

**NORTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES**

June 8, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER – was given by Dr. Michael Roach, Trinity Bible Fellowship

ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

****MOTION to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021 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 two (2) building permits in the amount of \$210.00

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Fire Company Discussion/Decision on use of sirens in Township** -Fire Chief Dave Bane advised the Board that the fire company voted to turn the sirens back on. He said he has contacted an electrician to get estimates on the work needed to be done to activate the sirens. He said the electrician could program the sirens to blow as many times as needed. In addition, sirens can be programmed to blow a different pattern (times) to alert residents

about different emergency scenarios. Chief Bane recommended that we let the residents know in advance of the Township's decision to use the sirens again. He said the estimate is approximately \$12,000.00 to upgrade/repair the Emergency Vehicle Warning System at Franklin Farms and Sylvan Drive. Mr. Sabot said that the Board might split the cost of the Warning System if the Township does not receive a grant for it. Erin Dinch advised that she would order new Fire crossing warning signs.

2. *****MOTION to hire Vince Smykal as part-time summer help at \$9.50 an hour beginning June 9th until Labor Day** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.
3. *****MOTION to advertise the Minor Subdivision Ordinance Hearing for 5:15 pm on July 13, 2021 (Explanation: Originally scheduled for June 8, 2021 but was not advertised. Sweat Law offices has confirmed the proper email address for advertisements)** was made by Mr. Passalacqua; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

ORDINANCES

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

*****MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 12 of 2021 – Authorizing Erin Dinch, Director of Planning and Development and Jacqueline Kotchman, Secretary/Treasurer to complete and execute all documents and agreements between North Franklin Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the Growing Greener Plus Grant to be used for streambank restoration** was made by Mr. Passalacqua; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

*****MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 13 of 2021 - Authorizing Erin Dinch, Director of Planning and Development and Jacqueline Kotchman, Secretary/Treasurer to complete and execute all documents and agreements between North Franklin Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the Automated Red Light Enforcement Grants (ARLE) to be used for updating the flashing school zone signs on Park Avenue and the Emergency Vehicle Warning System at Franklin Farms Avenue and Sylvan Drive** was made by Mr. Passalacqua; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Fire Chief Dave Bane reported that for May 2021 the Fire Department had 16 calls including two (2) fires, four (4) medical assists, two (2) motor vehicle accidents, one (1) locked in vehicle, one (1) gas leak, one (1) smoke removal, two (2) public service, two (2) false alarms and one (1) unintentional alarm. He stated that year-to-date they had 129 calls. They averaged 5.5 persons per call and the average response time was 10 minutes. He also advised the Fire Company was purchasing orange markers to be placed on the 110 fire hydrants in the Township.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT – Matt Malik reported that there were seven (7) investigated violations; one (1) being trash & junk, two (2) other and four (4) grass. He advised he had a few hearings coming up. He said he sent an email to Erin about having the Road Crew cut 640 McElree Road.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Mr. Sweat advised that PSATS newsletter had an article on how to use the funds for the American Rescue Plan Act. He said the funds need to be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026. He also added that an annual report on the Funds would be due beginning this October 31, 2021. Mr. Sabot advised that the Township was not going to reimburse themselves but would dedicate that money to the Sewage Project. Mr. Sweat also said to be aware that the Walnut Ridge Group wants to reopen discussion on the road issues in their Plan. He said there still needs to discussion on the BSI way at the Wild Things. A tentative meeting was being set up with Erin, Mr. Sweat, Stu Williams and Chris Blaine.

SUPERVISOR SABOT'S REPORT – Mr. Sabot advised that Port, the designing company for the Park, would be meeting with the Supervisors on July 9, 2021.

SUPERVISOR PASSALACQUA'S REPORT – None

SUPERVISOR QUINN'S REPORT – None

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS

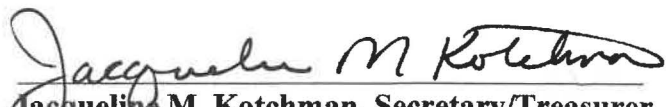
Chief Bane said he would be investigating the Long John Silver's Building as it is dilapidated and has been closed for years. His concern was all the wood sheds around created a fire hazard and a public nuisance. Mr. Sweat recommended that Code Enforcement and the Fire Chief check into LJS building and the USA Steak Buffett.

ADJOURNMENT

****MOTION to Adjourn at 6:25 pm** was made by Mr. Passalacqua; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Robert Sabot, Chairman


Jacqueline M. Kotchman, Secretary/Treasurer