

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD November 21, 2013

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

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, absent; F. Bivins, present; S. Juliano, present; A. Marra, present; D. Mitchell, present, R. Saula, present; G. Thompson, present.*

PUBLIC SPEAK OUT SESSION:

Andy Copelli, 211 Maryellen Dr., and Dennis Swanson, 220 Maryellen Dr., concerns regarding speeding on the street.

Lisa Green, 114 Versailles Ave., representative for the E.A. Band to give recognition to the Crestas Volunteer Fire Dept. and thank them for bailing them out at a band show with lighting etc.

A resident, suggests to the Engineer that representatives from the Twp. should wear an ID. Additionally claims that a resident has been polluting a storm sewer on Clinton & Edward St. Was advised to contact the police as it is seen.

Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by R. Saula, to approve the minutes from the Commissioners meeting held on October 17, 2013 and the Special Meeting held on October 23, 2013.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

PUBLIC HEARING: *None.*

BIDS: *None.*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano, to increase the Employee Dishonesty limit on the insurance policy to \$100,000.00 at a cost of \$419.00 per year.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by R. Saula, to require a signed Exercise Facility Waiver for anyone using the gym under the Community Center.

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ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

BANK REPORT:

As of October 31, 2013: General Fund \$1,614,510.29; Refuse Account, \$94,102.78; Sinking Fund 1998, \$319.92; Tentative Escrow Account, \$29.41; State Motor Fund, \$113,444.86; Health Reimbursement Account, \$5,134.62; Capital Expenditures Account, \$938,331.01.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Money turned over to North Versailles Township for the month of October, by Mary Ann Fetsick, Treasurer; 2013 Township Tax, \$21,175.49; October's share of Sales Tax, \$28,355.48.

Fire Department Fund beginning balance, \$161,240.33; + Deposit of \$1,727.52; + Interest of \$1.31; - \$2,185.00 Crestas V.F.D.; -\$6,008.08 W. Wilmerding; - \$3,014.84 F.D.N.V. Ending balance as of 10/31/13, \$151,760.91.

Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by R. Saula, to authorize refunds to the following for tax exonerations for the year 2013: Theodore Fillar, Lot & Block 547-D-201, \$102.36; David Andrascik, Lot & Block 547-H-12, \$256.49; Sean Canova, Lot & Block 548-B-259, \$134.99; Brittany Holmes, Lot & Block 547-M-193, \$135.94; Sally Lyons, Lot & Block 645-P-174, \$64.64; Glimcher/Rochester Joint Venture 1, \$7,887.97; Fifth Third Bank, Lot & Block 457-P-250, \$2,633.62; PNC Bank National Association, Lot & Block 645-G-340, \$7,198.78; Melvin & Barbara Putz, Lot & Block 547-G-77, \$230.78; Phoenix Redevelopment, Lot & Block 460-A-14; and James & Linda Kutch, Lot & Block 547-N-187, \$204.80; for a total of \$19,103.81.

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 \$211,748.42.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by R. Saula, to authorize payment of \$27,676.80 to El Grande Industries out of the Capital Expenditures Account for Invoice #3 of the road paving project.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

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Motion made by F. Bivins, seconded by R. Saula, to authorize payment of \$14,735.00 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 Tentative Budget for 2014 in the amount of \$6,430,355.00 General Fund.

ROLL CALL: *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 R. Saula, to adopt the Tentative Budget for 2014, \$214,212.00 Liquid Fuels Fund and \$207,510.00 Fire Tax Fund.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

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

ROLL CALL: *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 advertise an ordinance fixing the tax rate for the year 2014 at 7.25 mils, general fund and .5 mils fire tax.

ROLL CALL: *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 display the 2014 Budget for a 20 day period in the Manager's Office during regular business hours and set the date for final adoption of the budget at our regular meeting on December 19, 2013 at 7:00PM.

ROLL CALL: *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 authorize payment to the Auditor General in the amount of \$6,318.08 for overpayment of State Aid from 2011.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by D. Mitchell, seconded by A. Marra, to show the residents of the Township how the Fire Tax money is distributed to each Fire Dept.

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ROLL CALL: *F. Bivins, no; S. Juliano no; A. Marra, yes; D. Mitchell, yes, R. Saula, no; G. Thompson, no. Motion does not carry.*

BLDG PERMITS-ORDINANCE:

Total fees turned over to the Township Manager, \$13,386.00. \$2,219.00 for Building Permits; \$10,467.00 for Street Openings; \$700.00 for Zoning Certificates.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY:

Total calls in NVT, 648; total arrests in NVT, 42. Total calls in Wilmerding, 209; total arrests in Wilmerding, 11.

Commissioner Saula also received statistics from DA Net. 172 total drug arrests, misdemeanors, and felonies since May 6, 2013. 66 drug arrests in N.V.T and Wilmerding Boro. \$53,154.08 and 1 vehicle seized.

Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano, to pass Resolution #2013-012, amending the Civil Service Rules and Regulations, Section 4.5, General Qualifications, as requested by the Civil Service Commission from their meeting on November 12, 2013.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano, to purchase four(4) defibrillators for the police cars and the Community Center and the Township Building at a cost not to exceed \$1,200.00 each.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano, to ratify a phone vote taken on November 15, 2013 to hire 5 part time police officers, contingent upon passing physical and psychological tests. Louis Cuccaro, James Johnston, Jr., Joshua Boyd, and Joseph Stegman. (last one we have a personnel issue with at this time so he is not being named)

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Mr. Johnston Jr. declined the offer of employment.

Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano, hire part time police officer next in line, Joel Burrell, contingent upon passing physical and psychological tests.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

FIRE:

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Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano, to authorize payment to West Wilmerding VFC in the amount of \$2,035.83 from the Fire Tax Money.

ROLL CALL: *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 authorize payment to FDNV in the amount of \$20,736.78 from the Fire Tax Money.

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

Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano, to release the State Allocation to the Volunteer Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$55,160.26.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano, to submit a request for appointment of Gene Murphy as the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Problem properties reported, 18; On site inspections, 17; On site verbal warnings, 1; Code Violations identified, 16; Code Violation letters sent, 21; Code Violation Registered letters sent, 5; Number of complaints filed with NVPD, 5; Number of complaints filed with Fire Code Officer, 3; Number of complaints investigated by Fire Code Officer, 3; Court Appearances, 2; Conferences Attended, 2; Properties posted for demolition, 6.

ROAD DEPT:

Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by R. Saula, to authorize J. L. Urban to make the necessary repairs to the Markle Street Retaining Wall at a cost of \$16,500.00.

ROLL CALL: *All in favor.*

Commissioner Juliano also noted that during the winter months, residents are advised to utilize their driveways, if they have them, and not park on streets so that the plows can clear the streets more efficiently.

SENIORS: *None.*

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PARKS AND RECREATION:

The Township annual Children's Christmas Party will be held Sat., Dec. 7th, 2013 at the Community Center at 6:45pm. There is also a house decorating contest that will be judged on December 4th. Also, in recognition of our troops, NVT will be accepting donations through Dec. 7th. A list can be obtained at the Parks & Rec. office.

SANITARY AUTHORITY:

Commissioner Juliano notes that there is going to be a \$0.10/gallon increase on sanitary bills according to the Sanitary Authority Budget.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Motion made by A. Marra, seconded by S. Juliano, to approve the subdivision of the Carey Plan of Lots on Foster Rd.

ROLL CALL: All in favor.

Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by F. Bivins, to approve the subdivision of the Fillar Estate Plan No. 2 on Denning Way.

ROLL CALL: All in favor.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Motion made by A. Marra, seconded by F. Bivins, to approve a request from the E.A. School District to sign off on the deed for sale of 411 Ault St. at a minimum bid of \$250.00.

ROLL CALL: All in favor.

Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by F. Bivins, to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an ordinance on weight limits for 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.

ROLL CALL: All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS:

Commissioner Thompson mentions that our local Giant Eagle owners Gene & Lisa DeMauro have retired, and the store is now corporate owned.

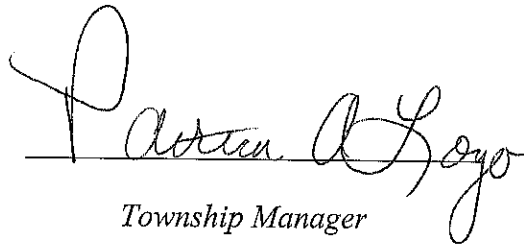
Happy Thanksgiving!

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Motion by F. Bivins to adjourn.

All in favor.

Meeting Adjourned.


Township Manager