

**NORTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES**

December 14, 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 public attendance. The public could email questions using an email address available on the Township website.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER – was given by Pastor Steven Ramey, Mt. Hermon Church

ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*****MOTION to approve the minutes of the November 9, 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.

BUILDING PERMITS

Erin Dinch reported that there were three (3) building permits in the amount of \$593.00.

OLD BUSINESS

1. *****MOTION to approve the Ellwood Hill, LLC Subdivision** was made by Mr. Passalacqua; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.
2. *****MOTION to adopt the 2022 Proposed Budget** was made by Mr. Passalacqua; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *****MOTION to approve advertising and set the Reorganization Meeting for Monday, January 3, 2022 at 5:30 pm** was made by Mr. Passalacqua; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

2. *****MOTION to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to pay a refund of \$41,810.00 to Trinity Area School District for LERTA properties from 2018** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

Solicitor Sweat advised that there was a change in the check book handling of the Authority and the new person deposited all of the LERTA monies into the Recreation & Business Improvement Authority and it should have only been half. Therefore, that money is owed to the School District.

K2 ENGINEER'S REPORT

Sue Sepic from K2 Engineering reported that the HOP (Highway Occupancy Permit) for the driveway was submitted to PennDOT. She said they were submitting a Zoning Application for variances to Harold Ivery tomorrow for the Zoning Hearing Board meeting the first week of January as well as the Land Development Plan. She said K2 was finalizing the building footprint and layout and starting the Civil Utility Plan to be submitted to the Utility companies for approval. She said they were on track for 60% design plan completion by the end of December, 90% by the end of January and bidding by the end of February.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT

Dave Leasure from Harshman Engineering reported that everything was back on track for bidding and spring construction. He said he dropped off plans with the latest updates.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Fire Chief Dave Bane reported that for November 2021 the Fire Department had 27 calls including one (1) building fire, one (1) chimney fire, seven (7) medical assists, eight (8) motor vehicle accidents, one (1) public service, seven (7) false alarms, one (1) each of COD detector, smoke detector. He stated that year-to-date they had 324 calls. They averaged 4 persons per call and the average response time was 8 1/2 minutes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT – Matt Malik reported that there were nineteen (19) investigated violations; ten (10) being trash & junk, four (4) junk vehicle and five (5) other which were structures for (CBDG) Community Development Block Grants. He reported that Harold Ivery posted the Long John Silvers property and 22 Mill Street. He said 640 McElree was next. Matt introduced Dalton McEwen from Harshman and said he would be doing "The boots on the ground" Code Enforcement for the Township. He said the Golf Center case was continued until January.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Mr. Sweat advised that Washington Crown Center owners have filed a second Tax Appeal for the assessed value of the Rural King property. He said the initial

mall assessment was for \$19,000.000 but on appeal has been reduced to \$14,000,000. The second appeal for Rural King property was asked to be reduced from \$4,000,000 to \$2,500,000. The school district disagrees with it so it is going to trial before a Judge. He advised to let the Solicitor for the school district handle the appeal. He said the Township might have to pay 25% towards an appraisal if needed. He asked the Board for authorization to pay the 20-25% for an appraisal. The Board was agreeable to that approach.

SUPERVISOR SABOT'S REPORT – Mr. Sabot reported that Columbia Gas will begin Scenic Drive (McElree) road work on January 3, 2022. He also said some of the Federal Signal siren equipment was back ordered.

SUPERVISOR PASSALACQUA'S REPORT – Mr. Passalacqua thanked everyone for his time at North Franklin.

SUPERVISOR QUINN'S REPORT – Mr. Quinn congratulated Mr. Passalacqua and wished him a pleasant retirement.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

Mr. Passalacqua was presented with a plaque from the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors for his 12 years of service to the Township.

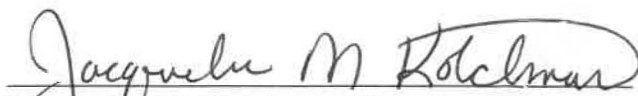
Mr. Passalacqua thanked everyone for the plaque and for allowing him to serve the Township.

ADJOURNMENT

****MOTION to Adjourn at 6:10 pm and go into Executive Session to discuss New Township Building and personnel issues 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