

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD December 17, 2015

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

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG!

The regular meeting was held at 7:00PM 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: *G. Beswick, present; F. Bivins, present; S. Juliano, present; D. Mitchell, present; V. Paradine, present; R. Saula, present; G. Thompson, present.*

PUBLIC SPEAK OUT SESSION:

Suzanne Wagner, 100 Textor Dr., thanked Commissioner Thompson for his work for the Township the last 4 years.

Tom Sturgell, 509 Arlington Ave., water runoff issue affecting property. Concerns over ice in the upcoming winter. Twp. is going to try to dig a leech bed before going the route of a catch basin.

Motion made by V. Paradine, seconded by F. Bivins, to approve the minutes from the Commissioners meeting held on November 19, 2015.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

PUBLIC HEARING: *None.*

BIDS: *None.*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by F. Bivins, to set and advertise the Reorganization Meeting for Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:00PM.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by V. Paradine, to set the meeting dates for 2016 for the Third Thursday of the month with the Caucus Meeting at 6:30PM followed by the Speak Out and Board Meeting beginning at 7:00PM

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by F. Bivins, to approve the contract with a 4% increase in rates to Wilmerding for police services, with a right to cancel after 6 months.

ROLL CALL: *G. Beswick, no; F. Bivins, yes; S. Juliano, yes; D. Mitchell, yes; V. Paradine, yes; R. Saula, yes; G. Thompson, yes.*

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Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by V. Paradine, to pass a resolution setting the garbage fees at \$134.00 per year beginning January 1, 2016.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by F. Bivins, to accept the proposal from Keystone Electric to illuminate the American Flag properly and replace two lights on the front of the building in the amount of \$2,860.81.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

BANK REPORT:

As of November 30, 2015: General Fund \$1,293,039.10; Refuse Account, \$170,035.89; Tentative Escrow Account, \$505.76; State Motor Fund, \$62,140.75; Health Reimbursement Account, \$8,084.24; Capital Expenditures Account, \$2,755,838.61.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Money turned over to North Versailles Township for the month of November by Mary Ann Fetsick, Treasurer; 2015 Township Tax at Penalty, \$8,885.89.

Fire Department Fund beginning balance, \$128,835.82; + Deposits of \$12,031.88; + Interest of \$0.86; -\$24,834.33—Capital One Public Funding; - \$3,134.50—Crestas VFD; - \$2,161.48—West Wilmerding VFD. Ending balance as of 11/30/15, \$105,737.25.

Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by V. Paradine, to authorize refunds due to exonerations to the following: John Keba, L&B 459-F-40 in the amount of \$281.57 and Regis and Deborah Ford, L&B 458-H-198 in the amount of \$81.27.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

FINANCE:

Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by R. Saula, to approve the list of bills payable and paid in the amount of \$215,752.87.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by R. Saula, to adopt the Budget for 2016 in the amount of \$7,431,279.00 consisting of \$6,928,955.00 General Fund; \$300,314.00 Liquid Fuels Fund; and \$202,010.00 Fire Tax Fund.

ROLL CALL: *G. Beswick, no; F. Bivins, yes; S. Juliano, yes; D. Mitchell, yes; V. Paradine, yes; R. Saula, yes; G. Thompson, yes. Motion carries.*

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Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by R. Saula, to adopt Ordinance #1100 fixing the tax rate for 2016 at 7.25 mills general fund, and .5 mills fire tax.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by R. Saula, to adopt Ordinance #1101 appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the municipal government hereinafter set forth during the year 2016.

ROLL CALL: *G. Beswick, no; F. Bivins, yes; S. Juliano, yes; D. Mitchell, yes; V. Paradine, yes; R. Saula, yes; G. Thompson, yes. Motion carries.*

BLDG PERMITS-ORDINANCE:

\$550.00—Zoning Certificates; \$250.00—Steet Openings. Total fees turned over to the Township Manager, \$800.00.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY:

Total calls in NVT, 735; total arrests in NVT, 44. Total calls in Wilmerding, 174; total arrests in Wilmerding, 9.

Prisoner housing statistics: East McKeesport, 14; East Pittsburgh, 12; Turtle Creek, 17.

Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by F. Bivins, to make a one-time purchase of unused sick days from Dispatcher Mike Logan in the amount of \$1,234.40 and 8 unused sick days from John Logan in the amount of \$1,039.36.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by V. Paradine, to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 95 to cover calendar years 2015 through 2017.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano, to proceed to add another K9 Unit to the Police Dept.

ROLL CALL: *G. Beswick, no; F. Bivins, yes; S. Juliano, yes; D. Mitchell, no; V. Paradine, yes; R. Saula, yes; G. Thompson, yes. Motion carries.*

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Problem properties reported, 13; Code violations identified, 23; Code Violation letters sent, 7; Letters sent via Certified Mail, 3; Verbal Warnings, 3; Citations Issued, 4; Complaints filed with NVPD, 3.

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FIRE:

Motion made by V. Paradine, seconded by R. Saula, to authorize payment to West Wilmerding in the amount of \$1,980.81 from the 2015 Fire Tax Money.

ROLL CALL: *G. Beswick, no; F. Bivins, yes; S. Juliano, yes; D. Mitchell, yes; V. Paradine, yes; R. Saula, yes; G. Thompson, yes. Motion carries.*

Motion made by V. Paradine, seconded by F. Bivins, to authorize payment to Crestas VFC in the amount of \$4,791.28 from the 2015 Fire Tax Money.

ROLL CALL: *G. Beswick, no; F. Bivins, yes; S. Juliano, yes; D. Mitchell, yes; V. Paradine, yes; R. Saula, yes; G. Thompson, yes. Motion carries.*

ROAD DEPT:

Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by V. Paradine, to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with System Local 537, UWUA, AFL-CLO, North Versailles Township Road Department to cover calendar years 2015 through 2017.

ROLL CALL: *G. Beswick, yes; F. Bivins, abstain; S. Juliano, yes; D. Mitchell, yes; V. Paradine, yes; R. Saula, yes; G. Thompson, yes. Motion carries.*

Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by V. Paradine, to approve the purchase of a vactor truck, costs to be split with the Sanitary Authority, not to exceed \$200,000.00.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by V. Paradine, seconded by S. Juliano, to hire Frank J. Bivins from part time to full time effective Jan. 4, 2016 on the Road Dept. with a 120 day probation period at a rate of \$19.65/hour.

ROLL CALL: *G. Beswick, no; F. Bivins, abstain; S. Juliano, yes; D. Mitchell, yes; V. Paradine, yes; R. Saula, yes; G. Thompson, yes. Motion carries.*

PARKS AND RECREATION:

The Annual Family Christmas Party was held on Sat. Dec. 5, 2015 at 5:30PM. Entertainment by Magician Dave Onderisin and Balloon Artist Carla Phillips. 230 residents in attendance.

Commissioner Juliano read a letter from the Autism Society of Pittsburgh thanking us for our generous donation of \$2,430.00 from the purchase of Hayride tickets in October.

Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by F. Bivins, to authorize payment for a bus to the Parks and Rec annual snow tubing trip not to exceed \$350.00

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ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

SANITARY AUTHORITY:

Commissioner Juliano explains that ALCOSAN has raised their rates once again and this year the Sanitary Authority will have to raise the sanitary rates to an increase of \$0.60 per thousand gallons.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by G. Beswick, to install the guiderails and proper signage at the Osborne Street Bridge at a cost not to exceed \$4,800.00.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: *None.*

OLD BUSINESS: *None.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by V. Paradine, seconded by F. Bivins, to authorize 3% increase in pay for the Chief of Police.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by V. Paradine, seconded by F. Bivins, to authorize 3% increase in pay for the Township Manager.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by V. Paradine, seconded by F. Bivins, to authorize 3% increase in pay for the Accountant.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by V. Paradine, seconded by R. Saula, to authorize 3% increase in pay for the Parks and Recreation Director.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by V. Paradine, seconded by F. Bivins, to authorize 3% increase in pay for the janitors.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

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COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS:

Commissioner Thompson, this being his final meeting, thanked the other board members for their time worked together and for all they have accomplished.


The Board thanked Commissioner Thompson as well for his service to the Township.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Motion made by G. Beswick to adjourn.

All in favor.

Meeting Adjourned.


Township Manager