

**NORTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES**

January 4, 2021

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 available 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 – was given by Reverend Eric Hoeke at the Reorganization Meeting prior to this meeting.

ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

****MOTION to approve the minutes of the December 8, 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 one (1) building permit in the amount of \$134.60

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Demolition Update** – Mr. Sabot advised that 16 Altamont Street and 152 Fulton Street have been demolished by Reynolds Brothers.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Washington Crown Center Mall Subdivision #2** – Erin Dinch reported that the subdivision was approved by the County Planning Commission but that our Engineer has a few concerns to be addressed. Widmer Engineering, engineers for the mall, are addressing the issues and have asked for Conditional Approval.
*****MOTION to give Conditional Approval upon satisfaction of the Engineers comments to the Washington Crown Center Mall Subdivision #2** was made by Mr. Passalacqua; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.
2. *****MOTION to make a donation of \$44,000.00 to the North Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company for 2021 to be paid in 4 equal installments of \$11,000.00 each quarter** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Unanimously carried.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – None

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT – Mr. Sabot read the Code Enforcement Report which is included with the minutes on record.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sweat reported that Walnut Ridge Homeowners Association is being represented by Attorney Tom Lonich. He said Mr. Lonich was willing to go to court to get an injunction ordering the Township to do the snow plowing in the private drive areas in question. He said his stance was that the Township has maintained the private drive road areas in excess of 21 years. Mr. Sweat agreed that the probably is the case according to the 2nd Class Township code book. Mr. Sweat said that the Township would agree to do the snow plowing until March but that signs needed to be posted preventing garbage trucks and large trucks from using it. He said they would discuss it further and come to an agreement.

Mr. Sweat reported that another issue is the access to the Passalacqua pavilion via the Wild Things property. Mr. Sweat said he spoke to Stu Williams about the issue and that he will arrange a meeting with both parties to discuss the issue further. Mr. Sweat said a proposed easement from the Wild Things and a divider of some type is a possible solution.

SUPERVISOR SABOT'S REPORT – Mr. Sabot reported that Ross's was closing at the Mall.

SUPERVISOR PASSALACQUA'S REPORT – None

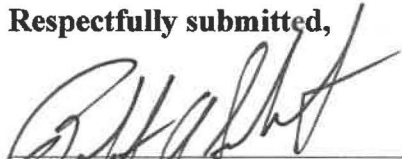
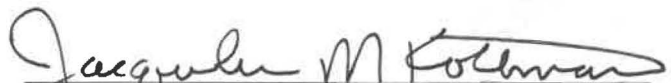
SUPERVISOR QUINN'S REPORT - None

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS – Melanie Wolf asked about the progress on 22 Mill Street demolition. Erin Dinch reported that the owner might walk away because of the cost of repairs but that her decision is unknown as of today. Mr. Sabot said we may have an answer by February's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

****MOTION to Adjourn the meeting at 6:30 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