

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD March 21, 2013

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

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:

Peg Beisler, 712 Ridgeside Pl., President of the N. Versailles Seniors, was informed of the Library/Community Center closing for renovations and took issue with the Bingo being cancelled for 3 weeks. Commissioners noted that they would NOT cancel the Seniors Mother's Day event with respect to the Seniors. Marge Hickey also spoke on this matter. All parties were satisfied.

John Arnold, 705 Old Farm Rd., has concerns about the parking on his street during the days when it snows and the sewage rates from McKeesport and ALCOSAN.

Ryan Kieffer, 100 Arlene Dr., Assistant Commissioner of E.A.A.A. Baseball/Softball, complaints about 200 Thomas Ave., and the parking lot of the old bus garage. Parking lot is in terrible condition. President G. Thompson states that the lot is owned by East Allegheny and he will contact someone to take a look at it.

Judy Slater, 69 Arlene Dr., complains of speeding on the street and a red pick-up truck with a women picking through the trash between 8:00 and 8:30 am, speeding near school bus and using foul language.

Paul Saula, 5 Kline Ave., spoke about Police Dept. personnel issues.

Theresa Marcello, 205 Washington Rd., concerned about bonfires held by neighbors. Code Enforcement will assess the situation.

Romodore Abdullah, 2209 Crestas Ave., concerns over drug trafficking on Crestas Ave.

PUBLIC HEARING: *None.*

BIDS: *None.*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by F. Bivins, to approve the recommendations of the Planning Commission meeting held on March 12th, 2013, contingent upon the

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applicant complying with Twp. Engineers concerns over Storm Water Management, PennDOT permits, Allegheny County Conservation District permits, and the DEP permits.

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

Motion made by A. Marra, seconded by R. Saula, to donate \$75.00 for an ad in the E.A. Yearbook.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by A. Marra, seconded by S. Juliano, to pass a resolution to adopt the procedures of disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records manual approved on Dec. 16, 2008 by the Local Governments Records Committee.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by A. Marra, seconded by S. Juliano, to donate \$75.00 to the E.A. Girls Basketball Ladycats Boosters.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by F. Bivins, appoint Suzanne Wagner to the Library Board with a term ending 12/31/13.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

BANK REPORT:

As of February 28, 2013: General Fund \$1,312,837.52; Refuse Account, \$107,472.00; Sinking Fund 1998, \$319.92; Tentative Escrow Account, \$987.41; State Motor Fund, \$12,969.31; Health Reimbursement Account, \$5,803.06; Capital Expenditures Account, \$500,120.56; Fire Tax Account, \$17,509.09.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Money turned over to North Versailles Township for the month of February, by Mary Ann Fetsick, Treasurer; 2012 Township Tax at Penalty, \$5,114.44; February's share of Sales Tax, \$30,869.66.

Fire Department Fund beginning balance, \$41,282.31; + Deposit of \$4,226.78 + Interest of \$0.20; - \$28,000.00 to F.D.N.V.; Ending balance as of 2/28/13, \$17,509.29.

FINANCE:

Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by A. Marra, to approve a list of bills payable in the amount of \$239,384.03 when funds become available.

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ROLL CALL: All in favor.

Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by A. Marra, to transfer \$2,000.00 into the Health Savings Account.

ROLL CALL: All in favor.

Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by A. Marra, to transfer \$10,119.00 to the Sinking Fund 1998 for payment due April 1, 2013.

ROLL CALL: All in favor.

BLDG PERMITS-ORDINANCE:

Total fees turned over to the Township Manager, \$960.00. \$510.00 for Building Permits and \$450.00 Zoning Certificates.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY:

Total calls in NVT, 462; total arrests in NVT, 23. Total calls in Wilmerding, 141; total arrests in Wilmerding, 3.

Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano, to authorize payment of \$150.00 for Civil Service Commission member Susan Nehrig to attend a seminar on Police Civil Service in May.

ROLL CALL: All in favor.

Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by A. Marra, to authorize the Civil Service Commission to begin the process of testing for a promotion of an officer from part time to full time status.

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 R. Saula, seconded by F. Bivins, to authorize payment of \$465.00 for Officer Pomaibo to attend a Police Response To Active Shooter instruction certification course.

ROLL CALL: All in favor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Report from 1/18/13-2/21/13. Problem properties reported, 9; onsite inspections, 8; Verbal Warnings, 1; Code Violations identified, 18; Code Violation letters sent, 163; Registered letters sent, 46; Delivery Confirmation letters sent, 5; Number of complaints

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filed with NVPD, 1; Number of Assists by NVPD, 1; Amusement device fees collected, 9; Pawn/Resale shop fees collected, 3.

SENIORS: *None.*

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by F. Bivins, to hire Corinne Lesnick as a part time helper for the Tax Office at minimum wage (\$7.50/hour) for a ten week period to begin April 1, 2013.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by A. Marra, to advertise for a part time Parks & Recreation Director at a rate of \$10.50/hour.

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

There will be a "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" Sunday March, 24th from 11 AM to 1 PM. Kids 12 & younger are free, adults \$2.00. Please pre-register. Special thanks to Mary Ann Fetsick for organizing this event.

FIRE: *None.*

ROAD:

Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by F. Bivins, to take Truck #8 out of service and advertise it for bids.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by D. Mitchell, to dispose of 4 old spreaders which were previously advertised twice with no bidders.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Commissioner Juliano also reported that we have received notification that the funding was approved for a new shelter at Crestas Park through CDBG 39 in the amount of \$31,450.00.

SANITARY AUTHORITY:

Commissioner Juliano informed residents and rate payers of the background leading to the 2013 Sewage Rate increase. This matter will continue to be pursued by the Board of Commissioners in conjunction with the N. Versailles Twp. Sanitary Authority.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Motion made by G. Beswick, seconded by A. Marra, to pass a resolution authorizing proper officials to sign documents to apply for the DCNR Grant.

Twp. Engineer, David Gilliland, mentions that he will be meeting with PennDOT to discuss their plans for the damage that they have done to Elder St., the process of rebuilding the bridge over Turtle Creek, and the railroad for the E. Pittsburgh-McKeesport Blvd. roadway restored to its previous condition.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Motion made by G. Thompson, seconded by S. Juliano, to authorize the Manager to advertise an amended pawn broker ordinance reducing the holding period from 30 days to 10 days.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

OLD BUSINESS: *None.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by A. Marra, seconded by S. Juliano, to approve 3% wage increases for Twp. Manager, Twp. Accountant, and Police Chief retroactive to 1/1/13.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS:

Commissioner Juliano also mentions that the Board is looking into replacing the mulch at parks with rubber matting.

Commissioner Thompson also thanked Lisa Green and Sharon Dunbar for their help with the upcoming Easter event.

Motion by S. Juliano to adjourn to an executive session.

Seconded by A. Marra.

All in favor.

Meeting Adjourned.



Patricia A. Hoge

Township Manager