

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HUNTINGDON, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 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	Also Present:
Commissioner Atwood	Present	Mike Turley
Commissioner Blasko	Present	Solicitor Alexander
Commissioner Zona	Present	Chief Rizzo
Commissioner Bevan	Present	Dan Miller
Commissioner Gass	Present	Ryan Fonzi
Commissioner Haigis	Present	Rich Albert

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Nick Poole
Calvary Assembly Church

CITIZENS INPUT

Rick Keenan – 700 Leger Road – states he’s been fighting with the water issue on Leger Road for three years and Commissioner Gass and Mike Dietz discovered it as a municipal water leak and the issue was corrected. It was a hazardous condition when the water would freeze. Mr. Keenan thanks and gives credit for them taking care of it.

RESPONSE TO CITIZENS INPUT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Commissioner Blasko
Second: Commissioner Zona

Motion to approve. (Special Meeting 11/11/21)

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

Motion: Commissioner Blasko
Second: Commissioner Zona

Motion to approve. (Regular Meeting 11/17/21)

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion: Commissioner Blasko
Second: Commissioner Zona

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

STAFF REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Commissioner Gass thanks Rich for the section of Forest Oaks Trail that was corrected. Commissioner Haigis thanks Rich for the snow removal report.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

Dan Miller compliments the Department of Public Works for the MS4 work being done at some of the retention ponds using the park equipment. Secondly, he thanks the community for the support of the laser light show.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Rizzo thanks WalMart for awarding twenty five hundred dollars for the community grant which will be reinvested into technology for the detective unit. He also thanks Commissioner Bevan and Commissioner Blasko for their service to the Board and to the community.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

ENGINEERING REPORT

FIRE OFFICIAL'S REPORT

There are no Board comments.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REPORT

There are no action items.

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Solicitor Alexander

- 1) Action to approve an ordinance of the Township of North Huntingdon affixing various tax rates for the year 2022.

Motion: Commissioner Zona
Second: Commissioner Blasko

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

Commissioner Haigis states to let the record reflect that there has not been a tax increase for the Township.

- 2) Action to approve an ordinance adopting the 2022 budget of the Township of North Huntingdon and providing provisions for amending of the 2022 budget.

Motion: Commissioner Stump
Second: Commissioner Zona

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1) Action to approve the November check register.

Motion: Commissioner Blasko
Second: Commissioner Atwood

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

- 2) Budget Report – November 2021 Report.

- 3) Action to approve a bond reduction by \$369,718.80 for a balance of \$1,380,095.20 for Thomas Acres Plan as requested by RWS Development.

Motion: Commissioner Atwood
Second: Commissioner Zona

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

- 4) Action to approve a resolution for the Salary & Wage Scale for Administrative Staff positions.

Motion: Commissioner Stump
Second: Commissioner Bevan

Motion to approve.

Commissioner Blasko states that over his four years, he really pushed for transparency in justification from the Board to the tax payers as to why the Administrative body has earned these pay raises, so any tax paying citizen that wants to know why they received pay raises, to see any Board member to tell you why. Commissioner Gass adds that last year, there were no pay raises and employees worked diligently without a pay raise.

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

- 5) Action to approve a resolution setting salaries and wages for various staff positions.

Motion: Commissioner Stump
Second: Commissioner Zona

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

FURTHER BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Zona thanks Commissioner Bevan and Blasko for their dedication. Being new to the Board looked up to them and appreciates and respect their opinions and wisdom brought to the Board.

Commissioner Blasko thanks the Township for the opportunity to serve and wishes the future Board members the best of luck. He urges the community to get involved with any concerns.

Commissioner Bevan thanks the Township for the opportunity to be one of the Commissioners. She enjoyed working with her fellow Commissioners especially Zach as his leadership is excellent.

Commissioner Gass thanks Rick Keenan for staying in touch with him regarding Leger Road as well as the bridge over the railroad tracks will be officially open in July 2022.

Commissioner Haigis states it has been a pleasure working with Commissioners Bevan and Blasko and wishes them all the best.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Zona
Second: Commissioner Blasko

Motion to adjourn. (7:17 P.M.)
Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0

- Regular Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2021 were approved by the Board of Commissioners on January 19, 2022.

Zachary Haigis, President

Michael Turley, Interim Township Manager
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