

TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HUNTINGDON, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
11279 Center Highway, North Huntingdon, PA 15642
Presiding Officer – Zachary Haigis, President, Board of Commissioners

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Haigis called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Stump Present
Commissioner Atwood Present
Commissioner Blasko Present
Commissioner Zona Present
Commissioner Bevan Present
Commissioner Gass Absent
Commissioner Haigis Present

Also Present:
Mike Turley
Solicitor Dice
Ryan Fonzi
Paul Christner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS INPUT

There was no citizens input.

Work Sessions Discussion Topics

1) Act 172 2020-2021 Eligibility List

Assistant Manager Mike Turley states a memo is provided from Manager Silka giving the eligibility list for the volunteer service tax credits.

2) Act 172 EIT Rebate Discussion (Commissioner Blasko)

Commissioner Blasko states this passed by the State in 2016 that local governing bodies can provide an earned income tax credit for volunteer firefighters up to twenty percent of the local income taxes. He states he was approached by a few members of a local fire department wanting to look at the current amount of two hundred fifty dollars. He states last year there was four thousand six hundred forty five dollars of rebates paid out, with fifteen rebates maxed out. Commissioner Blasko states he spoke with Manager Silka and agreed to increase the amount to five hundred dollars for the maximum rebate. He asks the Board if they would be willing to amend the amount.

Commissioner Zona states he would support the increase but not five hundred dollars. He states he would support in raising from two hundred fifty to three hundred fifty dollars for incentive for more volunteers.

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Commissioner Atwood asks if this is just for earned income tax credit or property tax.

Commissioner Blasko states the property tax is already set at twenty percent and cannot exceed. He states the maximum you can receive is the maximum that you pay based on income.

Commissioner Atwood states he has no issue in raising the amount and should give every incentive to add volunteers to protect our community.

Commissioner Blasko asks the Board if there is an amount they are comfortable with and states it is based off of the income and volunteers have to put in a certain amount of hours in order to receive it.

Commissioner Haigis states there is still time to discuss and will put it on for further discussion.

3) Road Salt Update

Assistant Manager Turley states this situation has corrected itself and the Township has received enough salt supply.

PLANNING / ENGINEERING TOPICS:

- 1) S-03-2020 / S-06-2021: Kenny Ross Mazda, State Route 30, C-1 Zoning.**
**Proposed major land development adjacent to existing Kenny Ross Subaru Dealer.*

Mr. Fonzi states this site is the former NorRidge Manor Senior Care facility and when Kenny Ross bought the property, the Subaru dealer went in first. The applicant is asking for waivers for parking for one space that is less than ten feet from the building, a five foot landscape island, instead of concrete monuments to install iron pins and landscaping around the building. Mr. Fonzi states that three lots will be consolidated into one lot and there is a paper alley that the property owners will maintain.

Commissioner Atwood asks what is the logic behind using the iron pins over the concrete markers.

Mr. Fonzi states it is a cost saving measure.

- 2) SP-01-2021: Redstone Pulmonary Institute**
**Proposed major land development to existing facility for pulmonary care.*

Mr. Fonzi states the pulmonary wing will be an "L" shaped addition that will provide sixty beds and three and a half stories. He states they are asking for waivers for one section of parking that will be less than ten feet from the building and the Planning Commission asked to install concrete ballards between the parking spaces and building to which they agreed. The other waiver was the iron pins instead of concrete monuments. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

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Nick Kozinko from Redstone is present at the meeting and gives more details and overview on the project.

Commissioner Bevan asks if this is a hospital.

Mr. Kozinko states it is licensed as a skilled nursing facility.

Commissioner Bevan asks if there is a physician who sponsors this or oversees the facility.

Mr. Kozinko states there will be two medical directors in the building for general medicine and a licensed pulmonologist.

OLD BUSINESS

FURTHER BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Atwood

Motion to adjourn.

Second: Commissioner Blasko

Motion carried 6 – 0 – 0 (7:24 P.M.)

- Special Meeting minutes of March 11, 2021 were approved by the Board of Commissioners on April 21, 2021.

Zachary Haigis, President

Jeffrey Silka, Township Secretary
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