

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD JANUARY 26, 2011

*Thank you everybody, welcome to the first meeting of the new year. January 26th, 2011
Business Meeting.*

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG!

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

The regular meeting was held at 7:30 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, present; Grimes, present; Juliano, present; Mitchell, present; Marra, absent.*

PUBLIC SPEAK OUT SESSION:

Anne Wiehagen, 327 Union Avenue, lives at the end of the dead end street. Has to park car in alley and it is being blocked by other vehicles. She is unable to get in and out of the street. Has called police and has spoken directly to Commissioner Mitchell.

Motion made by R. Grimes, to approve the minutes from the last regular meeting.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS: *None*

BIDS: *None*

BANK REPORT:

December 2010: General Fund \$418,237.00; Refuse Account, \$8,420.04; Sinking Fund 1998, \$13,426.20; Sinking Fund 2002, \$25,073.22; Tentative Escrow Account, \$759.50; State Motor Fund, \$0.12; Fire Dept. West Wilmerding #3, \$0.72.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Money turned over to North Versailles Township for the month of December 2010 by Mary Ann Fetsick, Treasurer; 2010 Township Tax at Penalty, \$26,631.12; December's Share of Sales Tax, \$20,899.16; Fire Department Fund, Beginning Balance, \$44,031.69; + Deposit \$1,328.64; + Interest of \$1.88; Balance as of 12/31/2010, \$45,362.21.

Motion made by D. Dull, seconded by S. Juliano, to pay 6 exonerations for the year 2010 in the amount of \$575.40.

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

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FINANCE:

G. Beswick made a motion, seconded by F. Bivins, to pay bills for the month of December 2010 in the amount of \$178,832.96.

ROLL CALL: *All in Favor.*

Motion made by D. Mitchell, seconded by D. Dull, to approve Resolution No. 2011-001 authorizing a borrowing in anticipation of current taxes and current revenues and the issuance of a tax and revenue anticipation note in the amount of \$500,000.00.

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

BLDG PERMITS-ORDINANCE:

For the month of December 2010; 1 Building permit for, \$115.00, 1 Street opening for \$50.00, 1 Commercial Occupancy permit for \$1,600.00, 5 Zoning certificates for \$300.00. Totaling \$2,065.00 turned over to the township. 1 zoning certificate denied.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY:

Total calls in NVT, 546; total arrests in NVT, 27; assists to other Police Departments, 19; assist to ambulance, 95; domestics, 23; driving under the influence, 1; fire call assist by the police, 18; public intoxication, 1; theft reports, 13; traffic accidents, 34; traffic citations issued, 340; non-traffic citations, 170; warrant arrest & wanted persons, 4.

FIRE:

117 man hours to the Township. In Township calls, 34; Assists from other towns; East McKeesport, 5; Turtle Creek, 1; Wilmerding, 1; Monroeville, 1; Assists to other towns; East McKeesport, 2; Homestead, 1; City of Duquesne, 3.

Ambulance calls, total 135; Assists from other towns; East McKeesport, 6; White Oak, 8; N. Huntingdon, 2; Forest Hills, 2; Assist's to other towns; East McKeesport, 11; White Oak.

Location of Fire Call's in the Township; Fairhaven Heights, 3; Taylor Plan, 4; West Wilmerding, 3; Green Valley, 9; Crestas Terrace, 3; County Line Area, 1; Fite Station, 2.

Smoke investigations, 51; Auto accidents, 22; Search details, 2; Public service, 13. Assists from other towns; Wilmerding, 5; White Oak, 7. Assists to other towns; East McKeesport, 6; White Oak, 1.

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Motion made by D. Mitchell, seconded by D. Dull, to approve Resolution No. 2011-003 amending the Civil Service Rules and Regulations at section 3.4 – Age and Residency, 4.4 – Written Examinations and 4.5- Oral Examinations.

ROLL CALL: *Dull, yes; Mitchell, yes; Juliano, no; Beswick, no; Marra, absent; Bivins, no; Grimes, yes. Does not carry.*

Motion made by D. Mitchell, seconded by D. Dull, to approve Resolution No. 2011-004 amending the Civil Service Rules and Regulations to adopt the Legislation of House Bill #1515 (effective October 27, 2010) so to be in compliance with the Township First Class Code.

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

Motion made by D. Mitchell, seconded by S. Juliano, to interview and begin training for a part time Dispatcher, not to be on the full time roster. No specific time will be promised on this schedule, it will be on an as needed basis if there is to be an illness or a number of people out at a time.

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

ROAD:

Snow removal, 419; cold patch, 68; mulch mix, 8; equipment maintenance, 104; building maintenance, 52; mechanic-road dept. vehicles, 36; mechanic-police dept. vehicles, 31; one calls, 8; loader operator, 104; recycling, 37; road signs, 7. Road Department Total Man Hours, 874. Overtime hours for snow removal, 240.

Total Gasoline used for the Month of December 2010, Road Department 854; Police Department, 1,821; Totaling: 2,675 Total cost of gasoline: \$6,954.00. Total hours worked by the Road Department, 1,294.

SENIORS:

N. Versailles Township Senior Citizens' Center will be sponsoring an annual Valentine's Day party on Thursday, February 10th, 2011 at 11:00am. A lasagna dinner will be served. There will also be a crowning of the King and Queen of Hearts, and a special treat will be given to each senior in attendance.

PARKS & RECREATION:

The North Versailles Twp. Parks and Recreation Dept. will hold its annual "Homemade Valentine Contest". Contest is open to all pupils in grades one through six and pre-schooler's from the following school districts: E. Allegheny, Praise Assembly Academy, E. Allegheny Family Center, Green Valley and Logan Middle School. Prizes will be awarded in each grade and will be as follows: First Place - \$10.00 Wal-Mart gift-

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certificate, Certificate of Recognition, and ribbon. Second Place - \$5.00 King's Restaurant gift card, Certificate of Recognition, and ribbon. Third Place – Valentine Beanie Baby, Certificate of Recognition, and ribbon. Honorable Mention: Certificate of Recognition and ribbon. All entries must be turned into the N. Versailles Parks and Recreation Department office no later than Friday, February 10, 2011. No later than 12:00pm. Winners will be announced on February 12, 2011 at their respective schools.

SANITARY AUTHORITY:

None.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

The Township received a state grant through Senator Bewster's office for \$250,000.00 to assist in the construction of new Naser Road.

R. Grimes thanked Commissioner Juliano for his efforts in pushing this through.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Brief executive session was held to discuss litigation matters.

OLD BUSINESS: *G. Beswick questioned the motion that was made and a vote that was taken at the last meeting to appoint Lora Watters to the Sanitary Authority board. This vote consequently increased the household income for D. Dull, he asked why D. Dull did not have to abstain from voting. Ordinance 30 ruling is that if you are not related to and/or married to that person you are permitted to vote. The Solicitor states that he should not have abstained, there is no pecuniary interest.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by D. Dull, seconded by D. Mitchell to reappoint James Seese to the North Versailles Township Zoning Board of Adjustments for the term of 3 years beginning January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013.

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

Motion made by D. Dull, seconded by D. Mitchell, to appoint James Harper to the North Versailles Township Planning Commission for the term of 4 years beginning January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2014.

ROLL CALL: *Dull, yes; Mitchell, yes; Juliano, no; Beswick, no; Marra, absent; Bivins, no; Grimes, yes. Does not carry.*

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Motion made by D. Dull, seconded by D. Mitchell, to appoint Brian Weber to the North Versailles Township Planning Commission for the term of 4 years beginning January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2014.

ROLL CALL: *Dull, yes; Mitchell, yes; Juliano, no; Beswick, no; Marra, absent; Bivins, no; Grimes, yes. Does not carry.*

Motion made by D. Dull, seconded by S. Juliano, to approve Resolution No. 2011-002 certifying that North Versailles Township is willing to participate in the energy conservation measure retrofit phase as a part of Allegheny County's Energy Program for the municipalities finance by a block grant through the US Department of Energy.

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

Motion made by G. Beswick, seconded by F. Bivins, to enter into a contract with Access Point for our regular voice services—local and long distance and to utilize Spectrotel for out POTS service resulting in an estimated annual savings of \$5,826.36 pending review of the contract by our Solicitor.

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

Motion made by G. Beswick, seconded by S. Juliano, to authorize the Allegheny County Airport Authority to include North Versailles Township in a grant application for 90% reimbursement of costs associated with adopting a model ordinance establishing an Airport Hazard Zoning District as required by PA Act 1984-164. Township costs are estimated at \$200.00.

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

Motion made by G. Beswick, seconded by S. Juliano, to approve Keystone Commons 5 Subdivision subject to the approval of the Planning Commission.

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

COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS:

R. Grimes reminded residents that their trash needs to be put out the night before. Also, cars need to be parked off of the street so that we can plow and also, limit calls to the Township about recycling not being picked up during times when the Road

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Department is plowing or salting. Wait until the next month for recycling to be picked up or bring them up to the Road Dept./Municipal building for drop off.

Senior's activities and information will be put up on the Township website.

S. Juliano states that the delinquent garbage bills will be sent to Portnouff Law Associates for collection.

Condolences were given to Chief DiCenzo who lost his mother the day after Christmas. Also, thoughts go out to Sally Sahine and the Logan Family.

Motion by D. Dull to adjourn

Seconded by S. Juliano

Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned!!


Township Administrator