

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**June 10, 2025**

**5:30 pm**

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**OPENING PRAYER** by William Moore, Church Elder, Calvary Baptist Church

### **ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**\*\*\*MOTION to approve the minutes of May 13, 2025, Supervisor's Meeting** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.

### **TREASURERS 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 five (5) building permits in the amount of \$808.80.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **\*\*\*MOTION to amend the settlement agreement with the trucking company (Bull & Bear) for damages/expenses resulting from the I-70/VanKirk road accident/spill from \$27,000.00 to \$30,000.00** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.

2. **\*\*\*MOTION to advertise the Board's intent to adopt a revised Zoning Ordinance Amendment to the Township's Light Industrial Redevelopment Overlay District, with the understanding that Item B, trucking terminals, will be deleted and Item Q, self-storage facilities will be limited to 150,000 square feet of the overall space** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.
3. **\*\*\*MOTION to approve the purchase order for a new 2026 Ford F-600 4 x 4 truck in the amount of \$70,486.26 from Fox Ford using CoStar pricing (snowplow upfit to be determined later)** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.
4. **\*\*\*MOTION to advertise and set a Special Meeting for Wednesday, July 25, 2025, at 5:00 pm, to consider adopting a revised Zoning Ordinance Amendment to the Township's Light Industrial Redevelopment Overlay District** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Quinn. Unanimously carried.

## **ORDINANCES**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **\*\*\*MOTION to purchase nine "Welcome to North Franklin Township" signs from Main Stream Industries, Inc. for \$698.00** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.
2. **\*\*\*MOTION to approve a contract of \$1,500.00 with GPRS Inc. to perform ground penetrating radar on the site of the Event Center parking lot prior to paving** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.

**ROAD CREW REPORT** – Road Foreman Todd Lanch reported that the pipe replacement crew would be coming next week to remove old pipe and install new ones. He also said the Road Project contractor, Tresco Paving Corp., was opening a new asphalt plant in mid-July in Spears. He said pipe lining is scheduled for mid-July, then inlet rehabilitation and paving should start at the beginning of August.

## **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Fire Chief Dave Bane reported that for May 2025 the Fire Department had 35 calls including three (3) building fires, thirteen (13) medical assists, four (4) motor vehicle accidents, one (1) public service, one (1) power lines down, one (1) service call, one (1) unauthorized burning, one (1) fire of other type, one (1) smoke, and nine (9) unintentional alarms. The average response was 8 minutes and 10 seconds, and they averaged 4.4 people per call. 158 calls year-to-date. They alerted 622 drivers with HAAS alert transmitters. There were 40 incidents and 40 total

runs. (HAAS notifies drivers to slow down and move over to protect roadway workers and first responders.) Chief Bane asked the Supervisors to consider implementing an Ordinance requiring Knox boxes for commercial buildings.

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT**

Jarrold D'Amico reported about the current issues/complaints in the Township. Please see the attached report.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – Mr. Sweat reported that there would be an Executive Session after the meeting to discuss findings about the new township building construction issues.

**SUPERVISOR SABOT'S REPORT** – Mr. Sabot also stated an Executive Session would be held in regard to the township building construction issues. Mr. Sabot announced the July 25<sup>th</sup> North Franklin Night at the Wild Things baseball game.

**SUPERVISOR QUINN'S REPORT** – None

**SUPERVISOR JOHNSON'S REPORT** – None

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Resident Bernard Van Briggie noted that Canton and South Strabane Townships have contracted out with a police department. He asked the Supervisors if they could do the same. He also mentioned dilapidated properties and junk vehicles in his neighborhood. Mr. Sabot asked Jarrold D'Amico to check them out. Mr. Sabot said the Board has no intention of contracting with any Police Departments at this time and they are very happy with State Police coverage.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Sabot announced an Executive Session at 6:04 pm with no action.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

  
Robert Sabot, Chairman

  
Jacqueline M. Kotchman, Secretary/Treasurer