

MEETING MINUTES

June 25, 2024

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, Avery United Methodist Church

ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*****MOTION to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024, 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 fifteen (15) building permits in the amount of \$6,217.20

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss blighted property at 63 Cleveland Road.

Mr. Sweat reported that the Township submitted an application to the Redevelopment Authority under the CBDG program. He said they approved it and issued a certification and release for demolition. He said at this point the Redevelopment Authority will take over the project, including demo bids and clean-up.

2. Discuss Vankirk Road damage caused by I-70 accident spill.

Mr. Sweat said he had the information on costs for the damage and was waiting for the pictures in order to proceed.

3. Discuss property at 16 Altamont.

There was discussion about the property at 16 Altamont, which is owned by the Township. Mr. Sweat recommended getting an appraisal of the property.

RESOLUTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. ***MOTION to approve the CoStars contract purchase of a security system for the pavilion areas at North Franklin Township Park from David Davis Communications in the amount of \$13,246.46 was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.**

The Township has experienced vandalism recently and this camera system would help curtail it. The internet connection for the project would be located at the Washington Wildthings Office. In exchange for allowing the service to be installed in their office, the Township has agreed to provide them with video content captured by the camera system if they should need it in the future.

- 2. ***MOTION to approve the CoStars contract purchase of a security alarm system for the new municipal building from David Davis Communications in the amount of \$6,813.50 was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.**
- 3. ***MOTION to table joining the Washington County Land Bank was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.**

Mr. Sweat advised that the owner of Crown Center Mall paid the back taxes owed on the property this morning. He said the other fees and liens need to be paid by September 1st or it will go back on the judicial sale list.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT

Alex Cowden was absent from the meeting.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Dave Bane reported that in May 2024 the Fire Department had 31 calls including one (1) mobile home fire, sixteen (16) medical assists, three (3) motor vehicle accidents, one (1) electrical wiring issue, two (2) public service, one (1) standby, two (2) building fires, one (1)

vehicle fire, four (4) unintentional alarms. He stated that year to date they have had 148 calls. They averaged 4.6 people per call and the average response time was 8 minutes and 3 seconds.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Jarrold D'Amico from Harshman reported that there were 12 complaints. See attached report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sweat said the County Sheriff's Office had approved the purchase of the balance of the Police guns.

SUPERVISOR SABOT'S REPORT

Mr. Sabot announced the Board would go into Executive Session to discuss contractor issues with the new building.

SUPERVISOR QUINN'S REPORT – None

SUPERVISOR JOHNSON'S REPORT – Mr. Johnson said he would also like to discuss the Mall issues in Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Richard Blaha of 1195 Mounts Road said that PennDot pushed dirt into the storm drain near Forty Bar & Grill. Todd Lanch explained they have been tearing up roads all over the Township.

Gary Young of 1294 Overlook Drive complained about his neighbor's junk being stored under his deck, another neighbor's idle swimming pool and a waste management dumpster that has been sitting by the road for two years. Jarrold D'Amico said his department would investigate each of these complaints. Mr. Young also asked about the Township getting a police department in the future or going contracting with another Township. There was continued discussion and Mr. Sabot reported that the Township had a low crime rate as reported by the State Police.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sabot advised that the board would go into Executive Session at 6:30 pm to discuss Washington Crown Center and the new Township building punchlist.

Respectfully submitted,


Robert Sabot, Chairman


Jacqueline M. Kotchman, Secretary/Treasurer



June 11, 2024

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North Franklin Township Supervisors
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Subject: Monthly Code Enforcement Report

Dear Supervisors,

The following are Code Enforcement items that have been investigated since the

701 Park Ave- Structures, GRASS

The notice was sent certified and noncertified to the property owners on 9/22/23. The notice was left on 9/25/23. The property will be posted. The property owner contacted us regarding the NOV and posting asking for an extension of 90 days from 10/26/23. The property owner contacted me on 1/9/24 stating he has a contract with a roofing company to fix both the main house roof and the shed roof. They are waiting for the weather to break to start remediation. The final reinspection is scheduled for 6/11/24, if violations remain, citations are being filed.

459 Longview Dr-Prop Maint.

The notice was sent certified and noncertified to the property owners on 3/7/24. The resident received the certified Nov on 3/11/24. No contact has been made, will reinspect in 30-days. Upon inspection, all violations remain. The property will be posted as a last attempt to communicate with the resident. The property was posted on 4/12/24. Progress check-up was done on the property on 5/2/24, the posting was taken down. All violations remained. Will follow up after the 30-days on 5/14/24. The violations remain, citations will be filed.

271 Park Ave- Rubbish

The notice was sent certified and noncertified to the property owners on 3/22/24. The property will be posted on 4/8/24. Progress check-up was done on the property on 5/2/24, the posting was taken down. Some items were removed, however, some items remained. Will follow up after the 30-days on 5/8/24. The property owner contacted me and stated the trash was picked up and the car would be cleaned out and inspected in June. Will do a progress checkup on the vehicle on 6/19/24.

1145 McElree Rd- Water/Sewage on Road

The complaint was filed with the Washington County Sewage Authority. No updates.

3045 Wilson Ave- Rubbish

The notice was sent certified and noncertified to the property owners on 5/14/24. The property owner contacted us regarding the NOV, he stated the vehicles are inspected, insured, and road-worthy except for one. He asked for a 30-day extension to get the last vehicle road-worthy, and the rubbish items removed. The grass was cut on 5.31.24. The inspection date is 6/28/24.

Long John Silver's Vacant Lot 1500 West Chestnut St- GRASS

The notice was sent certified and noncertified to the property owners on 5/14/24. The Grass was cut.

Vacant lot next to DG- GRASS

The notice was sent certified and noncertified to the property owners on 5/22/24. The Grass was cut.

A vacant lot by the Wild Things- GRASS

The notice was sent certified and noncertified to the property owners on 5/22/24. **The Grass was cut.**

2876 Wilson St- GRASS

The notice was sent certified and noncertified to the property owners on 5/24/24. The Grass was cut.

3025 Wilson St- Grass

The notice was sent certified and noncertified to the property owners on 5/22/24. The Grass was cut.

138 Hamilton St- Structure

The notice was sent certified and noncertified to the property owners on June 7, 2024.

136 Blaine St- GRASS, Rubbish

The notice was sent certified and noncertified to the property owners on June 7, 2024.

Total- 12

On-Going Items:

BON TON 1500 West Chestnut St- Property Maintenance

The notice was sent on January 20, 2023. The citations have been filed on March 16, 2023. The hearing is scheduled for July 11, 2023. The property owners did not show resulting in a guilty verdict. We will reinspect in 30 days. Daily citations are in the process of being filed. The daily citations have been filed, and the second set of daily citations has also been filed. Awaiting plea. The third round of citations is being filed as of December 1, 2023. We are still awaiting the plea. The 3rd round of daily citations was filed with the new magistrate. 204 Citations filed. **The hearing is scheduled for May 20, 2024. The property owner didn't show resulting again in a guilty verdict with Judge Manfredi, max fine on all citations. He has 30 days to appeal. We are also in contact with Judge Stewart as half of the citations were filed with her office, to conduct a hearing.**

63 Cleveland Rd- Structure

The notice was sent certified and noncertified on 10/25/2022. The notice was left on 10/28/2022. The property was posted on 11/16/2022 after the certified notice was unclaimed. The reinspection is scheduled for 12/16/2022. Citations were filed as the property is still in violation. The hearing is scheduled for March 16, 2023. The property owner did not show up to the court hearing resulting in a guilty verdict. The property was posted for junk and the car. Daily citations have been filed. Awaiting plea. Sent over documentation to the solicitor for an injunction request. The injunction request was approved by the Judge. **The engineer and code enforcement went to the property to conduct an interior inspection per the Court Order. The engineer is writing an inspection report.**

Magisterial Hearings:

2670 National Pike- Property Maintenance

Notice was sent certified and noncertified to the property owners on 10/4/22. Reinspection on November 10, 2022. The violations remain. Citations filed. The property owner stated in court that the property was sold in October 2022. The citations have been withdrawn in Mrs. Barrow's name; we will follow up with the new owners. A progress check-up was done on the property,

the front porch was removed, and there is a dumpster in the rear with some items. We will monitor the progress. Upon inspection, the work appeared to have stopped, and citations are being filed. The property owner plead not guilty we are currently waiting for a hearing date. The hearing is scheduled for 2.20.24. The property owners did not show resulting in a guilty verdict. The property owners did appeal the verdict. May 8, 2024. The property owners are in the process of getting building permits from the TWP for the replacement of the porches. The siding and roof have been replaced. **They were given a 60-day extension. July 30, 2024, is the next hearing date.**

Vacant Land on Cumberland Ave- GRASS

The notice was sent certified and noncertified to the property owners on 9/22/23. The notice was left on 9/27/23. The property will be posted. The first QOL ticket has been sent on 10/27/23. The reinspection is scheduled for 11/9/23. The 2nd QOL Ticket was sent on 11/9/23. The reinspection is scheduled for 11/21/23. The third QOL ticket was sent on 11.22.23. Citations are being filed. The property owner plead guilty to the citations. Will file daily citations if violations remain in 30-days. Violations remain daily citations are being filed. **Daily citations have been filed. The hearing is scheduled for 5/20/24. The grass was finally cut and the new property owners have a contract with a mowing company for the remainder of the 2024 Season. All citations were withdrawn.**

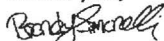
3035 Wilson St- Garbage, Junk

The notice was sent certified and noncertified notices to the property owner on 7/21/23. The notice was delivered on August 1, 2023. The first QOL ticket was sent on 9/8/23. The property owner contacted me regarding an extension after receiving the first QOL ticket. The second QOL ticket was sent on 10/11/23 as the violations remain. Citations are to be filed on roof violations. The 3rd QOL ticket was sent on 10/26/23. Citations to follow. An updated NOV is being sent to an updated address for the property owner. The property owner contacted us regarding the nov and QOL tickets, stating he would remediate the property. As of 11/30/23, no work has been done on the property. A final inspection is 12/7/23, Then citations if violations remain. The couch has been moved; however, the porch and roof still appear to be in violation. The hearing date is scheduled for 3.11.24. The property owner obtained a building permit for the porch, the hearing was continued for 90 days for progress. **The hearing is scheduled for 6/6/24. The property owner contacted us stating he would be out of town the day of the hearing; we gave him another 30 days to either remediate the property or sell the property.**

330 Cleveland Rd- Junk, Rubbish

Notice was sent certified and noncertified to the property owners on 9/7/23. The notice was delivered on 9/12/23 to the property owners. The inspection is scheduled for 9/26/23. The property owner contacted me stating she would work on the vehicles as well as asked for an extension. Upon re-inspection on 11.2.23, the property is still in violation. The 1st QOL Ticket was sent on 11.2.23. The next re-inspection is scheduled for 11/16/23. The 2nd QOL ticket is being sent on 11/16/23. The re-inspection was scheduled for 11/30/23. The third and final QOL ticket was sent on 11/30/23. The property owner contacted us regarding the QOL tickets stating that no one is living in the camper anymore and it will be moved. The vehicles are also being removed from the property or are to be inspected. The property owner was given until the end of February to remediate all violations. A progress checkup was done on 2/1/24, no improvements were made, the final reinspection will be done on 2/29/24 if violations remain then citations will be filed on 3/1/24. Citations have been filed. The hearing is rescheduled for 4/29/24. Slow progress was made on the property. Continued for 60 days. **The hearing is rescheduled for 6/25/24.**

Thank you,



Brandy Simonelli, CZO

Code Enforcement

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