

MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2023

5:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER - Present were Mr. Sabot, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Johnson, 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 Bill Lawler, United Methodist Church

ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*****MOTION to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023 Public Hearing** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.

*****MOTION to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023 Supervisor's meeting** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BILL APPROVAL AND CHECK SIGNING

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

GUESTS

BUILDING PERMITS

Erin Dinch reported that there were two (2) building permits in the amount of \$1094.00

OLD BUSINESS

1. *****MOTION to adopt the 2024 Proposed Budget** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.

2. *****MOTION to approve an Amendment to the Township Code of Ordinances, Section 460 Zoning, to authorize Private Schools as a Permitted Use in the Medium Density Residential District (R-3) and the Highway Commercial District (C-3) was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.**

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Motion to approve Resolution No. 14 of 2023 a Resolution of North Franklin Township, County of Washington accepting the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release for the West Chestnut Street Lawsuit- Docket Number 2020-2075 was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. *****MOTION to advertise and set the Reorganization Meeting for Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 5:30 pm was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.**
2. *****MOTION to advertise and set the January Supervisor's Meeting for Tuesday, January 2, 2024 immediately following the Reorganization Meeting which is scheduled for 5:30 pm was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.**
3. *****MOTION to approve the Temporary Construction Easement, Agreement of Sale, Deed of .147 acres to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation for the required Right-of Way for the replacement of a bridge located on SR 0018 was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.**
4. *****MOTION to approve the purchase of a used HP DesignJet T2530 from Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A. Inc. for \$3,427.15 was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.**

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT

Alex Cowden of Harshman Engineering reported that there is some heat in the building. He said they are working on the bank behind the building and they finished pouring the last of the sidewalks yesterday except for the stairs. In addition, he said the roof and the siding are 100% done and electrical, plumbing and HVAC inspections are scheduled for today.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Dave Bane reported that for November 2023 the Fire Department had 32 calls including one (1) fire other, ten (10) medical assists, four (4) motor vehicle accidents, one (1)

stand-by, three (3) building fires, six (6) public service, on (1) smell of smoke, one (1) vehicle fire, one (1) search for a person and nine (9) unintentional alarms. Average response was 7 minutes and 22 seconds and they averaged 5.8 persons per call. Year to date 311 calls.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

There was no one present from Harshman CE Group, LLC. Mr. Sweat reported that Harshman has issued 40-50 citations so far to the Bon-Ton. He said the Magistrate's Office has to serve the owners and they haven't had any luck. He said the property would be liened for all the judgements. Mr. Sweat also reported that the PA American property is closed and the deed will be recorded.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Sweat gave condolences to Martha Ward for the loss of her sister, Nellie Tarbuck. He also said that Silvio Passalacqua wants to see the building as soon as it is completed. He reported that he is not in good health. Mr. Sweat announced that he has been offered the position of Solicitor for Washington County but that it has not been finalized.

SUPERVISOR SABOT'S REPORT – None

SUPERVISOR QUINN'S REPORT – None

SUPERVISOR JOHNSON'S REPORT – None

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS – Martha Ward asked if there was a fence Ordinance. She said she had trouble finding it on the website. Erin Dinch said she would show her how to retrieve the Ordinances on the site. She questioned a fence being put up in her neighborhood.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sabot made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:10 pm with no action to be taken.

Respectfully submitted,


Robert Sabot, Chairman


Jacqueline M. Kotchman, Secretary/Treasurer