

MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2022

5:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER - Present were Mr. Sabot, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Polan, Solicitor Gary Sweat, Secretary/Treasurer Jackie Kotchman and Director of Planning and Development, Erin Dinch. The meeting was available via teleconference with public attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER – was given by Pastor Gary Saler, Unite Church

ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*****MOTION to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2022 Supervisor's meeting** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Polan. Unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

****MOTION to file the Treasurer's Report for future audit** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

BILL APPROVAL AND CHECK SIGNING

****MOTION to approve total bills and check signing** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

GUESTS

BUILDING PERMITS

Erin Dinch reported that there were seven (7) building permits in the amount of \$1204.00

OLD BUSINESS

1. *****MOTION to reapprove Property Line Adjustment Subdivision for Cholock, Plants and Southerly (as it has been over 90 days since approval)** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

1. *****MOTION to approve Resolution No. 16 of 2022- A Resolution of the North Franklin Township Board of Supervisors concerning installation, maintenance and ownership of the Outdoor Warning Sirens installed in North Franklin Township** was made by Mr. Polan seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *****MOTION to hire Jake Folle to fill the Road Crew/Public Works position with a start date of October 3, 2022 subject to the Collective Bargaining Agreement and Teamsters Local 585** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Polan. Unanimously carried.
2. *****MOTION to hire Arthur Batson to Road Crew/Public Works position with a start date of October 31, 2022 subject to the Collective Bargaining Agreement and Teamsters 585** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Mr. Polan voted NO. Motion carried with a 2-1 vote.
3. *****MOTION to approve the MMO's (Minimum Municipal Obligation's) for Police, Road Crew and Municipal Pensions** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.
4. *****MOTION to advertise and set date for the 2023 Budget Workshop for Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 1:00 pm** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Polan. Unanimously carried.
5. *****MOTION to advertise and set Fall Leaf Pick-up for Monday through Friday beginning October 31st and ending November 30, 2022** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.
6. *****MOTION to set Trick-or Treat for Monday, October 31st from 6-7:30 pm** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.
7. *****MOTION to advertise and change the November Board of Supervisor's Meeting to Tuesday, November 15, 2022 (currently falls on Election Day)** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.
8. *****MOTION to approve the Builders Risk Policy with Intact Insurance in the amount of \$4,000.00 for the construction of the new Township Building** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.
9. *****MOTION to approve a 2.5% raise for non-union employees for 2023** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

K2 ENGINEER'S REPORT

Doug Hill from K2 Engineering reported that since the release of the Notice to Proceed, the designer has been back and forth with submittals from the prime contractor. He added that the NPDES permit was under review. He said Tyler from the DEP has approved it and it's in the hands of his supervisor. He said he hopes for approval by the end of the week.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT

Jamie Harshman reported that on the sanitary sewer map there is a manhole uphill on the building site side of the street. He said it would eliminate going under the road and will require a grinder pump. He said Masco would be moving in soon to do prep work.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Dave Bane reported that for July 2022 the Fire Department had 52 calls including one (1) tree fire, thirteen (13) medical assists, four (4) motor vehicle accidents, one (1) mobile home fire, two (2) brush fires, one (1) gas leak, twelve (12) public service, one (1) vehicle fire, one (1) rubbish fire, one (1) powerline down, one (1) off-road equipment fire, one (1) water issue, one (1) gas leak and twelve (12) malfunctioning alarm systems. He stated that year-to-date they have had calls. They averaged 5.2 persons per call and the average response time was 7 minutes and 26 seconds. Year to date 247 calls.

For the month of August one (1) brush fire, five (5) medical assists, six (6) motor vehicle accidents, one (1) carbon monoxide, one (1) smoke removal, three (3) public service, one (1) odor of smoke, two (2) unintentional alarms and one (1) lightning strike for a total of 21 calls for the month. They averaged 6 persons per call and the average response time was 7 minutes and 40 seconds. Year to date 268 calls.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Erin Dinch reported that Harshman Code Enforcement investigated 198 Webb Drive for a non-permitted business (notice sent certified and non-certified). The owner denied a business was being ran. The Township stated that if there were any more complaints, citations would be filed.

She advised that a hearing was held for 431 Cleveland Road (citations awaiting plea), 58 Altamont (grass-was remediated) and 2920 Chestnut Street (vehicle -appellant hearing on 10/18/2022 and the Sunoco (trash citation- was awaiting plea)

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sweat reported that the blighted properties on schedule for demolition included 22 Mill Street, 640 McElree Road, the Long John Silver's property, and they were proceeding with updating citations and obtaining the ability to get a court order on the Loar property at 63 Cleveland Avenue.

He advised that the mediation of the West Chestnut Street lawsuit never went anywhere and we are back in court with preliminary objections being filed and argument is scheduled for September 21 before Judge Michael Lucas.

He said he received appraisals on the USA Steak Buffett property.

SUPERVISOR SABOT'S REPORT

Mr. Sabot reported that a bid advertisement was made for a signal at Franklin Farms and Sylvan and the preemption signals at Park and Franklin Farms.

SUPERVISOR QUINN'S REPORT – None

SUPERVISOR POLAN'S REPORT – None

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT

*****MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 pm** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Robert Sabot, Chairman
Jacqueline M. Kotchman, Secretary/Treasurer