

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD DECEMBER 16, 2021

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG!

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: *A. Wagner, present; T. Yusko, present; S. Juliano, present; G. Thompson, present; J. Kutch, present; R. Saula, absent; F. Bivins, present.*

PUBLIC SPEAK OUT SESSION: *A citizen addressed concern with lighting in their neighborhood.*

BOARD MEETING SESSION:

Motion made by G. Thompson, seconded by J. Kutch to approve the minutes from the meeting held on November 18, 2021.

ROLL CALL: *A. Wagner, yes; T. Yusko, yes; S. Juliano, yes; G. Thompson, yes; J. Kutch, yes; F. Bivins, yes.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Motion made by G. Thompson, seconded by J. Kutch to adopt Ordinance # 1136, authorizing the placement of traffic control signs on State Route 30.

ROLL CALL: *All in Favor*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Motion made by G. Thompson, seconded by J Kutch to set the date and time for the Reorganization Meeting for Monday, January 3, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL: *All in Favor*

Motion made by G. Thompson, seconded by J Kutch to set the meeting dates for 2022 for the third Thursday of the month with the caucus at 6:30 PM followed by the Citizen's Speak Out and Board Meeting beginning at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL: *All in Favor*

Motion made by G. Thompson, seconded by J Kutch to accept the resignation from Michael Paradine from the Planning Commission effective immediately.

ROLL CALL: *A. Wagner, yes; T. Yusko, abstain; S. Juliano, yes; G. Thompson, yes; J. Kutch, yes; F. Bivins, yes.*

BANK REPORT: *Commissioner Thompson*

As of November, 2021: General Fund \$1,072,050.81; Refuse Account, \$329,539.24; Tentative Escrow Account, \$1,096.71; State Motor Fund, \$222,291.08; Health Reimbursement Account, \$13,559.00; Capital Savings Account, \$1,695,823.32; PIB Loan Account, \$366,907.42; 150th Anniversary Savings, \$2,596.88; Grant Holdings Fund, \$127,682.59; Certificates of Deposit S & T Bank, \$1,058,699.88; American Recovery Funds, \$519,386.27.

TREASURER'S REPORT: *Commissioner Saula (read by Commissioner Thompson)*

*Money turned over to North Versailles Township for the month of November 2021 by Mary Ann Fetsick, Treasurer; 2021 Township Tax at Penalty, \$15,538.78
Fire Department Fund beginning balance October 1, 2021, \$170,472.43; Ending balance for the month of November 30, 2021, \$101,139.92.*

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Motion made by G. Thompson, seconded by J Kutch to authorize a tax refund due to a double payment for Lot & Block 547-D-94 in the amount of \$492.16.

ROLL CALL: All in Favor

FINANCE: Commissioner Thompson

Motion made by G. Thompson, seconded by T Yusko to approve the list of bills payable and paid in the amount of \$225,819.36.

ROLL CALL: All in Favor

Motion made by G. Thompson, seconded by T Yusko to adopt the Budget for 2022 in the amount of \$8,542,078.00, consisting of \$8,016,988.00 General Fund; \$309,080.00 Liquid Fuels Fund; and \$216,010.00 Fire Tax Fund.

ROLL CALL: All in Favor

Motion made by G. Thompson, seconded by S. Juliano to adopt Ordinance #1137, appropriating specific sums estimate to be required for the specific purposes of the municipal government hereinafter set forth during the year 2022.

ROLL CALL: All in Favor

Motion made by G. Thompson, seconded by T. Yusko to adopt Ordinance #1138, fixing the tax rate for the year 2022 at 7.25 mills, general fund and .5 mills fire tax.

ROLL CALL: All in Favor

Motion made by G. Thompson, seconded by T. Yusko to adopt Resolution No 2021-1201 establishing the garbage fee schedule commencing in January of 2022 setting the rate at \$185 per year with a \$5.00 discount if paid by March 31, 2022.

ROLL CALL: All in Favor

Motion made by G. Thompson, seconded by T. Yusko to adopt Resolution No 2021-1202, amending the fee schedule changing hall rental to a flat \$300 fee.

ROLL CALL: All in Favor

Motion made by G. Thompson, seconded by T. Yusko to give Cy Milko a \$500 bonus for his help with the Community Center janitorial services.

ROLL CALL: All in Favor

BUILDING PERMITS: Commissioner Kutch

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Commissioner Wagner

Motion made by A. Wagner, seconded by T. Yusko to adopt Resolution No. 2021-1203, to designate the purpose and use of a \$1,300,000 Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant from the PA Dept. of Transportation and Pedestrian Improvements.

ROLL CALL: All in Favor

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY: Commissioner Saula (read by Commissioner Juliano)

Month of November, 2021: Total calls in NVT, ; Total arrests in NVT, ;

Prisoner housing statistics: East McKeesport, ; Turtle Creek, .

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Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by G. Thompson to hire Jake Boggie as a dispatcher trainee at a rate of \$14.16 per hour.

ROLL CALL: All in Favor

FIRE: Commissioner Saula (read by Commissioner Juliano)

Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by T. Yusko, to authorize payment to West Wilmerding VFC in the amount of \$852.41 from the 2021 Fire Tax Money.

ROLL CALL: All in Favor

Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by T. Yusko to authorize payment to Crestas VFC in the amount of \$855.47 from the 2021 Fire Tax Money.

ROLL CALL: All in Favor

Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by T. Yusko to ratify a phone vote taken on December 7, 2021 to advance the funds to purchase a new fire truck in the amount of \$500,000 to West Wilmerding VFC.

ROLL CALL: All in Favor

Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by T. Yusko to transfer \$500,000 from the Capital Savings Account into the General Fund to cover the advance for the West Wilmerding Fire Truck.

ROLL CALL: All in Favor

ROAD DEPT: Commissioner Juliano

Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by G. Thompson to hire Michael Jones as the temporary janitor for the Community Center at a rate of \$13.75 per hour.

ROLL CALL: All in Favor

Motion made by S. Juliano, seconded by T. Yusko to hire Melvin Saula as the temporary township building janitor at a rate of \$13.75 per hour.

ROLL CALL: All in Favor

PARKS AND RECREATION: Commissioner Yusko

SANITARY AUTHORITY: Commissioner Thompson

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Dave Gilliland

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Greg Evashavik

Motion made by G. Thompson, seconded by T. Yusko to approve and execute the Employment Separation and Retirement Agreement with the Township Manager, Patricia Logo.

ROLL CALL: All in Favor

Motion made by G. Thompson, seconded by A. Wagner to hire Joseph Varhola as Township Manager with start date of January 24, 2022. Salary being negotiated to be approved at the January 2022 meeting.

ROLL CALL: All in Favor

OLD BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by G. Thompson, seconded by T. Yusko to authorize a 2% increase in pay for the Chief of Police, Township Manager, Accountant, Parks and Rec. Director, Parks & Rec. Maintenance Man, two janitor positions, Tax Office Clerk, and Code Enforcement Officer.

ROLL CALL: *All in Favor*

COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS: *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

Motion made at 7:40 PM by G. Thompson, seconded by J. Kutch to adjourn.

ROLL CALL: *All in Favor*


TOWNSHIP MANAGER