

**NORTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES**

February 9, 2021

5:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER - Present were Mr. Sabot, Mr. Passalacqua, Mr. Quinn, Secretary/Treasurer Jackie Kotchman and Erin Dinch, Director of Planning & Development. The meeting was available via teleconference with public attendance. The public could email questions using an email address that was advertised in the newspaper and also made available on the Township website. Solicitor Gary Sweat joined by teleconference.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER – was given by Dr. Fred McCloskey, Calvary Baptist Church

ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

*****MOTION to authorize Sweat Law Offices to advertise and draft an amendment to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance eliminating the need for Planning Commission review to approve Minor Subdivisions** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

****MOTION to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2021 Reorganization meeting** was made by Mr. Passalacqua; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

*****MOTION to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2021 regular Supervisors' 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 four (4) building permits in the amount of \$2,900.00

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Demolition Update** – Matt Malik of Harshman Group, LLC reported that 152 Fulton Street and 16 Altamont Avenue have been completely demolished and filled in. He reported that he spoke with Miss Porfilio about her property at 22 Mill Street and she indicated she wants to tear down the house herself. He advised that there were too many issues to salvage the house. Mr. Sabot expressed concern about the house being torn down in a timely fashion. Matt Malik advised she had 90 days. Mr. Sabot also advised that the Township will be receiving a grant for \$50,000 to use towards demolition of blighted properties in 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *****MOTION to authorize Harshman CE Group to prepare and advertise bid documents for the 2021 Road Improvement Project (including McElree Road, Webb Drive, Farabee Drive, Hazlett Lane and West Canyon Drive)** was made by Mr. Passalacqua; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.
2. *****MOTION to authorize Sweat Law Firm to draft and advertise an Ordinance adopting Trich Drive and North Franklin Drive as Township roads** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Unanimously carried.
3. *****MOTION to approve advertising Request for Proposals for Preparation of a Master Site Development Plan of the park property** was made by Mr. Passalacqua; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

Erin Dinch advised that this RFP is for the grant that the Township received from the DCNR through which the DCNR will pay for roughly half of the cost to put a Master Site Development Plan together. She added that once it is completed, the Township will apply for an additional grant to work on the first phase of the plan.

4. *****MOTION to set prices for Pavilion Rentals for 2021 at \$100 for residents, \$150 for non-residents and no charge for non-profits. Each rental will require a \$100 refundable security deposit** was made by Mr. Passalacqua; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS

1. *****MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 6 of 2021 Designating Use of Funding for the Washington County Community Development Block Grant** was made by Mr. Passalacqua; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – None

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT – Matt Malik reported that there were seven (7) violations; three (3) being trash & junk, one (1) structural, two (2) vehicles and one (1) other. He reported that the resident at 330 Cleveland Road paid a Quality-of-Life Ticket for \$25 but is in very poor health. He said there is a vehicle with flat tires and no inspection but that he did not know what she could do about it given her condition. Mr. Sabot suggested we give her more time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sweat reported that a procedure to return property from the evidence room has been established.

He advised that Judge Lucas has appointed Attorney Tom Lonich to serve as mediator in the West Chestnut Street litigation. He said the case is growing and 17 writs have been filed against upstream property owners that Rite Aid believes is dumping water into that pipe. He said so far, the Township has not been named. Mr. Lonich is trying to come up with a procedure to remediate the issue. He said the Township continues to not assume any liability without a court order.

SUPERVISOR SABOT'S REPORT – Mr. Sabot encouraged everyone to get vaccinated and wear your mask.

SUPERVISOR PASSALACQUA'S REPORT – None

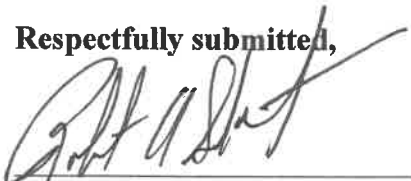
SUPERVISOR QUINN'S REPORT - None


PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None

ADJOURNMENT

****MOTION to Adjourn the meeting at 5:55 pm** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Robert Sabot, Chairman


Jacqueline M. Kotchman, Secretary/Treasurer