

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD JANUARY 19, 2012

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

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

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

*The regular meeting was held at 7:00 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:** *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:**

*Bernard Furby, 2112 Crestas Ave., Fire Chief of Crestas Volunteer Fire Dept. requests a meeting with the Board of Commissioners to iron out some things for the fire dept.*

*Sharon Vuyanich, 110 N. Broadway Ave., presents a sump pump drainage problem coming from her neighbors house located at 116 N. Broadway Ave.*

*Jim Richards, 1411 Luehm Ave., directs a question to Commissioner Mitchell as to why he was removed and replaced as Public Safety Commissioner. Commissioner Mitchell states that he was not presented with a reason, things just changed.*

*Sharon Dunbar, 107 Thomas Ave., questions why the public has issues with positions on the board being changed when it happens every time there are new Commissioners.*

*Alberta Jones, 89 N. Broadway Ave., also takes issue with the Board changes.*

*Commissioner Mitchell excuses himself and does not return for the regular business meeting.*

*Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by S. Juliano, to approve the minutes from the last regular meeting held December 15, 2011.*

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

*Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by G. Beswick, to approve the minutes from the reorganization meeting held January 3, 2012*

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** *None.*

**BIDS:** *None.*

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### **BANK REPORT:**

*As of December 31, 2011: General Fund \$1,245,681.32; Refuse Account, \$43,680.39; Sinking Fund 1998, \$944.20; Sinking Fund 2002, \$228.10; Tentative Escrow Account, \$5,022.46; State Motor Fund, \$56,569.17; Health Reimbursement Account, \$5,005.62.*

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

*Money turned over to North Versailles Township for the month of December, 2011, by Mary Ann Fetsick, Treasurer; 2011 Township Tax at Penalty, \$14,457.95; December's Share of Sales Tax, \$24,588.44; Fire Department Fund, Beginning Balance, \$26,290.59; + Deposit \$2,085.69; + Interest of \$.22; Balance as of 12/31/2011, \$28,376.28.*

### **FINANCE:**

*Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by S. Juliano, to approve the list of bills payable in the amount of \$230,749.70 when funds become available.*

### **ROLL CALL:** *All in Favor.*

*Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by G. Beswick, to transfer \$10,000.00 from the General Fund Account to the Health Reimbursement Account to pay for the employee deductible expenses*

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

*Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by G. Beswick, to transfer \$7,000.00 from the General Fund Account to the Sinking Fund 2002 Account to pay towards the interest on the bond.*

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

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

*For the month of December, 2011; 4 building permits for a total of \$1,371.00; 5 zoning certificates in the amount of \$250.00. Total for December, 2011, \$1,721.00.*

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

*Total calls in NVT, 586; total arrests in NVT, 44. Total calls in Wilmerding, 135; total arrests in Wilmerding, 11. Alarm calls, 24 with 9 false alarms; assists to ambulance, 117; assists to other Police Dept., 29; burglary, 6; community oriented policing, 11; domestics, 17; disabled vehicles, 20; DUI, 11; fire call assists by police, 11; harassment, 6; juvenile complaints, 10; public intoxication, 6; retail thefts, 25; suspicious activity, 6; suspicious incidents, 8; suspicious persons, 7; suspicious vehicles, 6; theft reports, 22; traffic accidents, 33; traffic citations, 30; non-traffic citations, 30; warrant arrests & wanted persons, 3; water breaks, 4; 911 abuse, 8; 911 ring down error, 0; 911 hang up calls, 9.*

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### **FIRE:**

*31 Fire Rescue Calls: 26 in town calls, 5 assists to other towns. Assists from other towns, 5. FDNV responded 20 times, Crestas responded 7 times and West Wilmerding responded 5 times. 156 ambulance calls, 147 in town calls and 9 assists to other towns.*

### **PARKS & RECREATION:**

*Annual Snowman Contest - residents are asked to build a snowman, take a picture of it and mail it in to the Township no later than March 31, 2012. Prizes will be awarded.*

*Township is also having it's annual Handmade Valentine Contest for the grade schools in the Township.*

### **ROAD:**

*Total Gasoline used for the Month of December, 2011; Road Department, 528; Police Department, 1,629; Totaling: 2,157 gallons. Total cost of gasoline: \$6,018.92.*

*Road Department Total Man Hours: 981. Road Department spending report for December: \$5,506.02.*

### **SANITARY AUTHORITY:** *None.*

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

*CD 37 Demolition project is in progress. There has been a problem with 115 Central Ave. and it is recommended that be put on hold and the demolition of 200 Emlyn Ave. be substituted in its place at the same cost.*

*Motion by G. Beswick, seconded by R. Saula, to substitute 200 Emlyn Ave. in place of 115 Central Ave. for the CD 37 Demolition project as recommended by Glenn Engineering.*

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

*Solicitor makes note that 115 Central Ave. is still a condemned property and is rescheduled for the June demolition.*

*Engineer reports that in June of 2009 a flash flood that washed out a section of Hoffman Rd. The Sanitary Authority has a sewer line that runs down that road and is in danger of being exposed. The Sanitary Authority has indicated that they would be willing to work with the Township to have repairs done there.*

*Motion by, seconded by, to have Glenn Engineering begin designs and cost analysis for repairs done to Hoffman Rd.*

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

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### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

*Brief executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss potential litigation and a pending grievance that may go to arbitration. Also, the Commissioners are going to work with getting the prior Solicitor to get files and make for a smooth transition.*

### **SENIORS:**

*The Turtle Creek Human Services Center located at 519 Penn Ave., Turtle Creek, PA will be offering Tax Assistance for seniors living on a low or fixed income. Appointments are available beginning Monday, February 6 and run through Tuesday, April 10. You must call (412)829-7112 for an appointment.*

*Property Tax Rebate assistance is also available for Seniors at the Turtle Creek Senior Center. You must call (412)824-6880 for an appointment.*

**OLD BUSINESS:** *None.*

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

*Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano, to remove Allison Serakowski as Township Administrator effective at the end of the business day Friday, January 20, 2012.*

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

*Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano, to hire Patricia Logo as Township Manager beginning January 23, 2012 at a salary of \$65,000.00 plus standard benefits.*

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

*Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano, to remove Dave Miller as Fire Marshal effective immediately.*

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

*Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by F. Bivins, to rescind Ordinance No. 1056 in regards to volunteer fire department policies.*

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

*Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano, to rescind Ordinance No. 1050 in regards to free health insurance for Township Commissioners.*

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Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano, that all elected officials can attend conferences.

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

Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by G. Beswick, to ratify the phone vote taken on January 9, 2012 to approve the advertisement of the Township Manager position.

**ROLL CALL:** All in favor.

Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by G. Beswick, to appoint Paul Saula to the North Versailles Township Civil Service Commission for the term of 6 years beginning January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2017.

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

Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by G. Beswick, to appoint Justin Barner as an alternate to the North Versailles Township Civil Service Commission for the term of 6 years beginning January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013.

**ROLL CALL:** All in favor.

Motion made by G. Beswick, seconded by S. Juliano, to appoint Thomas Leicht and Frank Bivins to the North Versailles Township Planning Commission for the term of 4 years beginning January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2015.

**ROLL CALL:** G. Beswick, yes; F. Bivins, abstain; S. Juliano, yes; A. Marra, yes; R. Saula, yes; G. Thompson, yes. Motion Carries.

Motion made by G. Beswick, seconded by F. Bivins, to appoint Joan Estadt to the North Versailles Township Library Board for the term of 3 years beginning January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014.

**ROLL CALL:** All in favor.

Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by F. Bivins, to appoint Louise Beswick to the North Versailles Township Library Board beginning January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

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**ROLL CALL:** *G. Beswick, abstain; F. Bivins, yes; S. Juliano, yes; A. Marra, yes; R. Saula, yes; G. Thompson, yes. Motion Carries.*

*Mrs. Beswick in filling a term from a vacated position.*

*Motion made by G. Beswick, seconded by F. Bivins, to appoint Sharon Dunbar to the North Versailles Township Library Board for the term of 3 years beginning January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014.*

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

*Motion made by G. Beswick, seconded by F. Bivins, to appoint Steve Latsko to the North Versailles Township Vacancy Board for the term of 1 year beginning January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.*

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

**COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS:**

*Commissioner Marra thanks the Board for a well organized meeting.*

*Motion by F. Bivins to adjourn*

*All in favor.*

*Motion carried.*

*Meeting Adjourned!*

  
Township Manager