMITS

Erin Dinch reported that there were eight (8) building permits in the amount of \$4058.00

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Demolition Update** – Matt Malik of Harshman Group reported that 152 Fulton Street and 16 Altamont were slated to be demolished. He said Reynolds Brothers put in for the PA One Calls for those properties.

2. ****MOTION to advertise an Ordinance adopting the Code of the Township of North Franklin, Pennsylvania, October 2020 as prepared by General Code and authorizing the that the Code to be placed online and accessed through the Township website** was made by Mr. Passalacqua; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

ORDINANCES

****MOTION to adopt Ordinance No. 8 of 2020 an Ordinance amending the Township Zoning Ordinance to permit Factory Authorized Equipment Dealer(s) in the Master Overlay District, subject to certain regulations within the Township and to provide a definition for said use; and further amending Article XIV, Section 1402 Special Yard Requirements to permit Privacy Fences in side yards subject to certain regulations** was made by Mr. Passalacqua; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

1. ****MOTION to approve the proposed 2021 budget for advertising** was made by Mr. Passalacqua; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.
2. ****MOTION to advertise the Notice of Intent for an independent CPA firm to complete the 2020 Financial Audit** was made by Mr. Passalacqua; seconded by Mr. Sabot. Unanimously carried.
3. ****MOTION to terminate the services of Widmer Engineering Inc. effective November 10, 2020** was made by Mr. Passalacqua; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.
4. ****MOTION to appoint Harshman CE Group LLC as Township Engineering firm effective November 10, 2020** was made by Mr. Passalacqua; seconded by Quinn. Unanimously carried.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – None

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Matt Malik of Harshman Group reported there were sixteen (16) violations, five (5) trash and junk, five (5) structure, two (2) grass, and four (4) other. He advised that the demolition of 260 Park Avenue is almost finished. He also said the trailer on South Palm Street has been disconnected from sewer lines and the yard had been seeded and they seem to be complying.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sweat advised that the former Macy's store may still be sold to a developing buyer. He also reported that West Chestnut Street pipe work was finished and Alex Paris Construction did a great job. He said his office received a RTK request from the attorneys for Rite Aid and were

responding along with Erin. He said the Township may need to get authorization from the Board to survey the PA American right-of-way to get a metes and bounds description in case a Declaration of Taking needs to be filed.

SUPERVISOR SABOT'S REPORT – Mr. Sabot thanked everyone who took part in the Township Clean-Up Day. He also reported that the Township had a very good Halloween night with no incidents. Mr. Sabot advised he was calling an Executive Session to discuss private property issues in the Walnut Ridge Plan, financial and legal issues involving the new Township building and property, the Act 537 Plan, and discussions with South Franklin and possible future legal issues with the Wild Things.

SUPERVISOR PASSALACQUA'S REPORT – None

SUPERVISOR QUINN'S REPORT - None

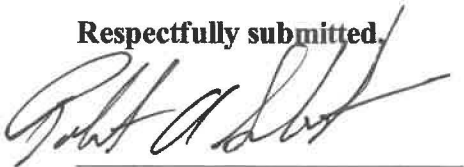
PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Lisa Quinn of Sylvan Drive said there are beaver dams causing the creek to rise and a fallen tree causing additional high-water problems. She said the Game Commissioners can come out and trap the beavers and relocate them.

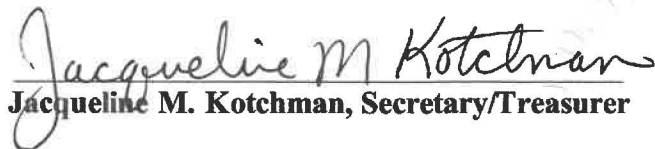
ADJOURNMENT

****MOTION to Adjourn the meeting at 5:55 pm and go into Executive Session with no action to be taken was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Unanimously carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Sabot, Chairman



Jacqueline M. Kotchman, Secretary/Treasurer