

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD September 18, 2014

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

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

*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; D. Mitchell, present; V. Paradine, present; R. Saula, present; G. Thompson, absent.*

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

*Steve Pattakos, 423 Cedarhurst Dr., checked into a Twp. Ordinance regarding the speed limit on his street. A sign put up in the summer has it posted as 25mph where he says the Ordinance says it should be 15mph. Twp. is investigating this issue.*

*Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by V. Paradine, to approve the minutes from the Commissioners meeting held on August 21, 2014.*

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

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

*Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano, to approve Ordinance #1091, an Ordinance regarding Floodplain Management Regulations.*

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

**BIDS:** *None.*

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

*Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by V. Paradine, to approve a \$5.00 per hour increase in the Engineering rates for Glenn Engineering beginning January 1, 2015.*

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

### **BANK REPORT:**

*As of August 31, 2014: General Fund \$3,141,684.97; Refuse Account, \$164,285.29; PIB Loan Proceeds, \$158,842.90; Tentative Escrow Account, \$72.99; State Motor Fund, \$105,596.11; Health Reimbursement Account, \$7,383.12; Capital Expenditures Account, \$1,400,329.47.*

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

*Money turned over to North Versailles Township for the month of August, by Mary Ann Fetsick, Treasurer; 2013 Township Tax at Penalty, \$2,903.27; 2014 Township Tax at Face, \$85,558.09.*

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*Fire Department Fund beginning balance, \$153,969.69; + Deposits of \$6,448.52; + Interest of \$1.31; -\$10,998.27 – F.D.N.V.; -\$1,020.94-Crestas V.F.D. Ending balance as of 8/31/14, \$148,400.11.*

### **FINANCE:**

*Motion made by V. Paradine, seconded by R. Saula, to approve the list of bills payable and paid in the amount of \$291,632.89.*

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

*Motion made by V. Paradine, seconded by S. Juliano, to accept the quote from MRM Property & Liability Trust for the package policy beginning October 1, 2014 in the amount of \$47,386.00.*

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

*Motion made by V. Paradine, seconded by R. Saula, to accept the quote from H.A.R.I.E. for the Workman's Compensation Policy beginning October 1, 2014 in the amount of \$286,028.00.*

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

*Motion made by V. Paradine, seconded by R. Saula, to accept the quote from the HDH Group for the Law Liability Policy beginning October 1, 2014 in the amount of \$23,298.00.*

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

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

*Total fees turned over to the Township Manager, \$3,419.00. Building Permits—\$2,454.00; Street Openings—\$150.00; Zoning Certificates—\$500.00; Communication Devices—\$315.00.*

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

*Total calls in NVT, 638; total arrests in NVT, 36. Total calls in Wilmerding, 231; total arrests in Wilmerding, 5.*

*Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano, to authorize the purchase of equipment for the Police Motorcycle in the amount of \$1,578.00.*

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

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*Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano, to ratify a phone vote taken on August 28, 2014 to offer part time police employment to Eric Ziska, Phillip Hathaway and Mike Sharp contingent upon passing a physical and psychological exam.*

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

*Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano, to ratify a phone vote taken on August 28, 2014 to offer a \$10.00 per diem for the K-9 Officer.*

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

*Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano, to hire Charlene Fayo as a part time police dispatcher at a rate of \$10.49 per hour.*

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

*Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano, to put 3 Crown Vics, which are no longer in use for the Police Department, and 1 Ford Explorer, which the Road Dept. no longer uses, out to bid.*

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

*Commissioner Saula notes that K-9 Officer Laky and handler Officer Locke have been in training for the last several weeks. The K-9 still has about 8-9 more weeks of training before he will be on the job.*

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

*Problem properties reported, 30; Code violations identified, 47; Verbal Warnings, 2; Code Violation letters sent, 25; Number of abandoned properties cut by Road Dept., 31; Property declared unfit for human habitation, 1; Properties inspected by building inspector to determine if they should be condemned and recommended for demolition, 19; Buildings declared structurally unsound and will be recommended for demolition in 2015, 13.*

*Fire Code Official Reports: Commercial site visits, 12; Residential home/Apartment visits, 3; 30 day follow up fire violation notices give, 7; Citations issued and court pending, 2.*

### **FIRE:**

*Motion made by V. Paradine, seconded by S. Juliano, to authorize payment to Crestas in the amount of \$7,076.96 from the Fire Tax Money.*

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

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*Motion made by V. Paradine, seconded by R. Saula, to authorize payment to West Wilmerding in the amount of \$3,638.50 from the Fire Tax Money.*

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

*Motion made by V. Paradine, seconded by S. Juliano, to authorize payment to F.D.N.V. in the amount of \$39,495.56 from the Fire Tax Money contingent on identifying the June bills to see that they did not exceed their annual allotment.*

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

### **ROAD DEPT:**

*Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by V. Paradine, to authorize the purchase of a new guide rail for Montgomery St. at Watt St. in the amount of \$1,939.00.*

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

### **PARKS AND RECREATION:**

*Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by R. Saula, to authorize Sports & Recreation Associates to remove the old basketball poles at Dixon Park at a cost of \$500.00.*

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

*Flu shots will be given by the FDNV Ambulance EMT's on Monday Oct. 6, 2014 from Noon to 2PM and from 6—8PM at the Community Center. Flu shots are free to Township residents. "Good Will" donations will be collected for the EMS in appreciation of their services.*

*The Township annual Halloween event at the Haunted Hills Hayride will be on Thursday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7PM—10PM. Tickets will be \$5.00 for residents and include bonfire, refreshments and treat bags for Township children. Tickets can be purchased after Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> at the Parks and Rec. office.*

*Trick-or-Treat hours will be on Friday, Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, from 6PM—8PM.*

*Sat., Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> is "Make A Difference Day". Students from the University of Pittsburgh will be in the neighborhood volunteering for projects that will benefit the community and the lives of the people within it. Anyone interested in volunteering, contact Louise Beswick. Check-in time is 9AM and project time is 10AM—4:30PM.*

*Additionally, on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> the Friends of the Library are having a Halloween Pet Costume Contest. Prizes will be awarded in 3 categories. Register by Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> at the Library.*

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**SANITARY AUTHORITY:** *None.*

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

*Motion made by G. Beswick, seconded by R. Saula, to reject the bids that were opened on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 for the Salt Storage Roof and re-advertise with a different design.*

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

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** *None.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Motion made by D. Mitchell, seconded by G. Beswick, to have the 3 Fire Departments audited effective January 1, 2015.*

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Motion made by R. Saula, seconded by S. Juliano, to offer the Community Center to the E. A. Band free of charge to use as a distribution site for a spaghetti dinner fundraiser.*

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

*Manager announces that our minimum obligation to the Non-Uniform Pension Plan for the 2105 budget year will be \$87,650.00 of which \$59,059.00 is the Township's and \$28,591.00 is the Sanitary Authority's.*

**COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS:**

*Commissioners acknowledged and thanked both Boy Scout members Justin Welsh, who worked on the Library Reading Garden, and Rob Mahaffey for his work on the other garden and gazebo near the police station. Both gentlemen are working towards earning their Eagle Scout awards.*

*There will be a Towns Hall Informational Meeting on Tues., Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the Community Center from 6PM—9PM to hear information and ask questions on the leasing of surface and mineral oil & gas rights in North Versailles Township hosted by EQT.*

*Motion by G. Beswick to adjourn.*

*Seconded by, S. Juliano.*

*All in favor.*

*Meeting Adjourned.*

  
Township Manager