

**NORTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES**

August 10, 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. Fred McCloskey, Calvary Baptist Church

ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

****MOTION to approve the minutes of the July 13, 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 three (3) building permits in the amount of \$225.00.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Fire Company Siren/Emergency Lights Update

Fire Chief Dave Bane advised that the amount approved at the July meeting did not include the equipment cost. Solicitor Gary Sweat stated that the new amount is above the bidding threshold and would need to be advertised and bid out.

*****MOTION to advertise for bid proposals for the Replacement of the Siren Activation system** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Quinn.
Unanimously carried.

*****MOTION to set a Special Meeting for Thursday, August 26th at 12:00 noon for the opening of the Siren Activation System Replacement bids** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

2. *****MOTION to adopt the PSATS Non-CDL Drug & Alcohol Testing Personnel Policy effective August 10, 2021** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua.
Unanimously carried.
3. **Fireworks Ordinance Update** – Mr. Sabot advised there was nothing to report on the Township Fireworks Ordinance as the State Laws had changed. He said if a resident has a problem, they should call the State Police. Erin Dinch asked Mr. Sweat if the Township can amend its Ordinance to make it compliant with the State Laws and make it easier to read. Mr. Sweat said his office could review and revise the Ordinance.

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

1. *****MOTION to approve entering into a Nuisance Abatement and Temporary Easement Agreement with the property owner of 22 Mill Street to permit the Township to enter onto the property and abate all nuisances** was made by Mr. Passalacqua; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.
2. *****MOTION to approve Sweat Law Offices to execute on liens for 16 Altamont and 152 Fulton Street** was made by Mr. Passalacqua; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.
3. *****MOTION to approve Harshman CE Group, LLC to obtain bid quotes to demolish 22 Mill Street** was made by Mr. Passalacqua; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

Matt Malik with Harshman CE Group advised that if Reynolds Brothers still honors the price they originally quoted it will not have to be bid out. Mr. Sabot advised waiting until we got the grant money for demolitions in 2022.

4. **North Franklin Township Waterside Park Community Planning & Information Event Saturday, August 21st from 11:30 am – 2:30 pm at the NF Twp Fire Hall on Sylvan Dr.**

Erin Dinch explained that the Township has about 90 acres of property available to develop into a park. She said most of the community residents do not know it exists so the firm planning the park will be there with maps and information. She said there will also be tours

of the property along the creek and back to the reservoirs. She said food and games for the kids will also be provided.

5. **Covid Safety Discussion** – Mr. Sabot asked if the Township should go back to masks and/or Tele-conference meetings based on the recent increase of Covid-19 cases. Discussion ensued. Mr. Quinn advised following what the State is doing and having residents make their own decisions. Mr. Sabot advised that he wants to keep the employees safe. He recommended using our mobile Zorpro thermometers for meetings. Erin Dinch recommended using the virtual calls for the meetings again. After continued discussion, the Board decided to wait to see how things went and revisit the discussion in September.

K2 ENGINEER'S REPORT- Sue Sepic from K2 Engineering reported that Greg had made a quick sketch of the changes to the entrance of the building to save money. She said they started the revisions on the E & S (Erosion & Sediment) and the NPDES permit. She said the HOP permit was submitted for the driveway for PennDOT. She added that they were redesigning the retaining wall. She said the timetable was on schedule.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Fire Chief Dave Bane reported that for July 2021 the Fire Department had 41 calls including two (2) covered assignments, eight (8) medical assists, six (6) motor vehicle accidents, one (1) overheated motor, one (1) police matter, one (1) downed power line, seven (7) public service, ten (10) false alarms and four (4) dispatched and canceled enroute, one (1) carbon monoxide. He stated that year-to-date they had 205 calls. They averaged 5.2 persons per call and the average response time was 9 minutes. He added that the Fire Department would be at the Flight Fest at the County Airport with trucks and would hand out Fire Safety materials.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT – Matt Malik read the Code Enforcement report stating that there were ten (10) investigated violations; four (4) being trash & junk, two (2) vehicles and two (2) grass and two (2) other category. He reported that they attended a hearing for Mr. Loar and he had until the end of the year to correct issues with his property. Mr. Sabot asked for reports on the old USA Steak Buffet and the Long John Silvers buildings. Mr. Mailk said that Mr. Patel would like to sell the USA Steak Buffet property. He said that there are building safety violations at the LJS property. Chief Dave Bane said he would meet with Matt to inspect the buildings. Matt Malik also reported that they filed citations and a stop work order on the owner of the Interstate Golf Center.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Mr. Sweat reported that the Township has been added to the West Chestnut Street lawsuit by Orion properties (Rite Aid). He said it has been turned over to the Township's insurance carrier Huntington Insurance and an attorney will be assigned. He advised that Mr. Sabot and Mr. Cruny were to meet with the insurance attorney. Mr. Sweat also advised that there were new rules for Township agendas, including posting them 24 hours before the Township Meeting. He said there were new restrictions on changing the agenda.

SUPERVISOR SABOT'S REPORT - None

SUPERVISOR PASSALACQUA'S REPORT – None

SUPERVISOR QUINN'S REPORT – None

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS

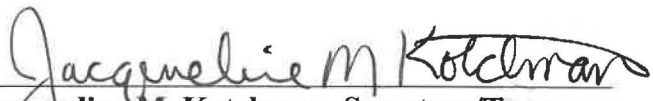
ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Sabot, Chairman



Jacqueline M. Kotchman, Secretary/Treasurer