

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD December 19, 2013

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

### **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG!**

*Regular meeting was called to order by G. Thompson, President.*

*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; A. Marra, present; D. Mitchell, present, R. Saula, present; G. Thompson, present.*

### **PUBLIC SPEAK OUT SESSION:**

*Carol Lewis, 1600 Rosedale St. #318, has concerns over the stones out in the road in front of the building next to her street. Wheelchairs are unable to get through easily.*

*Rich Blumette, 232 Greensburg Pike, thanked the Board of Commissioners for their prompt action to fix a deteriorating Markle St.*

*Mike Volpe, 1021 Broad St., submitted a request for money for F.D.N.V. to purchase equipment.*

*Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by F. Bivins, to approve the minutes from the Commissioners meeting held on November 21, 2013.*

**ROLL CALL:** *All in favor.*

**PUBLIC HEARING:** *None.*

**BIDS:** *None.*

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

*Motion made by G. Thompson, seconded by S. Juliano, to set the Reorganization Meeting for Monday, January 6, 2014 at 7:00PM.*

**ROLL CALL:** *All in favor.*

*Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano, to set the meeting dates for 2014 for the third Thursday of the month with the Caucus Meeting at 6:30PM, the Speak Out at 7:00PM and the regular meeting to immediately follow the Speak Out Meeting.*

**ROLL CALL:** *All in favor.*

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*Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by F. Bivins, to approve an increase in the copay we pay on behalf of a retired police officer's spouse for hospitalization from \$181 to \$193 for 2014.*

**ROLL CALL:** *All in favor.*

*Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by R. Saula, to accept the resignation of Louise Beswick from the Library Board effective 12/18/13.*

**ROLL CALL:** *G. Beswick, abstain; F. Bivins, yes; S. Juliano, yes; A. Marra, no; D. Mitchell, yes, R. Saula, yes; G. Thompson, yes. Motion Carries.*

### **BANK REPORT:**

*As of November 30, 2013: General Fund \$1,512,363.62; Refuse Account, \$80,804.67; Sinking Fund 1998, \$319.92; Tentative Escrow Account, \$30.60; State Motor Fund, \$98,227.31; Health Reimbursement Account, \$5,206.57; Capital Expenditures Account, \$938,485.26.*

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

*Money turned over to North Versailles Township for the month of November, by Mary Ann Fetsick, Treasurer; 2013 Township Tax, \$10,091.14; November's share of Sales Tax, \$29,216.92.*

*Fire Department Fund beginning balance, \$151,760.91; + Deposit of \$932.66; + Interest of \$1.24; - \$1,332.10 Refund Exonerations; -\$2,976.00 W. Wilmerding Paving; - \$2,035.83 W. Wilmerding. Ending balance as of 11/30/13, \$146,350.88.*

*Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by R. Saula, to authorize refunds due to tax exonerations to the following: Michael C. Taylor, L&B 547-M-44 & L&B 547-M-53 FOR \$697.71; NDBS Investments, L&B 547-B-112 for \$156.31; Thayer Dillman, L&B 643-E-106 for \$325.41; PGH Capital Mgmt. L&B 547-H-180 for \$19.19; Joseph & Helen Barone, L&B 643-P-210, 643-K-25, 643-F-250 & 643-F-200 for \$938.54; Carmen & Vera Barone, L&B 643-K-350 for \$372.30; Carmen & Marcie Barone, L&B 643-K-240 for \$85.97; Annamarie Barone, L&B 643-K-140 for \$64.65; Walter & Judith Slater, L&B 548-H-47 for \$132.87; Rita & Alan Peters, L&B 460-H-108 for \$127.89; Paul Ceresa, L&B 643-K-94 for \$97.41; Bill Buda Realty LLC, L&B 460-F-224 for \$407.11; Anthony Hruza Jr., L&B 645-M-386 FOR \$13.40; Jane Hayes, L&B 547-G-114 for \$84.55, and Stephen & Valerie Hensley, L&B 547-N-131 for \$624.53 for a total of \$4,247.84.*

**ROLL CALL:** *All in favor.*

### **FINANCE:**

*Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by S. Juliano, to approve the list of bills payable and paid in the amount of \$493,585.07.*

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**ROLL CALL:** *All in favor.*

*Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by R. Saula, to authorize payment of \$1,058,466.94 when funds become available to El Grande Industries for Invoice #'s 4, 5 & 6 of the road paving project.*

**ROLL CALL:** *All in favor.*

*Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by R. Saula, to authorize payment of \$5,410.00 to Glenn Engineering out of the Capital Expenditures Account for road paving engineering.*

**ROLL CALL:** *All in favor.*

*Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by S. Juliano, to adopt the 2014 Budget in the amount of \$6,430,355.00 General Fund; \$214,212.00 Liquid Fuels Fund; and \$207,510.00 Fire Tax Fund.*

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

*Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by S. Juliano, to adopt ordinance #1086 appropriating specific sums estimate to be required for the specific purposes of the municipal government hereinafter set forth during the year 2014.*

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

*Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by S. Juliano, to adopt ordinance #1087 fixing the tax rate for the year 2014 at 7.25 mills general fund and .5 mills fire tax.*

**ROLL CALL:** *All in favor.*

*Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by S. Juliano, to authorize installation of a terminal to begin collecting credit/debit card payments for garbage at a cost of \$499.00 for the terminal.*

**ROLL CALL:** *All in favor.*

*Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by S. Juliano, to charge a 3% convenience fee for credit/debit card payments.*

**ROLL CALL:** *All in favor.*

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### **BLDG PERMITS-ORDINANCE:**

*Total fees turned over to the Township Manager, \$1,200.00. \$200.00 for Building Permits; \$500.00 for Street Openings; \$500.00 for Zoning Certificates.*

### **POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY:**

*Total calls in NVT, 599; total arrests in NVT, 25. Total calls in Wilmerding, 187; total arrests in Wilmerding, 12.*

*Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano, to grant an exception to PennDOT to work at night and to the local noise ordinance when East Pittsburgh-McKeesport Blvd. and Westinghouse Avenue are paved in the spring of 2014.*

**ROLL CALL:** *All in favor.*

*Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano, to grant an exception to the construction hours ordinance to Brayman Construction for the demolition of the Greensburg Pike Bridge, dates to be determined for January, 2014.*

**ROLL CALL:** *All in favor.*

*Commissioner Saula noted that our Police Dept. along with the Allegheny Co. Sheriffs Dept. purchased approximately \$3,500.00 worth of toys from Walmart for the Toys For Tots Program.*

### **FIRE:**

*Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano, to authorize payment to West Wilmerding VFC in the amount of \$2,344.20 from the Fire Tax Money.*

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

*Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano to authorize payment to Crestas VFC in the amount of \$4,647.11 from the Fire Tax Money.*

**ROLL CALL:** *G. Beswick, no; F. Bivins, yes; S. Juliano, yes; A. Marra, yes; D. Mitchell, yes; R. Saula, yes; G. Thompson, yes. Motion Carries.*

*Motion made by G. Beswick, seconded by R. Saula, to replace the window in the Police Dept. waiting room at a cost of \$1,000.00 for bullet proof glass.*

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**ROLL CALL:** *All in favor.*

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

*Problem properties reported, 13; On site inspections, 12; Code violations identified, 24; Code Violation letters sent, 8; Code Violation Registered letters sent, 1; Number of complaints filed with NVPD, 1; Number of complaints filed with Fire Code Officer, 5; Number of complaints investigated by Fire Code Officer, 5; Welfare Check requested of NVPD, 1; Court Appearances, 1.*

**ROAD DEPT:**

*Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by F. Bivins, to authorize the Library Landscaping Project in the amount of \$6,900.00.*

**ROLL CALL:** *All in favor.*

*Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by R. Saula, to ratify the phone vote taken on November 27, 2013 to pay Anthony Crane for crane rental in the amount of \$4,800.00 for stacking the block on the salt building.*

**ROLL CALL:** *All in favor.*

**SENIORS:** *None.*

**PARKS AND RECREATION:**

*The Children's Christmas Party was held on December 7, 2013. There were approximately 200 people in attendance. Prizes were awarded for best decorated house contests; first place, Kathy Spangler of Stevens St.; second place, Rich Tucker of James St.; and third place, Tanya Nichol of Lincoln Ave. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to make this such a great success.*

**SANITARY AUTHORITY:**

*Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by F. Bivins, to approve the North Versailles Township 2014 Sanitary Budget in the amount of \$3,219,100.00.*

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

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

*Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by G. Beswick, to authorize payment of \$50.00 initiation fee plus a \$10.00 yearly recertification card fee for Fire Code Official Al Hussey at become certified as a commercial building inspector.*

**ROLL CALL:** *All in favor.*

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*Motion made by G. Beswick, seconded by S. Juliano, to ratify the Paradise subdivision on Foster Rd.*

**ROLL CALL:** *All in favor.*

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

*Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by R. Saula, to approve the Adjudications for the Condemnation hearings held on December 5, 2013.*

**ROLL CALL:** *All in favor.*

*Township Solicitor held a public hearing to discuss the proposed Weight Limit Ordinance on certain streets (Kline Ave., Greensburg Pike, Central Ave., 6 tons; Highwood Ave., 8 tons; Lincoln Ave., 6 tons.) in the Township as recommended by the Twp. Engineer.*

*Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by F. Bivins, to approve ordinance #1088, Weight Limit Ordinance.*

**ROLL CALL:** *All in favor.*

**OLD BUSINESS:** *None.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by S. Juliano, to approve a 3% raise for the Township Manager.*

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

*Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by F. Bivins, to approve a 3% raise for the Chief of Police.*

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

*Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by S. Juliano, to approve a 3% raise for the Township Accountant.*

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

*Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by S. Juliano, to approve a 3% raise for the two janitors, the Parks & Recreation Director, and the School Crossing Guard.*

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*Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by F. Bivins, to approve a one time (entire 4 year term) \$2,500.00 raise for the Treasurer.*

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

**COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS:**

*Commissioner Marra thanked the residents and wished them a happy holiday.*

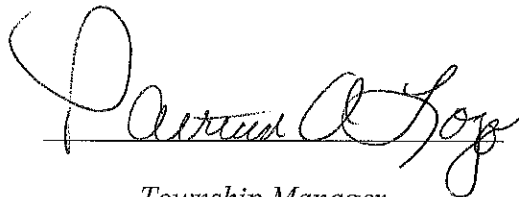
*All Commissioners wished the Township a Merry Christmas and Happy & Healthy New Year.*

*Motion by F. Bivins to adjourn.*

*Seconded by S. Juliano.*

*All in favor.*

*Meeting Adjourned.*



Patricia A. Lopez

*Township Manager*