

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD August 18, 2011

Welcome everybody to the speak out meeting for the month of August.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG!

Regular meeting was called to order by R. Grimes, President.

The regular meeting was held at 7:45 PM at the North Versailles Township Municipal Building. An open caucus meeting, which was duly advertised, was held at 6:30 PM, prior to the regular monthly meeting.

ROLL CALL: *Beswick, present; Bivins, present; Dull, absent; Grimes, present; Juliano, present; Marra, present; Mitchell, present.*

PUBLIC SPEAK OUT SESSION:

Sally Sahene, 206 Canterbury Ln., questioned about a grass cutting ordinance and information on the Code Enforcement Officer and how to get updates on what has happened with properties. Also wants the Township and residents to work better together.

Laverne Johnston, 243 Maryellen Dr., approached Commissioner Marra in regards to why and who is responsible for not having the Library sponsored Bingo at Community Days this year. President Grimes states that it is not up to the Township, that was a decision made by the Community Days Board.

Patti Biehl Pring, 2 Blanchard Ln., access on Blanchard Lane issues. She believes that there is a fence constructed outside of a property line. Township Engineer will need to look up to see if there is a Zoning Certificate.

Ryan Kieffer, 100 Arlene Dr., had questions and concerns about 98 Arlene Drive and abundant Code Enforcement violations.

Motion made by S. Juliano, Seconded by A. Marra, to approve the minutes from the last regular meeting on July 21, 2011.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS: *None*

BIDS:

Motion made by A. Marra, seconded by G. Beswick, to table the motion to advertise for bids for the 1974 Chipmore Chipper.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

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BANK REPORT:

As of July 31st, 2011: General Fund \$2,200,735.93; Refuse Account, \$95,078.39; Sinking Fund 1998, \$563.48; Sinking Fund 2002, \$228.22; Tentative Escrow Account, \$2,208.65; State Motor Fund, \$141,571.49; North Versailles Township Health Reimbursement Account, \$17,629.09.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Money turned over to North Versailles Township for the month of July, 2011, by Mary Ann Fetsick, Treasurer; 2010 Township Tax at Penalty, \$2,531.75; 2011 Tax at Face, \$53,524.27; July's Share of Sales Tax, \$24,661.88; Fire Department Fund, Beginning Balance, \$192,696.43; + Deposit \$20,916.48; + Interest of \$6.68; Balance as of 7/31/2011, \$71,619.59.

FINANCE:

Motion made by A. Marra, seconded by G. Beswick, to approve the list of bills payable in the amount of \$63,645.32 when funds become available.

ROLL CALL: All in Favor.

Motion made by A. Marra, seconded by F. Bivins, to approve the 2010 Audit performed by Maher Duessel.

ROLL CALL: All in Favor.

BLDG PERMITS-ORDINANCE:

For the month of July 2011; 3 building permits in the amount of \$135.00; 1 commercial occupancy permit in the amount of \$100.00; 13 zoning certificates in the amount of \$650.00. Total for July, 2011, \$885.00.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY:

Total calls in NVT, 655; total arrests in NVT, 35; total calls in Wilmerding, 220; total arrests in Wilmerding 14; domestic calls, 30; driving under the influence, 9; fire call assistance by police, 9; public intoxication, 1; retail theft, 40; traffic accidents, 19; citations issued, 522; non-traffic citations, 35; warrant arrests & wanted persons, 3; 911 ring down error, 4. Wilmerding calls; 911 ring down error, 2; assaults, 2; disorderly conduct, 3; domestics, 7; hit and run accident report, 2; public intoxication, 2; theft, 5; traffic accident, 1; warrants served & wanted persons, 1.

FIRE:

71 man hours in the Township. Crestas Terrace Station 212, responded 2 times; Sunset Station 213, responded 16 times; Green Valley Station 214, responded 20 times. Assists from out of town departments: E. McKeesport, 1; White Oak, 1. Assists to other towns: Wilmerding, 3. Local Fire calls: Fairhaven Heights, 4; Arlington, 1; West Wilmerding, 3; Dixon Hollow, 2; South Wilmerding, 1.

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Ambulance calls: 138 total calls. 129 calls in the Township; Assists to other towns, 9. Assists from out of town departments: North Huntingdon Township, White Oak, McKeesport, Wilmerding, and A.G.H. Paramedic Unit. Assists to other towns: E. McKeesport, Wilmerding, North Huntingdon, White Oak, McKeesport, and Churchill.

ROAD:

Total Gasoline used for the Month of July, 2011; Road Department, 549; Police Department, 1,688; Totaling: 2,237 gallons. Total cost of gasoline: \$7,585.36.

Road Department Total Man Hours: 1,401.75.

Motion made by A. Marra, seconded by S. Juliano, to hire James Mangan for part-time summer help effective August 4, 2011 at a rate of \$7.50/hour.

ROLL CALL: *All in Favor.*

Motion made by A. Marra, seconded by S. Juliano, to hire James Mangan as a part-time employee effective September 1, 2011, not to exceed October 31, 2011 at a rate of \$9.50/hour.

ROLL CALL: *Mitchell, no; Juliano, yes; Beswick, no; Bivins, no; Marra, yes; Grimes, yes. Motion does not carry.*

SENIORS:

N. Versailles Township Senior Citizens Center held their Senior dance on August 17th at the North Versailles Community Center. The Seniors cancelled the Bingo held at the Community Center due to the set up for Community Days which is being held August 19 & 20 and instead sponsored a trip to the Rivers Casino. The cost was \$10.00 per person.

PARKS & RECREATION:

The North Versailles Twp. Parks and Recreation Dept. is ending their Summer Lunch Program on August 19. The dept. would like to thank the N. Versailles Community Center, St. John's Lutheran Church, E. McKeesport—Chicora Park, and Wall Boro. for their assistance in this program. The Parks and Recreation dept. also ended their Summer Arts and Crafts Program at the end of July.

Commissioner Juliano would like to note that Denny and the Road Dept. are doing a great job of patching the roads.

SANITARY AUTHORITY: *None.*

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Township Engineer, Dave Gilliland, states that the CD-37 demolition project will be advertised by the Turtle Creek Valley COG in September.

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The Municipal Building Roof Repair Project will be underway in 2-3 weeks.

D. Gilliland inspected Logan Road and recommends parking restrictions there with no parking on the sides between East Street and Madden Drive.

The garbage contract with Big's Sanitation expires December 31, 2011, but can be extended.

Motion made by G. Beswick, seconded by S. Juliano, to extend the garbage contract with Big's Sanitation for 1 year at a rate of \$8.10 per unit per month.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Brief executive session was held to prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and litigation matters.

OLD BUSINESS: *None.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by G. Beswick, seconded by S. Juliano, to ratify the phone vote taken on July 26, 2011 to contract with Insight Pipe Contracting, L.P. for the repair by sleeving the pipe at Route 30 and Basil Avenue at a cost of \$9,435.00 .

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by G. Beswick, seconded by S. Juliano, to ratify the phone vote taken on August 2, 2011 to purchase river rock at an estimated cost of \$2,600.00 to put at the Township Building in the area between the Police Dept. and the Library.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by G. Beswick, seconded by S. Juliano, to approve to the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 95 effective January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2014.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by A. Marra, seconded by S. Juliano, to approve the Cargill Salt contract for \$53.83/ton through SHACOG Purchasing Alliance. .

ROLL CALL: *Mitchell, yes; Juliano, yes; Beswick, yes; Bivins, yes; Marra, no; Grimes, yes.*

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Motion made by A. Marra, seconded by S. Juliano, to table the motion to approve the employment contract for Dennis Parafenuk.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by A. Marra, seconded by G. Beswick, to make a donation to the EA Touchdown Club in the amount of \$50.00

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS:

President Grimes announced that Community Days will be held on August 19 & August 20 at the Community Center.

The Township will be beginning the budget process in September, not necessarily the workshops yet. Also, something to take into consideration is that, the new property assessments will not be out until April, 2012.

The Township will be moving forward with some of the recommendations from the Delta Development Group. One of those issues is about moving the dispatch to 911.

Commissioner Mitchell addresses the residents and would like them to research this switch to 911 and talk to you Commissioners about your ideas and/or concerns.

Commissioner Grimes also notes that the Allegheny County Health Dept. is disseminating vaccine containing bait throughout the County from August 15 through September, 2011 for the raccoon population.

*Motion by A. Marra to adjourn
Seconded by G. Beswick
Motion carried.
Meeting Adjourned!!*


Township Administrator